

SPARK 5th Grade Trip

MAY 17 - 19, 2023



Greetings parents and guardians of 5th graders!

The 5th grade trip is an amazing adventure to celebrate the wonderful time our 5th graders have had at SPARK. All 5th grade students, teachers and parent/guardian chaperones will head to the Ocoee Retreat Center in Ocoee, TN on the morning of May 17th for two days of fun activities and games and return on the afternoon of May 19th. This information packet includes the following:

- Registration/payment form (due March 31st)
- Packing information sheet
- ORC liability release (due March 31st)
- Medication form (due March 31st)
- Behavior Expectation Form (due March 31st)

Please reach out to the 5th grade committee chairs with any questions: Shaili Asher shailiasher@gmail.com or Jenny Reiner jennymreiner@gmail.com.



2023 5th Grade Trip: Registration and Payment Information

Location: Ocoee Retreat Center, 186 Hawkins Drive, Ocoee, TN 37361

Dates: Wednesday, May 17th – Friday, May 19th, 2023

Cost: \$225 per student

Every year, SPARK 5th graders take an overnight (2-night) trip as a culminating educational experience and celebration of the completion of elementary school. This year we're heading to the Ocoee Retreat Center (ORC) in southeastern Tennessee on the morning of Wednesday May 17th and returning to SPARK on the afternoon of Friday, May 19th.

ORC offers amazing opportunities for outdoor challenges, team building skills and explorations in nature. There will be educational programming that engages students with hands-on, STEM-based lessons. We will also have a talent show and lots of fun!

PAYMENT

Payment covers transportation from SPARK to ORC and back, lodging for two nights, 7 meals, and all activities. *Scholarships are available. Donations toward scholarships are very much appreciated.*

Please fill out the registration form and make your payment(s) online through the 5th grade page. The 5th grade page is on the SPARK website. Please make your payment in full (\$225). You may also fill out this registration form and pay at the school by cash, check or money order (made out to Springdale Park Elementary PTO). Put payment in an envelope marked: 5th Grade Trip/Attn: Shaili Asher and give it to your student's homeroom teacher.

For general information regarding the trip, please contact Shaili or Jenny.

****If a scholarship is needed, please indicate the requested amount below or contact your homeroom teacher as soon as possible.**

Student Name:	
Parent/Guardian Names:	
Yes, I would like to request a scholarship in the amount of:	
Yes, I would like to donate to the scholarship fund in the amount of:	
Payment Type (please circle one):	Cash Check Money Order
Does the student have any dietary restrictions or allergies? Please explain.	

2023 5th Grade Trip: Packing List

What to pack

We will be away three days and two nights and will be playing and adventuring outside, rain or

shine. *Note: Label clothing and personal items*

- Please have your child wear the 5th grade shirt (or another SPARK shirt) the first day of the trip - we'll do a group photo upon arrival while they're all still clean!
- 2 changes of clothing per day (don't forget underwear and socks!) including old shirts & jeans (for ropes courses)
- Hat (baseball hat or other sun hat)
- Jacket or sweatshirt (for cool mornings and nights)
- Rain gear (classes continue regardless of the weather)
- 2 pairs of shoes (a pair to keep dry and a pair that can get wet) **Note: NO flip flops or sandals without a heel strap.** Wearing wet socks and shoes will cause blisters, so bring extras!
- Sleeping bag or sheet and blanket & pillow with pillowcase (bottom sheets will be provided)
- 1-2 towels & washcloths
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, chapstick, etc.)
- Bag or basket to carry supplies from lodge room to the adjacent bathrooms (inside lodge)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen and bug repellent
- Plastic garbage bags or large zip-lock bags marked with the owner's name (for wet clothes)
- Sketchbook or journal and pencil if your child might enjoy journaling or drawing
- A book or two your child might want to read during down time
- Playing cards or other game you child might enjoy during down time
- Up to \$5 cash to use at the Canteen.

What NOT to pack

- Chewing gum
- Flip-flops (except for showering) or any sandals without a heel strap
- New or nice clothing (we will be getting dirty and wet)
- Electronics, smart watches, cell phones, iPads, etc.
- Skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, etc.
- Items of high value or that you don't want to lose (*Ocoee Retreat Center and/or SPARK are not responsible for lost or stolen items*)

MEDICATION

Medication must be left with your homeroom teacher, who will oversee its use. Refrigerated medication may be kept in a refrigerator in the teachers' lodge or in the kitchen. **You must have an APS medication form completed to send medication.**