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## BRADFORD WOODS MCCSC OUTDOOR EDUCATION

### Our Staff



#### Fifth grade teachers

prepare their students for the experience at Bradford Woods. Teachers go with their students and lead some parts of the program.

#### Bradford Woods staff members

are professional outdoor educators who work full-time year-round to help school systems plan and implement appropriate outdoor education activities that align with state curriculum standards.

**LOTS Seniors** are carefully selected students from the ASE, BHSN, and BHSS who have participated in a three day LOTS Leadership Camp in August and who became familiar with the fifth graders before attending Bradford Woods.

**Registered Nurses** are provided on-site to coordinate all medical needs and provide immediate care for illnesses or injuries.



### Bradford Woods Schedule Information

Each day at Bradford Woods is somewhat different. Most days follow this general schedule.

#### Sample Morning Activities:

- 7:00 a.m. "Campers Rise and Shine"
- 7:30 a.m. Flag raising/weather report
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Housekeeping, Cabin Check, Health Service, Day Planning
- 9:30 a.m. Nature Study by Direct Experiences: Hikes, Environmental Education

#### Afternoon Activities:

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (*may be carried out by the students and eaten on the trail*)
- 1:30 p.m. Second session of Direct Experiences
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. Camper's choice of activities: Archery, Fishing, Crafts, or Outdoor Games; cabin breaks
- 5:30 p.m. Flag lowering/weather report
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner

#### Evening Activities:

- 7:30 p.m. Campfire, Night Hikes, Star Study, Square Dance, Snacks
- 9:00 p.m. Cabin "Quiet Hours": End-of-the-day! Evaluations, Guidance, and Counseling
- 9:30p.m. "Good night, Campers!" Lights out

*Activities will be adjusted if condition of weather so demands. Audiovisual facilities, library service, resource material, crafts, etc. are provided to implement indoor classroom study only when absolutely necessary.*

*The Outdoor Education Program is a planned curriculum in which fifth grade children are given the opportunity to spend three days and two nights in a school setting away from home*

#### Fall 2018

Grandview	September 24-September 26
University/Montessori	October 15-October 17
Summit	October 17-October 19
Highland Park	October 22-October 24
Lakeview	October 22-October 24
Arlington Heights	October 24-October 26
Templeton	October 29-October 31
Binford	November 7-November 9

#### Spring 2019

Childs/St. Charles	March 27-March 29
Fairview	April 3-April 5
Clear Creek	April 17-April 19
Marlin	April 17-April 19
Unionville	April 17-April 19



For further information please contact your school principal or the Coordinator of Outdoor Education's office at 812-330-7700.

# Bradford Woods



## What should I bring?

- Two blankets & sheets or a sleeping bag
- Pillow and pillow cases if desired
- At least two changes of outer and inner clothing
- Light pants and long sleeved shirts are strongly recommended for use on the trail for protection from insects and poison ivy
- A coat or several sweaters or sweatshirts suitable for cool weather
- 2 pairs of walking shoes suitable for hiking and bad weather
- Cap, hat, scarf, and gloves
- Raincoat and rain or snow boots
- Sleepwear
- Garbage bags for packing wet and muddy clothing
- Towel, washcloth, soap, deodorant, brush, toothbrush and toothpaste and other personal items
- Water bottle
- Chapstick or lip balm, sun screen for sun and wind protection
- Postcards or stationery and stamps if you wish to encourage writing home
- Daypack to carry small items on the trail
- **Non-Aerosol** Insect Repellent
- **NO MONEY** is needed; snacks are provided in the evening
- **Please do not send** radio, cell phones, electrical game boards, flashlights, candy, gum, fishing equipment, or knives

**All personal items should be clearly marked so that the child can identify them!**



## How should I take it?

The personal equipment which each child takes to camp will handle well if all belongings are tightly wrapped inside of the blankets and then tied securely with a heavy cord which the child can use again when returning home. A suitcase or bag instead of a blanket bundle will be acceptable. Any bundle, bag, or suitcase should be tagged with the name of the child and his/her school.

## Medications at Bradford Woods

Students who bring over-the-counter or prescription medicines to camp must follow the same procedures as used at school.



- Parents need to complete an MCCSC Medication Form for Bradford Woods.
- Medications and the Authorization Form must be brought to the health office by the parent **five schools days before camp**.
- Please send only enough medications for the camping period.
- Prescription medications must be sent in the original prescription container with the pharmacist's label intact.
- Over the counter medication must also be sent in the original container.

***Please place all medications and authorizations in a large zip lock bag before bringing to the health office, labeled with the child's name.***

***Our camp nurse will administer the medication. Please contact the MCCSC Health Services Office (330-7833) if you need additional information regarding medications at camp.***

Students in fifth grade in the Monroe County Community School Corporation are looking forward to a learning experience that has become a tradition in our community. Many of the parents of these students attended the camp themselves as fifth graders and have fond memories to share with their children. Some of the camp counselors during the school year are seniors from ASE, BHSN and BHSS who remember their Bradford Woods experience as well and look forward to working at the camp in a different role. Fifth grade teachers will return eagerly to Bradford Woods with this class of students knowing it will result in positive growth for individuals and for the class as a whole. The memories of these groups provide the sense of tradition that surrounds the Bradford Woods Camp. Not only is this experience valued by our community, it is an essential part of the fifth grade curriculum.

What will students remember most about Bradford Woods? It might be as simple as singing around the campfire, hiking to Gold Creek, using scientific instruments to compare natural communities or watching geese in the early morning hours. It will more likely be a kaleidoscope of memories that grow in the retelling as the tradition is extended to a new generation of MCCSC fifth graders.



**The fee for camp is \$112.00.** This includes payment for five meals, evening snacks, lodging for three days and two nights and instructional program fees. The fee is to be paid prior to departure for Bradford Woods. Make checks payable to **"MCCSC Outdoor Education"**.

It is our intention that no student be denied this experience due to the inability to pay the fee. Parents may request assistance through the school social worker.