

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.

To bring:

- Lunch & Water
- Notebook & pencil
- Backpack

Prepare for your trip:

- Check weather report for Cedar Crest
- Dress appropriately
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent (warm months)

To wear:

- Comfortable, sturdy walking or hiking shoes
- Sweatshirt, jacket, and/or rain jacket
- Sun hat

*Electronic devices are not permitted at the SMNHC; however, if your child has a phone, they must adhere to their school's phone policy.

As an APS facility, we follow APS COVID guidelines and your classroom rules, but it's always a good idea for everyone to have a mask with them.

The SMNHC is 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.

We look forward to your child's visit to the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center.

Sincerely,
SMNHC Staff

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