



Dear Eighth Graders and your families:

Only a few more weeks until your final year at Country Day is underway. Ready to finish strong? Here is some important information about the academic adventures ahead.

Parents: the pages that follow are your summer registration materials. Please complete all the forms and return them to school before the start of the year.

Fax your forms to
925-7074
OR
Scan/email to
cgibson@
aspencountryday.org
OR
mail to
3 Music School Road
Aspen 81611

Thanks!

- Student registration form (one page):** if a returning student and there have been no changes since last year, please just fill in the student's name, mark "no changes" and return this form.
- Parent's Agreement for student to participate (two pages):** parents, please read carefully and sign where indicated
- Immunization form (two pages):** Families are responsible for making sure their immunizations and records are up to date. There are some immunizations that require boosters at this age, so please check.
- Middle School Outdoor Ed** letter: parents sign and return the waiver
- Washington DC trip behavior contract:** students *and* parents review, then sign and return
- Washington DC Power of Attorney form:** parents must sign and get this form notarized. Caterina in the office is a notary. She asks that a parent bring in the form in person, along with a driver's license or other photo ID. Please call ahead to set an appointment.

Tuesday, September 6 is a regular day of school, with students departing on Outdoor Ed Wednesday, September 7. See the packing list attached. There's also a waiver parents must sign and return ASAP.

Wednesday, September 7 all Eighth Grade **parents are invited** to a special meeting in the cafeteria at 8:30 am, right after the students leave on their Outdoor trip. We'll discuss some of the highlights of the year ahead: the trip to Washington, DC, plans for the spring (including the All-School Play, Green River trip and graduation) as well as how to balance all the many commitments of the busy Eighth Grade year. We'll also begin to discuss high school choices. Director of Admissions Gretchen Cole will briefly discuss how Country Day can help your family make the best choice for the next step in education.

Saturday, September 24, the class departs for DC. The trip is ticketed to leave from Aspen at 7:20 am on United that Saturday, returning to Aspen on United at 9:33 pm on Thursday, September 29. Students themselves devise the daily schedule, so details come home later in September. Please note: The next day, Friday, September 30 is a regular school day, and students are expected to attend.

Students, we hope your summer reading is going well and that you've discovered lots of great stories and literary characters – in addition to the required book, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*. Foreign language packets will also be due the first day of school.

Eighth Grade teachers this year are:

English: Andy Davies
Social Studies: Zeke Tiernan
Science & Math: Audrey Sherry Gunshor,
Megan Talarico, Mark Sumera, Bart Pepitone
Spanish: Maria Carbonetti
French: Anna Nedlin
Latin: Birgit Suitor

Physical Education: Cody Oates/Brett Nelson

Arts: Elective program (various teachers)

(You will receive your arts elective assignment, along with your daily schedule, homework planner, and advisory information, when school begins)

A word about on-time daily attendance:

At Aspen Country Day School, learning happens every day, and unless a student has had a fever in the past 24 hours, we expect to see him or her each and every school day.

Learning begins at 8:10 am. That means that students need to be on campus about 8 am to have time to organize their cubbies, greet friends, gather books and pencils, and take a seat in the classroom. Students who come in at 8:10 am are already behind, and those who arrive at 8:25 am miss more than 15 minutes of important instruction. Over the course of the year, this could add up to weeks of lost academic time, with serious negative impacts on a student's progress. Middle Schoolers, this year, strive to be on time every day – it's one of the best ways to stay on top of your game.

NEW: Advisory Program in Middle School

This year in Middle School, there will be no scheduled homeroom period. Instead, an advisory period will be part of the formal academic schedule. Each Eighth Grader will be assigned to a small group led by an advisor. These groups will meet several times each week throughout the year. Students will hear more about this program when school begins.

