

## Fox West Academy Field Experience

### Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center

Hello Fox West 6<sup>th</sup> graders and families.

We are happy to announce that this fall we are able to offer 6<sup>th</sup> graders a rich learning experience beyond the walls of school. This year we have planned a 3 day/2night field learning experience to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. This trip will allow students to learn out the natural world and their impact on it while being in it. Students will spend many hours in scientific investigation, exploring nature and its natural habitats under the guidance of certified environmental educators. The trip is also scheduled at the beginning of the school year to help launch various aspects of our accredited leadership curriculum – The Leader in Me and Covey’ s 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. The trip is combining the learning objectives of several previous local trips to Bubolz (1 day), Conservation Club(1 day), and Arbor Day(1 day) into an condensed, emersion experience.

Wolf Ridge is a nationally recognized and accredited k-12 school and residential learning center located on the north shore of Minnesota. There certified staff run educational activities that immerse students in nature exploration, cultural history, team-building, and personal growth. We did consider more local options to carry out our curricular and leadership goals; however, the prices and opportunities available at Wolf Ridge were beyond compare. I personally have taken students of various ages and have found this trip to be one of the most well-organized, meaningful learning experiences. Although, this trip is not required, we would love to have the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade attend. Please check below for the details.

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at FWA and 3 staff chaperones

**When:** Depart from school Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 AM

Return to school Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> about 8:30 PM

**Supervision:** Every aspect – classroom, bus ride, and dormitories will be supervised by the 3 HASD staff members attending (all Wolf Ridge activities are led by certified educators)

**Cost :** \$90/person(the other half is being covered by fund raising efforts from last)

This cost covers transportation to and from Wolf Ridge, all meals (minus lunch enroute and dinner when returning), lodging, and classroom activities

#### **Payment options:**

- Can pay in full by October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Can use the nine month payment plan of \$10 per month
- Can plan to fund raise through the year to pay for cost

#### **Schedule:**

##### **Day 1 – Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 – 1:00 pm Travel to Wolf Ridge with a packed lunch on bus

1:00 Arrive at Wolf Ridge

1:15-4:15 pm Afternoon Class – Environmental Class

4:45-6:00 pm Dinner KP

5:00-6:00 pm Dinner

6:15-7:45 pm Evening Activities – Leadership activity

8:00-8:45 pm Evening Program - Campfires, Astronomy, Journal time

9:00pm-6: 30am Quiet time in dorm

## **Day 2 – Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:15-8:15 am Breakfast KP

8:30-11:30 am Morning Class – Environmental Class

11:45-1:00 pm Lunch KP

1:15-4:15 pm Afternoon Class – Leadership Class - Rock Climbing and High Ropes Course

4:45-6:00 pm Dinner KP

6:15-7:45 pm Evening Activities

8:00-8:45 pm Evening Program - Campfires, Astronomy, Journal time

9:00pm-6:30am Quiet time in dorm

## **Day 3 – Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:15-8:15 am Breakfast KP

8:30-11:30 am Morning Class – Environmental Class

11:45-1:00 pm Lunch KP

1:00 – 8:30 pm Travel back to school