



Sandia Mountain Natural History Center

New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science

1801 Mountain Rd. NW, Albuquerque NM 87104



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child's class will be participating in a one-day field trip called the "Traveling Ecology Field Program." In this exciting program the education staff from the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center (SNMHC) in Cedar Crest will meet your class at a "wild" area near your school. There they will lead your students on a nature hike and use the natural surroundings to explain ecosystems. This program may last for 2-4 hours depending on the area selected.

Students need to be prepared to hike and to learn outside. We spend as much time outside as possible, even if it is raining or snowing lightly. Students should dress sensibly. We suggest dressing in layers.

Students must bring a sack lunch and a drink for the field trip. Please do *not* include glass containers or gum. Also, electronic devices, including cell phones, Gameboys and Walkmans are prohibited during the field trip.

Clothing Suggestions

- Long pants, NO shorts
- Sweatshirt or light jacket
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Sun hat and/or sunscreen
- Heavy jacket
- Warm hat and gloves
- Plastic bags to wear inside shoes to keep feet dry in *snow or rain*.
- Comfortable walking shoes or boots—**NO sandals or slick bottomed-shoes**

Additional Items Students *Must* Bring

- Day pack or backpack to carry jacket, water bottle, & notebook while in the field
- Lunch
- Water bottle or canteen, at least 32 oz.
- Paper and pencil (spiral notebook works well)

Your child's school will be meeting the SNMHC staff at _____ on _____.

Sincerely,

Outreach Coordinator