



American Renaissance School  
217 S. Center Street  
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January 9, 2017

**Dear ARS 6<sup>th</sup> grade Students, Parents and Guardians,**

We have an exciting trip planned for the annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade overnight field trip. The class will be heading to the Mountain Trail Outdoor School, which is located in Hendersonville, NC, April 10-12, 2017 (Monday-Wednesday). MTOS is part of Kanuga Conference Center.

The Mountain Trail Outdoor School (MTOS) offers programs which provide youth and adults the chance to experience positive community, grow physically and mentally, improve self-confidence and increase awareness and stewardship of our natural environment. During the day, ARS students will be taking environmental-based classes in Mountain Ecology and Outdoor Living Skills and participating in adventure-based classes such as Team Building, High Ropes Course and Canoeing. Our nights will include a presentation on “Animals We Love to Hate” by a local Naturalist, Group Games and even a Campfire.

The students will stay together in cabins with bunkrooms and adult chaperones. Girls and Boys will stay in separate cabins. Linens (sheets, pillow, blanket, towel and washcloth) are provided for all students and chaperones. The meals are served family style in the dining hall with a wide assortment of filling and healthy, kid-friendly food. Feel free to visit the MTOS website for more information <http://www.kanuga.org/>

We will leave ARS at 9:00am on Monday, April 10 and return by 4:00pm on Wednesday, April 12. The cost of the trip is \$200 for students and chaperones. We are looking for at least 4 moms and 4 dads to go with us on the trip. A \$50 deposit for each student or adult attending along with the registration form are due back to Mrs. Berkley no later than Friday, January 27 in order to reserve a spot. (If you already have a deposit for this trip, so you do not need to turn in another. Your spot is reserved!)

We will break up the remaining payments as follows: \$75 due Wednesday, February 22 and \$75 due by Wednesday, March 22. Possible financial assistance is available from MTOS. Please pick up a scholarship application at the front desk of the middle school and return it with your registration form and deposit by January 27. Please note-you will need to fill out a new scholarship application for this trip. The applications from the fall will not carry over.

This is a wonderful chance for students to experience learning in a whole new classroom! There is enough space for every sixth grade student to go! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Berkley. I hope you can join us for this fun and exciting program!

Mrs. Berkley (berkleyc@arsnc.org)

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**General Field Trip Information:**

**Dates:** April 10-12, 2017 ( Leave 9:00am Monday and Return by 4:00 pm Wednesday)

**Chaperones:** We are looking for parents (moms and dads) to chaperone for the trip. Please fill out the information on the deposit form if you would like to join us and make sure to include a deposit for yourself. Moms will stay in the girl's cabin and Dads will stay in the boy's cabin. There is a chaperone bunkroom in the cabin that is separate from the students' bunkroom with a private bathroom for the adults.

**Cost:** \$200 per person: includes charter bus transportation, lodging/linens, meals, and programs for 3 days and 2 nights  
\*same cost for students and adult/parent chaperones

**Deposit:** \$50 per person  
Due Friday, January 27  
\*if you already made a deposit for this trip, it is noted below

**Payments:** For the deposit or payments, here are payment options:  
1. Cash to school in an envelope with your child's name  
2. Check to school in an envelope with your child's name  
3. Orgs.online from the ARS website (pay online with a credit card)

**Payments:** #1-Due Wednesday, February 22 (\$75)  
#2-Due Wednesday, March 22 (\$75)

**What to Bring:** You will receive a "What to Bring" list and other forms in March

**Questions:** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Berkley at 704-878-6009 or email [berkleyc@arsnc.org](mailto:berkleyc@arsnc.org)

**Deposit/Payments on Record**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due for MTOS trip-will need to be paid by March 22 \_\_\_\_\_

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**6<sup>th</sup> Grade MTOS FIELD TRIP DEPOSIT**  
**DUE: Friday, January 27**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

All sixth grade students are encouraged to attend the outdoor educational experience that is being offered to them by ARS and Mountain Trail Outdoor School, April 10-12, 2017. The three day program is designed to help students build self-confidence and allow them to strengthen their bonds with fellow sixth graders. The total cost of the the trip is \$200 for students and chaperones. A \$50 deposit is due by Friday, January 27 for each student and adult attending. Financial aid applications are available at the front desk at the middle school and also due by January 27. You have the option to pay for the full amount of the field trip when the deposit is due too.

Deposit (please check method of payment)

\_\_\_\_\_ Paid Cash (\$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Check (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number:

\_\_\_\_\_ Paid with the Orgs. Online payment

**Optional:**  
**Chaperone's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit (please check method of payment)

\_\_\_\_\_ Paid Cash (\$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Check (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number:

\_\_\_\_\_ Paid with the Orgs. Online payment

Chaperone contact information: Day time Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return all MTOS deposits and registration forms to  
Mrs. Berkley by Friday, January 27