

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child's class will be visiting the **Sandia Mountain Natural History Center (SMNHC)** in Cedar Crest for a one-day Ecology Field Program. To ensure a successful trip, we need adult chaperones to accompany the class. If you are available, we would appreciate your assistance.

The chaperone and teacher accompany the class for the entire hike and during all activities, both of which are led by an SMNHC instructor. The hike is approximately two miles and will have some rocky areas and steep sections. Chaperones must be capable of this hike, be willing to participate in the activities, *AND agree to abide by all required APS COVID-safe practices*. It is very important that chaperones not bring any other children or pets.

For liability reasons, a teacher must always be with the group. In the event a student becomes ill, a chaperone may be asked to watch that child until other arrangements can be made.

If you would like to share this experience with your child, have an opportunity to learn about the natural history of the Sandias, and spend the day hiking in the mountains, please sign the bottom portion of this letter and return it to your child's teacher.

**PLEASE,**

- consider carpooling, as our parking is limited
- observe the posted speed limit on Columbine Ln.
- NO SMOKING OR PHONE USE
- Understand that **buses have a strict 44-passenger limit** – chaperones may ride the bus **ONLY** if there is space & the school permits you to.

Sandia Mountain Natural History Center  
60 Columbine Ln.  
Cedar Crest, NM  
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Yes, I am interested in participating in the fifth-grade field trip to the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center AND I agree to abide by all required APS COVID-safe practices.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am capable of a moderate two-mile hike with some steep and rocky areas, and I will not be bringing other children or pets.**