

Hi 6th Grade Families,

We are very excited to be headed to Camp Bernie from Thursday, November 14th to Friday, November 15th. Please read below for some important information ahead of our trip.

**When and where do I drop my child off?**

Please drop your child off at our 345 Dean street entrance on Thursday, November 14th before 7:30am. There will be someone at the door ushering them to the auditorium.

**When and where do I pick my child up?**

Please pick your child up at our 345 Dean Street entrance on Friday, November 15th at 3:00pm. Students will have their phones on them to let you know if we are running behind. For students without devices, we will send a whole grade blast to families.

**How will my child be grouped?**

The purpose of Camp Bernie is for students to get to know each other better. In order to do that students will have an activity group, a meal group, and a bunking group.

**How is Camp Bernie set up?** Camp Bernie is located at 327 Turkey Top Rd, Port Murray, NJ 07865 Please see the [website](#) for more information and an image of the map of the camp

**What do I need to pack?**

Please see the packing list at the bottom of this sheet

**Will my child have their phone/device?**

We will NOT be locking up student devices. However, students are not permitted to use their devices during activities and meals.

**Can my child call me if they need me? Can they call from the buses or the cabins?**

Yes, students can call you.

**Will the camp shop be open?**

No, we have requested that the camp shop not be available to our

students

**Will my child's dietary preferences/allergies be respected?**

Yes, we have sent in all information regarding student dietary requirements and needs

**Is there a nurse on site?**

No, there is no nurse on site.

**What are the sleeping arrangements? Is it co-ed?**

No, students will be assigned cabins based on their gender identity.

**Will there be staff members and other adults in the cabins with the kids?**

There will be an adult assigned to every cabin. Depending on our final numbers, in most situations there will be both staff and parents assigned to cabins. Depending on the cabin there might be 4 or 5 adults for a big cabin but only 1 or 2 adults for a smaller cabin.

**What if my child is non-binary?**

Please reach out to Star Corvinelli so that we can support your child ..something like that.

**How much supervision will there be (will my child be safe)?**

There will be constant supervision, there will be at least two adults assigned to each small group.

**My child can't swim, will there be swimming?**

Although the camp itself has swimming available, we will **NOT** be swimming on our trip.

**My child takes medication, how will that be handled?**

We have a list of all students who need medication and have a staff member administer the medication according to the instructions.

**What if there is an emergency and I need to reach my child?**

You can reach the camp at [\(908\) 832-5315](tel:9088325315)

**What if my child wakes up not feeling well the morning of the trip?**

**My child gets car sick, can they still come?**

Yes, your child can come even if they get car sick. It may be helpful for you to provide them with motion sickness medicine that they can administer themselves.

**If the forecast calls for rain and/or cold weather, will the trip still happen?**

Yes, this trip is rain or shine. Please dress for the weather.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to 6th-grade Assistant Principal, Asia Stanislaus at [Astanislaus@ms447.org](mailto:Astanislaus@ms447.org)

# Camp Bernie Packing List

Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

In order for students to be safe and comfortable while at Camp Bernie, it is important that they come prepared!



## REQUIRED ITEMS

**\*\*All belongings should be labeled with the student's name.**

**BEING OUTDOORS ALL DAY IN A FOREST IN NEW JERSEY IS MUCH MORE EXTREME THAN BEING OUTSIDE ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK CITY FOR 30 MINUTES. BE PREPARED**

- Weather appropriate outdoor clothing (layers are highly recommended)
  - Enough for two days worth of cold/wet weather or possibly mild weather
  - Gloves, Hat
- Fleece, hoodie, knit hat, **AND** a comfortable jacket
- Undergarments, pajamas
- Socks and shoes (closed shoes, preferably waterproof— it can get soggy & cold)
- Rain gear
- Sleeping bag, sheet and pillow. Or regular bedding for one twin bed - including pillow, sheets, and blanket
- Toiletry bag with necessary items - toothbrush, paste, soap, deodorant, towel, flip flops for shower, etc...

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

**Many things go missing on this trip. Leave valuable things at home**

- All Jewelry
- Expensive belongings (electronics devices such as reading tablets and iPads)
- Anything with sentimental value should be left at home

## OPTIONAL

- sunscreen
- lip balm