The mission of the Advisory Program: to provide Middle School students with an understanding of self in a time of change, as well as to foster the parent/school connection. Faculty advisors support students by nurturing academic independence and collaborative skills; positive relationships with peers and adults; and sense of responsibility to the ACDS community and beyond. Students and advisors engage in developing a culture of compassion in which each child can reach his/her potential in a safe environment.

Middle School Supply List

- Large three-ring binder with dividers and supply pouch
- College or wide-ruled filler paper
- One dozen ballpoint pens
- One dozen pencils
- Assortment of colored pencils
- Highlighters, several different colors
- Spanish-English or French-English dictionary
- Texas Instruments graphing calculator, any TI-83 or TI-84 model only
- any missing items for the Outdoor Ed trip (see packing list attached)

Middle School netbook program

As this class experienced last year, Middle School students are issued portable, lightweight Dell netbooks for school use. They use them to organize notes, develop project research and presentations, write papers and complete other assignments. Students are responsible for their own netbooks, which cannot be left outside or in the cold lockers. Families will be charged a \$125 usage fee for the academic year. If a student loses or damages the netbook, the family will be responsible for the full replacement cost of \$400. We are excited to offer the first one-to-one laptop program for Middle School students in the Valley.

The netbooks will be loaded with an operating system and all necessary programs; students will not be allowed to add any other programs to these school-owned computers. The school's current policy prohibiting personal technology (use of cell phones, texting, IM, social media, etc.) during school hours remains in effect. The use of the netbooks at school will be guided by Country Day's technology policy as described in the school's Family Handbook (available by mail, online, or at Parent Night September 14).

We ask parents to continue to work as partners with the school as we guide students to safely and responsibly navigate the always-evolving world of technology. We will discuss more details of the technology program as school gets underway.

Call or email me with any questions, and enjoy the rest of your summer! We can't wait to see you Tuesday morning, September 6 at the bridge!

Carolyn Hines
Advancement & Communications
chines@aspencountryday.org
970-925-1909 x 204



2011-2012 STUDENT REGISTRATION

*** please fill in all lines and return to school before starting classes**

Student name: _____

Preferred name: _____

Entering grade: _____

Birthdate: _____

Parent's name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Email addresses: _____

Home phone: _____

Other phones: _____

Please specify: _____

Work, cell etc. _____

Which phone(s) should be called early on a snow day? _____

Whom should the school call if you cannot be reached in an emergency?

Name and phone

Doctor: _____

Dentist: _____

Please list any medical conditions or allergies the school should be aware of:

Paternal grandparents: _____

Address: _____

Maternal grandparents: _____

Address: _____

If you have a City Market Value Card and would like to designate it to support our school, please provide the card number located on the back of your card. Thank you!

➔ City Market Value Card #: _____

Mail to Aspen Country Day School, 3 Music School Road, Aspen, CO 81611
FAX to 970-925-7074 or **SCAN and EMAIL** to info@aspencountryday.org

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____



Parents' Agreement for Student to Participate Release and Indemnification

This Agreement, Release and Indemnification ("Release") is entered into between the parents of the student, the student, and Aspen Country Day School. The purpose of the Release is to release and hold the school harmless in the event of any accident, injury, or death which might occur despite the school's efforts to provide and maintain safe outdoor programs for its students. The parents, on behalf of themselves and the student, enter into this Release in consideration for and as a condition of the school permitting the student to participate in the recreational and athletic programs offered by the school.

We, the parents, are aware that participation in any physically active program can be a dangerous activity involving risk of injury and death. We understand that, in general, such participation includes risk of neck and spinal injuries, brain damage, injury to internal organs, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other parts of the muscular skeletal system. We understand that these injuries may impair other aspects of a person's general health and well being including psychological or mental health. We also know that injuries may result in impairment of future abilities to earn a living, engage in business, social and recreational activities and generally to enjoy life.

We recognize and have discussed with our child the importance of following the instructions of teachers and coaches regarding techniques, training and rules.

