

September 17, 2020



Dear Parents:

The purpose of attending Upward Trek (just west of Peterborough) is to offer the students a unique learning experience in a variety of areas. As Grade Eights, these students are required to participate and lead in numerous school activities. To this end, PCS will assist the students' growth through instruction and application. This camp experience is designed to provide the students with opportunities to develop their gifts and abilities. Some of the objectives include: learning about teamwork, leadership skills, work ethic, and communication. As well, students will take part in activities that will stretch them out of their comfort zone.

We will be using bikes while we are there. We will be taking the bikes that they brought in for gym class and transporting them up to Dr. O's house and bring them back. It is the law that all people under 16 years of age wear a helmet on a public road, so please ensure that they have one.

Date: September 24th, 2020

Students will leave at 7:00 a.m. Thursday and arrive back at school on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. We will be travelling by bus. We will be making our own meals for lunch and dinner.

Students should pack in 1 bag, what is on the suggested list on the back of this form. **It is imperative that students bring their actual health card on Thursday, September 24th, 2020.**

Cell Phones/Electronics

Cell phones are not needed at Upward Trek. In case of emergencies you can either contact us via the school or Dr. O's cell # 905-622-6442. However the students may bring electronics to use on the bus ride up and back and then store them in their bag for the day. Due to the nature of the activities, devices are in jeopardy of damage.

Yours in His Service,


Mr. N. Ogborne
Vice Principal

(Upward Trek - September 24th, 2020)

Permission:

I give permission for _____ to participate in Upward Trek.
I do not give permission for _____ to participate in Upward Trek.

Medication: You may administer ___ Advil, ___ Benadryl, ___ Tylenol and/or ___ Gravol while at Upward Trek as needed.

Does the student have any special medication with them?

No _____ Yes _____ Type _____ Purpose _____

Swim: Can your child swim? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what swim level have they completed? _____

Waiver: (see attached note for further explanation)

I have filled out the online waiver form through - <https://web.wherewolf.co.nz/3v8zje> . Yes _____ No _____

Payment: Please submit the payment of **\$50** by **Tuesday Sept 22nd** either by cash, cheque, debit, or etransfer to payments@pickeringcs.on.ca. Please indicate below which one you will use.

Cash _____ cheque _____ debit _____ etransfer _____

Parent's Signature

Date

Upward Trek Packing List

- Re-useable water bottle labelled with student's name
- sweater/sweat shirt
- rain gear (check the forecast)
- running shoes (needed for Treetop Trekking)
- extra pair of pants (for Treetop Trekking)
- extra t-shirt
- extra shorts (modest)
- bathing suit (girls wear shorts over bathing suit bottoms, no bikinis and speedos)
- towel (swimming)
- extra socks
- mask

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Pre-Arrival Waiver Form

The online pre-arrival waiver form is a standard form given to adults and children that attend the Treetop activities. It needs to be filled in and signed. Treetop needs the name and age of the student as there is an age limit and this needs to be verified. Medical info is needed because there are multiple groups and they need to know of any possible risks. **However, if you do not want them to have your address, email and phone number, you may enter the school's which is the following:**

162 Rossland Rd. East, Ajax, Ontario L1T 4V2, nogborne@pickeringcs.on.ca, 905-427-3120

As an organization, Tree Top takes safety VERY seriously. They give outstanding instructions, time to practice and have watchful eyes as the students participate. There are safety guides in the trees with the students to assist and watch them, and remove them if they violate the rules. After participating these last few years, we can personally attest to the high safety standards they have in all they do.

As a 'for profit' organization they are held to all the Ontario safety standards that any recreational organization would be, which includes regular safety inspection and certification in order to stay in business and not be shut down. They operate numerous facilities in Ontario.

So why is it that the permission form says they aren't held liable? It is not a reflection of lack of due diligence but rather a document to prevent frivolous litigation. It is ONLY good for an adult. According to Canadian law (the Infant Act), which has a precedent set, a parent cannot sign away a child's right to sue. So basically this document won't hold up in court.

But they still want it.

It is unfortunate that they need to scare people with this language but such is our "sue happy" society. We hope this helps. We have done the necessary investigation to satisfy the school's requirement of offering an acceptable activity.

Yours in His Service,

Mr. N. Ogborne
Vice Principal