

MAINE TRIP 2020

Student Contract

Sign in presence of HS Coordinator or Fulltime Faculty Member

I understand that the Maine Trip is a school trip and that all school rules apply, and that additional rules pertaining to the campground and the trip organizers will also apply. I understand that I am to follow all American laws, and basic common sense.

The chaperones understand that traveling can be difficult for students and listening to music may be helpful in coping with this. However, students are asked to interact with each other, to have conversations and to enjoy the sights. Music players, video games, and phones may only be used appropriately on the plane and bus rides, as designated by the chaperones. I understand that incessant use of video games, texting, inappropriate use of the web, etc., may be cause for having my electronics confiscated until returning to Ann Arbor. I understand that music may only be listened to on headphones, and that use of speakers will not be allowed. I understand my phone will be collected at arrival on Hermit Island and will be returned when we depart from Hermit Island. I agree not to bring other electronic equipment such as video games, video players, iPads and surface tablets, Apple watches and computers.

I agree to bring good will to the zoology work, the cooking and cleaning duties, and all other activities. This means: being on time, not complaining, not slacking off, and having fun.

I agree to be polite and respectful to the teachers, chaperones and representatives of the other schools, and to comply with their instructions.

I understand that I must be in a group of at least two students at all times. I understand that I may be allowed to explore the island during my free time and with adult chaperone knowledge and permission, but I am not allowed to enter the water without the supervision of a chaperone from Rudolf Steiner High School. I understand that students of other schools may have different rules and that I will continue to follow RSHS rules even when interacting with other students. I will not endanger myself or anyone else.

I agree to comply with the rules and guidelines established for the trip, including the curfew and quiet hours and to let others sleep and/or rest when they wish to. I agree to follow the behavior contract established by the Hermit Island Trip organizers.

I understand that I may not enter other students' tents at any time without specific permission of the chaperones. I understand that tents are not to be used for socializing during free times, and that social interchanges and "hanging out" is to be done in community spaces. I agree to stay in my tent after the curfew and before wake up time in the morning, except to use the bathroom if necessary. I understand that leaving my tent at night without permission or leaving the immediate surroundings of the campsite is not allowed and may be treated as a cause to be sent home immediately.

I agree to be respectful to my classmates, inclusive in my interactions, and to refrain from any exclusive, intimate/sexual behavior.

I agree to not bring or use any illegal substance (tobacco, electronic vapor devices, alcohol, and/or drugs). I recognize that doing so would result in my being sent home with no credit for the block, and would lead to behavioral probation according to school policy, and may jeopardize my future at the school.

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I also understand that if I aid any person in violating these expectations, including any concealment of their behavior, I share responsibility for the behavior and will be sent home along with the student who engaged in the inappropriate activity.

In signing this contract, I understand that if I violate these rules, I will be returned to Detroit Metropolitan Airport at my parents' expense. This means that I and a chaperone will fly back together or a parent will be asked to come to Maine to collect me. In either case, the full cost of the early trip home (for both the chaperone and me) will be paid by my parents. Upon the conclusion of the trip, the chaperones and the full-time high school faculty will meet to decide upon the full consequence for my behavior according to school policy. This may include not receiving credit for the block, suspension, behavioral probation, or expulsion from the Rudolf Steiner High School of Ann Arbor. If inappropriate behaviors or violations of the student contract are discovered after the trip is over, I understand that I still will lose credit for the block and will face disciplinary consequences according to school policy.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Contract

We (I) have read the contract above and have discussed it with my son or daughter. We (I) agree to pay all travel expenses, including those of the chaperone, if my child needs to be sent home early, and either my credit card or check is already on record with the school. We (I) understand that student violation of the contract by drinking, or consuming drugs or tobacco, or otherwise violating school policy and this contract will result in my student's loss of credit for the Invertebrate Zoology block, suspension, behavioral probation, or possible expulsion from the Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____