

Rippon Middle School

15101 Blackburn Road • Woodbridge, VA 22191
703.491.2171 • FAX 703.491.2487 • ripponms.pwcs.edu

Scott R. Bergquist, Principal

Kimberly McGee, Ed.D., Assistant Principal

Rebecca Tassa, Assistant Principal

Crystal Y. Estes, Administrative Intern

October 25, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

For the past six years, Rippon's seventh-grade students have had the opportunity to participate in an outdoor educational experience that supports the classroom science curriculum. All seventh-grade students at Rippon Middle School will have the opportunity to apply for the program. The outdoor program is provided by NatureBridge and will be held April 18 through April 20, 2018 in Prince William Forest Park. Students stay overnight in the park's cabins, and all meals are provided. There is a \$20 non-refundable registration fee for students who are selected to attend the program. At this time, the program is partially funded with secured grant money. If the program is not fully funded, the expectation is each student will be required to pay an additional fee that has not been determined. We are working to reduce the cost to students.

At the park, students are chaperoned and supervised by their teachers and NatureBridge staff. Students are divided into field learning and cabin groups. Each day, new opportunities to learn, explore, and play in the beautiful outdoors are afforded to the students. From 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., students are engaged in interdisciplinary field science activities led by NatureBridge Field Science Educators. During the evening from, 7:30 until 8:30 p.m., the NatureBridge staff conducts a program for the students.

Parents and students are invited to learn more about the NatureBridge program on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Rippon's cafeteria. If you are unable to attend, your child may secure an application during his/her science class. Additional information will be posted on the Rippon Middle School website <https://riponms.pwcs.edu/>.

You can learn more about the NatureBridge program at the website, <http://www.naturebridge.org/>.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kight
NatureBridge Coordinator
E-mail: kightlx@pwcs.edu