To the extent that we or our child may have any basis for a claim against ACDS, its officers, trustees, employees, volunteers, or agents arising out of injury or death of the student, we assume the risk thereof. On our own behalf and on behalf of our child we release ACDS and its officers, trustees, employees, volunteers, or agents from any and all claims whatsoever that may hereafter arise out of our child's attendance at ACDS or participation in any ACDS-sponsored activity, and covenant not to sue on any such claim. This release expressly extends to but is not limited to claims of negligence. We agree to rely upon any medical insurance or life insurance coverage, which we or ACDS may carry, not waiving, however, any claim, which we may have against any third party (other than ACDS, its officers, trustees, employees, volunteers, or agents).

We recognize that the activities contemplated may result in injury or death to other participants or other persons as well as to our child. If any claim should be made against ACDS as a result of our child's participation in school activities, we agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless ACDS against any such claim made against it.

We represent that we have told the student which activities are permitted and which activities are not permitted. If, nevertheless, the student participates in a non-permitted activity without authorization, we agree that the covenants, release and indemnification contained herein shall extend to any injury or death which results, provided ACDS has not knowingly permitted participation contrary to this authorization. We, the undersigned parents of the student at Aspen Country Day School, agree that the student may participate in the activities checked below as "Permitted", but we do not give our permission for participation in the activities checked as "Not Permitted".

This Agreement Release and Indemnification shall be construed under the laws of the State of Colorado, and may be modified from time to time in writing but not otherwise. Venue shall be proper in Pitkin County, Colorado. If any provision, part, paragraph, sentence or term of this agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions thereof shall nevertheless be binding upon us.



 Parent's Signature, for himself and
 on behalf of (*child's name*) _____

 Parent's Signature, for herself and
 on behalf of (*child's name*) _____

 Date

Please
 check
 one
 for
 each
 line

Permitted	Not permitted		Permitted	Not permitted	
_____	_____	Alpine Skiing – Recreational	_____	_____	Canoeing and Rafting
_____	_____	Snowboarding – Recreational	_____	_____	Mountain & Desert Experiences (outdoor ed)
_____	_____	Nordic Skiing - Recreational			
_____	_____	Ice Skating (ACDS Pond & Rec Center)	_____	_____	Swimming (Rec Ctr)
_____	_____	Sledding	_____	_____	Touch football
_____	_____	Bicycling	_____	_____	Soccer
_____	_____	Running	_____	_____	Softball, T-ball
_____	_____	Hiking			
_____	_____	Volleyball			

OVER
 Complete all lines

Student's name: _____ **Grade:** _____

1. CONSENT, RELEASE AND WAIVER

The undersigned consents to the following on behalf of his/her child:

"I give permission for my child to participate in all ACDS field trips and off-campus school activities. On behalf of myself and my child, I agree to release and hold harmless Aspen Country Day School from any and all liability for damages for any personal injury or property damage to or incurred by said child or others arising out of any ACDS field trips or off-campus activities, and knowingly and intentionally waive all claims against Aspen Country Day School and any employee and/or parent chaperones for any such damages (except in the event of gross negligence Aspen Country Day School or its duly authorized employees and/or parent chaperones)."

We sign below on our own behalves and on behalf of our child, _____
child's name

_____ **Parent's Signature** **Date**

**both parents
sign here**

_____ **Parent's Signature** **Date**

2. MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

Should my child require medical care or treatment while under the supervision of any of the staff of Aspen Country Day School, I hereby request, authorize and give permission to the Headmaster or his designated representative to directly contact the following Doctor and to follow his/her instructions for treatment whether or not it is possible to contact me beforehand.

Doctor _____ Address _____ Phone _____

If it is impossible to contact the above doctor, I authorize any available qualified physician to treat my child. I hereby knowingly and intentionally waive all claims against Aspen Country Day School, the Headmaster, his designated representative and the physician contacted for the submission of my child to such medical treatment.

