

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Your child will be visiting the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center (SMNHC) for an Ecology Field Program on _____.

The majority of the day will be devoted to a moderate 2-mile guided hike through the forest, across meadows, and up and down rocky mountainsides. Students will be learning about the ecosystem of the Sandia Mountains while taking part in outdoor activities designed to engage children in science.

Your child will need to bring:

- Lunch & Water
- Notebook & pencil
- Backpack

Prepare for your trip:

- Check the weather report for Cedar Crest
- Dress appropriately for the expected weather
- Sunscreen

Your child should wear:

- Comfortable and sturdy walking or hiking shoes (no Crocs, sandals, or flip-flops)
- Sweatshirt, jacket, and/or rain jacket
- Sun hat and/or warm hat and gloves, as needed

The SMNHC, located east of Albuquerque in Cedar Crest, is situated on 128 acres of piñon-juniper forest, abutting the Cibola National Forest, and is owned by APS in collaboration with the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science.

For more detailed information about SMNHC, please visit www.aps.edu/smnhc