



September 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

To extend the students' understanding of Fresh and Salt Water Systems, a unit we will be covering later in Grade 8, students have the opportunity to attend a field study where they study the geology, aquatic life, and human impact on our local water systems. This field study is called RiverWatch and students will travel along the Bow River via rafts and stop at various sites to use different water testing methods and investigate human impact on the water system along the way. This will take place on **Monday, September 16, 2019** for all Gr. 8 students.

So that we may begin our program on time, we will be leaving Nose Creek School at 9:00 am utilizing Southland bussing and returning at 2:30 PM. Each student will be required to bring a nutritious snack and a waste-free lunch. There will be NO access to buy lunch! Please ensure your student is appropriately dressed to be comfortable for the weather conditions. Items include: sunscreen, hat, warm layered clothing, socks and possibly mitts. Please pack lunch and extra gear in a small bag and not a large backpack. Students are encouraged to not bring any electronic device as there will not be time to use it and we do not want any dropped into the Bow River. Students will be provided with a life jacket and rubber boots. All students will need to be wearing socks. It is recommended to wear wool ones and pack an extra pair.

There is a \$38 cost for this field study. This cost includes the transportation, field study, raft rentals, and guides. **Please pay online using your MyCBE/PowerSchool account.** In accordance with Administrative Regulation 3027, "no eligible student may be denied participation on the basis of the inability to pay." Please contact the school Principal for information on financial assistance.

The Grade 8 team will be supervising the field trip. A ratio of one adult to 13 students is required on all trips. We do need some volunteers to make this trip possible. If you can volunteer for this trip and have completed the necessary security clearance with the Calgary Board of Education, please fill out and return a "Volunteer Acknowledgment of Risk" form available from Mrs. Burden & Miss Gill. If you have any questions or concerns about the trip or need financial assistance, please contact us at the school. Volunteers will be briefed as to their responsibilities prior to leaving for the trip(s) and will be responsible for supervising small groups at various times throughout the day. If you have volunteered please see the equipment list and familiarize yourself with the itinerary prior to the day.

You are asked to complete the attached Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form and the Swimming Ability form if you consent to your son/daughter

attending this field trip. These forms need to be returned by **Thursday, September 12, 2019.**

While some degree of risk is always associated in all school field trips, we have outlined specific areas of concern on the Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form. To prepare your student for these risks we ask that you ensure your child is sent to school dressed for the weather and understands the behaviour expectations for field trips.

More information about RiverWatch can be found on the Grade 8 blog. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Grade 8 science teachers.

Thanks for your support.
Sincerely,

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Itinerary:

8:30–9:00 - Homeroom, attendance, divide into raft groups, load bus.
9:30 - Arrive at the river staging area
9:30 - 2:30 – RiverWatch Program
2:30 - Board buses back to school and do attendance
3:00 - Return to Nose Creek School