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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Cherry Hill Environmental Resident Program at Mt. Misery will take place in October and November of 2016. The Cherry Hill School District is one of the few school districts in the state that offers such a comprehensive on-site ecological experience for students. This program is designed to help our young men and young ladies become aware of the conditions and circumstances that influence and affect their environment and the development of all living organisms. It is our hope that this experience will increase our students' ability to analyze, discuss, make decisions, and appreciate the aesthetic aspects of the environment.

The Mt. Misery facilities offer separate accommodations for young men and young ladies during this three night/four-day residency. Meals are served home style in the large dining hall located at the center of the complex. Recreational areas for softball, basketball, and volleyball can be found within the site for the convenience of the participants. There is also a nurse on duty 24/7 for emergencies.

The instructional portion of the program will be handled by the teachers from your child's team at Beck and staff selected by the district. In addition, guest speakers will present special programs in the evenings.

Your children and the staff are looking forward to their 2016 experience at Mt. Misery. We believe that it will be one of their most enjoyable sixth grade memories.

Please call the nurse, Mrs. Barbara Avner, regarding any questions related to medications or other medical concerns. Any other questions can be directed to a team teacher or Mr. Morales.

The purpose of this letter is threefold: to discuss procedures to be followed in dropping off your children on the Tuesday of the trip; to outline the pick-up procedure for their return on that Friday; and to provide you with a copy of the rules and regulations that will govern their stay.

On Tuesday morning, please **do not bring your student to school before 9:00 A.M.** Our goal is to load both equipment and students directly from the side parking lot. As you enter the

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parking lot, proceed in a line to the equipment truck. Once you reach the truck, put your child's belongings as near as possible to the truck. You may leave or park and wait to say good-bye to your child. Your child should get out of the car with his/her packed lunch and beverage for that day and head for the gym where their teacher will be waiting. If you would like to stay around until the buses leave, please park your car and walk back to the school.

On Friday, the buses should arrive back at school by 11:15 A.M. We would like for you to follow the same procedure and line up the same way you did on Tuesday morning. It is extremely important that you are here to pick up your tired but happy child on time or make arrangements to have your child picked up.

Finally, we would ask you to review the list of rules and expectations with your child(ren) which will be distributed at the meeting. The goal is to establish in the minds of everyone what is considered acceptable behavior before we leave for Mt. Misery.

Unacceptable behavior may result in a youngster being sent home early. We want everyone to be safe, respectful, and to enjoy this unique experience.

Unlike at school, messages are not sent to the students nor received by them due to the setting and the nature of the trip. If there is an emergency and you need to pick up your child, please contact me at Beck, and I will assist you.

Parents are requested to contribute \$255.00 to participate in the program. This amount includes room, board, and transportation. A separate \$20.00 (cash) is requested for a commemorative t-shirt and snacks.

Payment is to be paid in two installments (or you may pay all at once):

September 19, 2016 - \$127.50 (Made out to **CHBOE**)

October 5, 2016 - \$127.50 (Made out to **CHBOE**)

Please submit \$20.00 in cash for the t-shirt and snacks no later than October 3, 2016.

- The checks will be collected by your child's science teacher
- Payment in full will be accepted on any of the turn-in dates
- Please do not send in money on days other than those that are indicated

Sincerely,

Albert M. Morales
Assistant Principal

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