

Outdoor Safety Concerns

aka "the poke-your-eye-out sheet"

Dear Parents/Guardians:

AP Environmental students will be asked to participate in lab activities outside the school building at a nearby forest and wetland. Transportation will be via foot and supervised by the classroom teacher. Students will be asked to follow these guidelines while participating:

1. Dress appropriately, you **MUST** wear close-toed shoes
2. Stay together with the class and not wander off.
3. Refrain from disrupting other classes or the local housing subdivision
4. Observe safety guidelines determined by the teacher.

Concerns involved with being in a natural environment include, but are not limited to,

Mosquito – West Nile Virus
Catfish and Perch – Fin Spines

Poison Ivy – Allergies

Pollen – Allergies

The Sun – Burns & Bad Tan Lines

Deer Tick – Lyme Disease

Snakes – Bites

Water (ankle depth required) - Drowning

Rocks and Roots – Tripping Hazard

Tree Branches – Poke Your Eye Out

Please protect yourself by using insect repellent, sunscreen, close-toed shoes, etc. We have never had a serious injury in APES and would like to continue that trend.

As per the syllabus, all APES students are required to perform fifteen hours of environmental community service during the semester. Many opportunities will be provided, with sign-up sheets generally posted on Thursday mornings. Most of these are outdoor activities, so please protect yourself at these events as well. If searching for your own service activities, **please DO NOT contact Bond Park, Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve or Lake Crabtree County Park**; they already provide us with all available opportunities. Community service hours are not required to be performed outdoors.

thank you,

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I agree to follow the above guidelines and understand that failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Student Signature

Date

My child has permission to leave the school building under the supervision of his/her classroom teacher for the purpose of performing outdoor curricular activities. I am aware that my student is responsible for following the guidelines mentioned above and protecting himself/herself against possible injury.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parents,

On the back of this sheet, please list any special considerations or concerns you would like me to know about your child.