

SENIOR SURVIVAL WEEKEND INFORMATION AND PERMISSION

Leaving: Friday, September 17 @ 4:00 a.m.

Returning: Sunday, September 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sign-up and pay for the trip by Wednesday, September 8!

Senior Survival is a weekend camping trip on South Manitou Island. The seniors will be camping in tents, cooking their own food, exploring the island, and spending time with their classmates. The weekend encourages the seniors to work together, to take responsibility, and to stretch themselves in new ways.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Friday, September 17

4:00 a.m. **BE AT SCHOOL NO LATER THAN THIS!**

4:30 a.m. leave from the school parking lot

9:00 a.m. arrive in Leland

9:30 a.m. board ferry to S. Manitou Island

12:00 p.m. (approximately) arrive on S. Manitou Island

Sunday, September 19

10:00 a.m. board ferry to Leland

12:00-1:00 p.m. (approximately) arrive in Leland

1:00 p.m. board bus back to school

1:30 p.m. eat at Traverse City Mall Food Court (bring money for this)

6:00 p.m. (approximately) arrive back at school parking lot

COST

\$60.00 needs to be turned in to the office by **Wednesday, September 8.** Checks need to be written out to Lansing Christian School. The breakdown for the costs are:

Ferry Round Trip:	\$35.00
Camping Fees:	\$10.00
School Bus Trip:	\$15.00

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING

You are responsible for your own food and camping equipment. Remember that you will be hiking 1 ½ miles to our campsite and carrying everything that you need for the weekend.

- Tent—bring your own or share with a classmate
- Sleeping bag—a must, plus bring a sleeping roll/mat.
- Backpack—you'll have to carry all of your stuff for 1 ½ miles to the campsite.
- Camp stove (backpacking stove—remember you need to carry this!)

- Food items—Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch.
- Money for fast food on Sunday
- Trash bags—you must take out everything you bring in
- Flashlight—a necessity!
- Change of clothes
- Sturdy shoes or hiking boots
- Rain gear—it could rain so be prepared. Also, bring clothes for cold weather.
- Rope to hang backpack with food items (remember, there are raccoons and chipmunks on the island and they will go after your food)
- Fishing pole (optional, but remember you need a fishing license if you plan to fish)
- Canteen or water bottle—there is water by our campsite to re-fill water bottles
- Book to read (this is obviously optional but you might find that you'll enjoy some quiet reading at some point over the weekend)
- Matches (pack these in a Ziploc type bag to keep the moisture out)
- Cooking utensils/eating utensils

REMEMBER THESE THINGS

- Respect all rules going, returning, and while you're on the island. Honor God, your parents, and the reputation of Lansing Christian School.
- The boat ride is approximately 1-1 ½ hours and it can be rough.
- Flip flops—not a good idea. You'll be doing lots of hiking.
- Water—it's a good hike to our water source. Bring a water container!
- Bathrooms—not far from campsite but definitely outdoor type.
- Guys are in guy tents only; girls are in girl tents only—AT ALL TIMES.
- Tobacco, alcohol, and drugs are strictly prohibited.
- Compass—there are maps for the island, but this would be helpful.
- Fishing—there's an inland lake—you must have a fishing license.
- Swimming—lots of gorgeous beaches—must be with friends, no fewer than three.
- Food—you're on your own with this—check out the grocery store for lightweight soups, pancake mixes, etc.—get with your friends to come up with a menu.
- Fire—there's a nice firepit—you will need to find firewood (downed trees).
- Matches and camping knives must be in backpacks and not visible until reaching campsite.
- Trash—what you carry into the campsite must be carried out. Bring a trash bag.
- Cell phones—no problem having these—no place to recharge so use minimally.
- Animals—chipmunks, raccoons, squirrels. You'll need to have rope to tie your food up in a tree—chipmunks are the most prevalent and they will get into your food!
- **TEAM SPIRIT—INDEPENDENCE—RESPONSIBILITY—bring it on!**

Senior Survival Permission Slip (turn in by September 8 with the \$60 payment)

Permission signature by parent: _____

Student signature agreeing to follow all rules and

expectations: _____