**Camp Bernie Information**

* Camp Bernie is the destination of a trip we take each year with our 6th graders. (10/19-10/21)
* Our goal is to provide outdoor adventure and team building activities in order to support more cohesion in the grade and an outdoor educational experience.  We learn to trust and rely on one another through having loads of fun!  (Mostly, it’s about having fun and having fun together!!!)
* CB is located about an hour and a half from NY.  (In Northern NJ)  About an hour and a half drive.  We hire chartered buses to and from the camp.
* Activities are facilitated by highly qualified Camp Bernie staff members and our own teaching staff.
* All students are members of three distinct groups.  One cabin group, one meal time group, and a third - for activities.  This means that you have an increased chance of being with friends as well as meeting others who may be new to you.
* This year’s trip dates are October 19 – October 21.  (This date will approach us quickly so it is important to get all paper-work and payments to the school).
* The cost is $200 which includes chartered buses both to and from the camp, meals and accommodations, and all activities, checks made out to MS 447.
* Scholarship money is available for families who may have a difficult time paying for the trip.
* Money can also be raised through candy sales.  For every box sold, $30 goes back to the company that provided the candy and $30 goes towards your trip.  If you sell one box, you would then owe $170.  If you sell 7 boxes, the entire cost would be covered.
* Students sleep in cabins.  Staff and parent chaperones are also in cabins but are in separate areas.
* All forms must be submitted on time or earlier!  These dates are written on the sheets you received.  We take into account any special considerations like medical conditions, dietary restrictions, medication, etc…
* Students must bring a sleeping bag or bedding for a twin size bed and suggested clothing – primarily layers to be worn outdoors.  (Additional packing suggestions will be sent home).
* The school allows, but is not responsible for cell-phones.  Cell phones must be secured during the day.  Family phone calls are permitted at night.
* Activities include: Low Ropes, Climbing Tower, Team Building Challenges, Initiative Games, Hiking, Night Time Activities – Ice Cream Social, Karaoke - and much, much more!
* ALL are encouraged to participate.  Anyone may choose to observe.  A great time is assured!!!
* Parents may email [Ms. Katz](mailto:mkatz@ms447.org) with any questions.
* TRIP DATES:  Wednesday, October 19th – Friday, October 21th
* TRIP COST:  $200.00 –Includes lodging, food, programs and activities, and transportation
* DUE DATES: ALL FORMS SEPTEMBER 26th.  ALL MONEY OCTOBER 5th.