

# Echo Hill Outdoor School

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Dear Parents,

Your child will soon be embarking on a great adventure. At Echo Hill he or she will be living close to nature, experiencing and learning about our environment and our place in it. With over thirty-five years of experience, we believe our curriculum of outdoor education, which emphasizes learning by doing, complements and enriches classroom learning. Echo Hill provides students with a unique opportunity to explore the marvels of the natural world while living closely with their peers.

Echo Hill, located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, is an ideal setting for an outdoor laboratory. The school's 300 acres of forests, meadows, and freshwater shrub swamp borders a mile of sandy beach on the Chesapeake Bay, inviting a wide variety of environmental studies. A multi-faceted adventure course presents individual and group challenges aimed at building and enhancing confidence, self-esteem, and cooperation. Whether winding their way through the swamp, investigating the Bay's ecosystem on one of the 40-foot lab boats, or facing a challenge on the adventure course, the students are closely supervised by teachers fully qualified in experiential education.

While at Echo Hill, the students and teachers will be living close to nature and enjoying a taste of rustic living. Lodging will be in large tents on raised platforms. Bunk beds, mattresses, and bug netting are provided. The outdoor lavatory facilities include hot water showers.

All the meals provide a nutritious balance of good food prepared "Eastern Shore Style." These delicious meals are served family style in a dining hall which overlooks the Bay. Some meals may be cooked outdoors by the students and teachers.

Echo Hill's safety record is excellent. The teachers are trained in American Red Cross First Aid and CPR. All waterfront activities are supervised by American Red Cross certified lifeguards. Students are always required to wear lifejackets while in boats or canoes. Should a student require additional medical attention, the school's physician, Dr. Wayne Benjamin, is on call at Chestertown Family Medicine. The Chester River Hospital Center is twelve miles away.

The attached health and registration form must be filled out with the authorization signed by you. The suggested clothing and equipment list has additional important information. Please be sure you review this list with your child.

I hope I have answered some of your questions. Please keep this sheet handy for your own reference.



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