_____ **Parent's signature** **Date**

**either parent
may sign
items 2, 3, 4**

3. DRIVING PERMISSION

The above student has my permission to ride with any faculty or staff member or chaperone that might be driving my child in a private or school vehicle.

_____ **Parent's signature** **Date**

4. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

I hereby grant permission to Aspen Country Day School, its employees or representatives, to take and use photographs, video and digital images of my child for use in promotional or educational materials for the school or for partners such as educational associations. These materials might include printed or electronic publications, website or other electronic communications. I authorize the use of these images indefinitely without compensation. All negatives, positives, prints, digital reproductions, video and other content shall be the property of Aspen Country Day School.

_____ **Parent's signature** **Date**

OVER 
Complete all lines

COLORADO LAW REQUIRES THAT THIS FORM BE COMPLETED FOR EACH STUDENT ATTENDING COLORADO SCHOOLS

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian _____

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT—CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION

Vaccine	Enter the month, day and year each immunization was given					
Hep B	Hepatitis B					
DTaP	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (pediatric)					
DT	Diphtheria, Tetanus (pediatric)					
Tdap	Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis					
Td	Tetanus, Diphtheria					
Hib	Haemophilus influenzae type b					
IPV/OPV	Polio					
PCV	Pneumococcal Conjugate					
MMR	Measles, Mumps, Rubella					
Varicella	Chickenpox					
Vaccines recorded below this line are recommended. Recording of dates is encouraged.						
HPV	Human Papillomavirus					
Rota	Rotavirus					
MCV4/MPSV4	Meningococcal					
Hep A	Hepatitis A					
TIV/LAIV	Influenza					
Other						

Healthcare Provider Documentation Date _____ Lab Verification Date _____

THIS SECTION CAN BE COMPLETED BY CHILD CARE/SCHOOL/HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

- A) Child Care Up to Date**
Up to date through 6 months of age for Colorado School Immunization Requirements
Update Signature _____ Date _____
- B) Child Care Up to Date**
Up to date through 18 months of age for Colorado School Immunization Requirements
Update Signature _____ Date _____
- C) Child Care/Pre-school/Pre-K***
Up to date for Child Care/Pre-School/Pre-K for Colorado School Immunization Requirements
Update Signature _____ Date _____
- D) Complete for K–5th Grade**
Up to date for K–5th Grade for Colorado School Immunization Requirements
Update Signature _____ Date _____

* If age 4 years and fulfills Requirements for Pre-School & Kindergarten, check BOTH Boxes C and D.

HAS MET ALL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COLORADO SCHOOLS (6TH GRADE OR HIGHER)

Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____
(Physician, nurse, or school health authority)

STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION TO IMMUNIZATION LAW (DECLARACIÓN RESPECTO A LAS EXENCIONES DE LA LEY DE VACUNACIÓN)

IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTBREAK, EXEMPTED PERSONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL AND TO QUARANTINE.
SI SE PRESENTA UN BROTE DE LA ENFERMEDAD, ES POSIBLE QUE A LAS PERSONAS EXENTAS SE LES PONGA EN CUARENTENA O SE LES EXCLUYA DE LA ESCUELA.

MEDICAL EXEMPTION: The physical condition of the above named person is such that immunization would endanger life or health or is medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions.

EXENCION POR RAZONES MÉDICAS: El estado de salud de la persona arriba citada es tal que la vacunación significa un riesgo para su salud o incluso su vida; o bien, las vacunas están contraindicadas debido a otros problemas de salud.

Medical exemption to the following vaccine(s):

La exención por razones médicas aplica a la(s) siguiente(s) vacuna(s):

Signed (Firma) _____ Date (Fecha) _____
Physician (Médico)

- Hep B DTaP Tdap Hib IPV PCV MMR VAR

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION: Parent or guardian of the above named person or the person himself/herself is an adherent to a religious belief opposed to immunizations.

