



# Achieve Language Academy 5th and 6th Grade Camping Trip Camp St. Croix May 15-17, 2019

YMCA Camp St. Croix has been providing exceptional outdoor program experiences since 1909. For more than 100 years, Camp St. Croix has established a tradition of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility in all of its year-round programs. Just 20 minutes east of the Twin Cities, St. Croix provides a convenient location for kids and adults alike to enjoy quality programming in a beautiful, natural setting.

The diverse wildlife and ecosystems at Camp St. Croix provide excellent opportunities to learn about the environment, build teamwork, enhance self-confidence and get hands-on experience with nature. Surrounded by pine-covered bluffs overlooking the beautiful St. Croix River Valley, you'll find the inspiration you need as you and your group enjoy 400 acres of woods, prairies and trails along the scenic St. Croix River.



## 5th and 6th Grade Camping Trip

When: May 15, 2019 - May 17, 2019, leaving school at 9:00 am on Wednesday and returning before bus dismissal on Friday

Where: Camp. St. Croix, Hudson, Wisconsin, about 30 minutes from the Twin Cities

Cost: There is a sliding scale based on financial need to determine how much each student will pay for the camping trip.

If your student...	The camping trip will cost	Using the camping trip savings plan
Receives free school lunch	\$70	\$10/per month
Receives reduced school lunch	\$91	\$13/per month
Pays full price for school lunch	\$112	\$16/per month

\*If you have two students in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the second student will receive 25% off the cost of the trip

Savings Plan: If you choose, you can pay in smaller amounts through the year using the savings plan. The savings plan will take place each month from October-April. Every month students will be able to make a payment towards the cost of the trip. At the end of the seven months, students will have paid for the entire cost of the trip.

### Deadlines:

- Student Health and YMCA authorization Forms -- Tuesday, November 20, 2018
- Scholarship Requests -- Tuesday, November 20, 2018
- \$10 deposit -- Tuesday, November 20, 2018 (if you are going camping, you MUST have a \$10 deposit in by November)
- Full payment -- Friday, April 26, 2019

### Scholarships:

We do not want any student to miss camping if they want to go. If your student needs a scholarship, please send an email or written note to your student's teacher requesting a scholarship.

## 5/6 Camping Trip FAQs

### Who should my child turn his/her money and camping packet into?

Students should be turning their camping packet and money into their Block A teacher. We encourage families to consider paying \$10-\$15 per month to help reach the total cost. If a family would like to pay by credit card, an adult will have to come in to the school and pay at the office. Teachers are only collecting cash or checks. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Achieve Language Academy.

### What are the important deadlines for me to know?

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### Are parents able to attend the camping trip?

Yes! Parents are able to attend the camping trip to Camp St. Croix. Parents must stay the entire time we are at Camp St. Croix. Parents may not come for the day or a night. Parents must stay the three days and two nights we are at camp. If you are interested in attending the camping trip, please let your child's homeroom teacher know by November 1, 2018 or at Fall Conferences. There are limited spots available.

### Is there a cost for parents to attend the camping trip?

No, there is no cost for adult chaperones.

### What will parents do at Camp St. Croix?

Parents that choose to attend the camping trip will be placed in their child's small group. A teacher will be in charge of the group, not the parent. Parents must attend all classes and gatherings that Achieve Language Academy teachers and students are attending.

### If I have any questions about camping, whom should I ask?

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Ms. Christian, [jchristian@achievemn.org](mailto:jchristian@achievemn.org) 651-738-4875 x 324

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## What To Bring

The majority of the time we are there is spent outside. Please wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty (please do not send new or favorite items). Please be aware of the weather forecast and pack accordingly. We hold programs outside during all seasons and all types of weather, including rain or snow.

Packing: Students will carry luggage from the drop-off point to their cabins. Please pack all belongings in something easy to carry -- such as a backpack, duffel bag with shoulder strap, or luggage with wheels.

### Clothes for All Seasons

- Shirts (long and short sleeves)
- Sweater or sweatshirt
- Jacket
- Pants
- Shorts (if it's warm enough)
- Socks
- Underwear
- Pajamas
- Rain poncho or rain coat
- 2 pairs of shoes
- Waterproof boots

### Sleeping Gear and Toiletries

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag and blanket
- Comb or brush
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Towel and Washcloth

### Personal Items

- WATER BOTTLE
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Coffee/Travel Mug (only for adults)

### Other Items

- Flashlight
- Insect Repellent (Non-aerosol)
- Laundry bag (recommended)
- Sunglasses
- Journal, pencils
- Books to read

### Please Leave At Home

- CELL PHONES
- Candy, food, gum, pop, snacks
- CD/MP3 player
- Hair dryer, curling irons
- Electronic games
- Knives of any kind (including pocket knives)
- Anything considered a weapon
- Radios
- Pets
- TVs
- Anything else not allowed at school

\*\*Please make sure all belongings are labeled with a name or initials\*\*

YMCA Camp St. Croix is not responsible for lost or stolen items.