

Field Trips, Excursions, and Outdoor Education Request Form

2320F

Class/Group BIGFORK HIGH SCHOOL CAVE CLUB

Staff member in charge: HANS BODENHAMER

Supervision (chaperones): GABBY EATON

Date of Trip: APRIL 13-16 Destination: CODY WYOMING

Departure Time: 4:00 AM 4/13/18 Return Time: 10:00 PM 4/16/18

Transportation method: VAN Transportation Dept has been notified:  yes  no  
If needed, bus or van is available  yes  no

- Instructional Objectives:
- STUDENTS WILL HOLD MAP
  - SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CAVE. THE
  - FINAL MAP WILL BE USED
  - AS A BASE FOR RESEARCH

- Pre learning activities:
- STUDENTS HAVE DEVELOPED
  - MAPPING SKILLS

- Post learning activities:
- MAP WILL BE GEOREFERENCED
  - AND BLM IS LIKELY TO ASK
  - CLUBS TO MONITOR CAVE IN A FUTURE GRANT

Is this an overnight activity? YES Is this an out-of-state activity? YES

Proposed itinerary (attach additional pages as needed): LEAVE BIGFORK FOR  
CODY ON FRIDAY, MAP IN SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CAVE  
SAT & SUN, RETURN TO BIGFORK ON MONDAY

Estimated Cost (including travel): \$300.00 FOR GAS

Housing: CABINS PROVIDED BY SPONSOR IN ~~EL~~ LOVELL

Funding Source: BIG CAVE CLUB FUNDS

(All money must be turned in to the office before trip departure.)  
TO BE REIMBURSED BY BLM

Submitted by HANS BODENHAMER date: 2/12/2018

Principal approval (all trips) [Signature] Superintendent approval (overnight trips) [Signature]  
Board of Trustee approval (out of state trips) \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of final approval to be sent to Transportation Department.

Howdy Mr. Robbins and Mr. Jensen.

Here are answers to your questions:

There are 4 students going. These were chosen based on their contributions to the cave club:

Johan Bencomo

Shane Calbick

Ryan Cantrell

Scout Jessop

I also have Gabby Eaton going as a chaperone. She is approved and has chaperoned on several other trips and as a graduate of the cave club is an excellent assistant. Gabby and Scout will bunk in their own room in Lovell, WY.

I will get with Jen to create an appropriate emergency backpack.

We will be working with BLM and as I understand it we can drive to the cave entrance where there is cell phone coverage.

Attached is ther field trip form, which went hometo the parents. It has a detachable equipment checklist.

Let me know if you have anymore questions. Thanks.

Hans

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

Because of your child's outstanding contributions to cave conservation and research skills as a member of Bigfork High School's Cave Club, he/she is being invited to help Spirit Cave near Cody, Wyoming. The invitation is a great honor, but comes with great responsibility. Your child will miss 2 days of school, which he/she will need to make up before or after the club trip. Also, the work will be challenging. Your child will need to work in the cave for 12 to 15 hours on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Spirit Mountain Cave project is scheduled for April 13 to April 16, 2018. Mr. Bodenhamer, your child, and 4 other students will be departing Bigfork at 5AM and return late on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will be driving to Cody in a school van. Lodging will be in cabins in Lovell, Wyoming which is about one hour away from Cody. Travel and lodging have been paid for by donations to the club, but your child will be responsible to purchase their own food. We will may eat out a few times, but will also stop at grocery stores so the students can purchase food to cook in the cabins. An equipment list is attached.

Please sign the attached emergency release form to give your child permission to participate in this project. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please call, email, or come visit me at school.

Thank you.

Hans Bodenhamer  
(406) 837-7420 school  
hansb@bigfork.k12.mt.us

The club has helmets

Your child will need:

**EQUIPMENT:**

A headlight

Extra batteries for the headlight.

Clothes to wear in the cave. The cave is wet and cold.

A sleeping bag and pad. The cabins only have a few beds, but there is heat and plenty of floor space.

Shoes to wear in the cave. Rubber boots might work nice.

A small pack for carrying gear in then cave.

An extra light

Warm clothes to walk to the cave. The walk is an easy 2 miles or shorter if the to the ave road is passible.

A warm hat and gloves for the hike to the cave

Gloves for in the cave. Dishwashing cloves work.

A small cook pot and cook stove (optional)

A water bottle

Extra socks

Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and a towel. There is a shower.

**MEALS:**

Students will need to lunch to eat in the cave for two days. We will be on the road for the other two lunches. They will need dinner and breakfast 3 times. We will probably eat out a few times and can stop at a grocery store in Lovell (or Cody) for supplies.

**Bigfork School District #38**  
**HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP CONSENT FORM**

It is the policy of the Bigfork School District to require parental permission before allowing a student to travel on a field trip. If you would like your child to participate, please carefully read and sign this document.

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to go with school  
(Name of student)

**on the Bigfork High School Cave Club trip to map Spirit Mountain in Cody Wyoming from April 13 to 16, 2018**

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In the event that it becomes necessary for district staff to obtain emergency care for my child, I agree that School District 38 does not assume financial liability for expenses incurred because of an accident, injury, illness and/or unforeseen circumstances.

Does your child have a medical condition which the school should be aware of before allowing your child to participate? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, please state the nature of the medical condition:

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\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my signature on this consent form authorizes school district officials to search any baggage, purses, or other containers in the possession or under the control of my child prior to leaving on a field trip or other off-campus activity sponsored by the school district. The intent of this search is to insure a safe activity free of contraband items such as drugs, alcohol, or weapons. I further understand that this authorization to search is a condition of my child's participation in any field trip or extracurricular activity.

In the event of an emergency, I give School District 38 permission to contact the following people.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Parent/Guardian)                      (Telephone)                      (Relationship)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Other Telephone)

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(Name of Parent/Guardian)                      (Telephone)                      (Relationship)

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(Other Telephone)

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(Signature of Parent/Guardian)