EXENCION POR MOTIVOS RELIGIOSOS: El padre o tutor de la persona arriba citada, o la persona misma, pertenece a una religión que se opone a la inmunización.

Religious exemption to the following vaccine(s):

Exención por motivos religiosos de la(s) siguiente(s) vacuna(s):

Signed (Firma) _____ Date (Fecha) _____
Parent, guardian, emancipated student/consenting minor
(Padre, tutor, estudiante emancipado o consentimiento del menor)

- Hep B DTaP Tdap Hib IPV PCV MMR VAR

PERSONAL EXEMPTION: Parent or guardian of the above named person or the person himself/herself is an adherent to a personal belief opposed to immunizations.

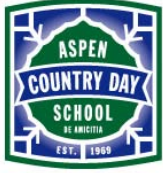
EXENCION POR CREENCIAS PERSONALES: Las creencias personales del padre o tutor de la persona arriba citada, o la persona misma, se oponen a la inmunización.

Personal exemption to the following vaccine(s):

Exención por creencias personales de la(s) siguiente(s) vacuna(s):

Signed (Firma) _____ Date (Fecha) _____
Parent, guardian, emancipated student/consenting minor
(Padre, tutor, estudiante emancipado o consentimiento del menor)

- Hep B DTaP Tdap Hib IPV PCV MMR VAR



*Please sign and
return the
attached waiver*

MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP Wednesday, September 7 to Friday, September 9

The Middle School year begins with one day of classes followed by an outdoor education trip for Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Graders. The three grades will be camping together at Lincoln Gulch Campground on Independence Pass and participating in a variety of activities with their classmates, including rock climbing, camp skills, orienteering, rope activities and an outdoor community service project.

This trip, along with the entire Outdoor Education curriculum, emphasizes the importance and value of good character. Students engage in meaningful discussion and activities about character, respect, responsibility and community: traits they bring back from the trip to enrich their lives at school and at home. As well as the technical skills they learn during daytime activities, the Middle School students will explore issues of communication, self-esteem and conflict resolution in nightly “rap sessions” around the campfire. We end the trip with a community service project, planting trees with the Independence Pass Foundation.

The cost of the trip will be \$140 per student, which will be billed to student accounts. Students must bring their own lunches for the three days. These lunches should be nutritious, non-refrigerated items. There will be no way to keep these lunches cool, and all lunches should be packed in one small stuff sack to be stored away from sleeping areas at night. All the equipment and clothing listed on the attached list should be packed in one backpack or duffel (no rolling suitcases.)

Outdoor Education is an integral part of our school curriculum, and all students are expected to participate. There is no provision for a child to remain on campus while the class is away. Starting in Middle School, each trip is graded on a pass/fail basis, and failure to participate will be reflected on a student’s report card and transcript. Program Director Bill Huffman leads this trip along with school administrators and Middle School teachers. If you have any questions, please phone the school anytime at 925-1909, ext. 204.

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Wednesday, September 7

8:15 am	Students arrive at school
8:30 am	Depart for Independence Pass
9-11 am	Set up camp, Lincoln Gulch Campground
11-11:45 am	Instruction
11:45 am-12:30 pm	Lunch
1-5 pm	Group activities
7-9 pm	“Rap session”
10 pm	Curfew

Thursday, September 8

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am-12:30 pm	Group activities
1-1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30-5:30 pm	Group activities
6:30-7:30 pm	Dinner
7:30-9 pm	“Rap session”
10 pm	Curfew

Friday, September 9

8 am	Breakfast
9 am	Break camp
10:30 am-2:15 pm	Community service: tree planting
3 pm	Arrive back at school

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP
SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH GRADES
LINCOLN GULCH
PACKING LIST**

Personal Equipment

- Hiking boots
- Climbing shoes or tennis shoes
- Sleeping bag with pad and waterproof stuff sack (should be placed in a heavy-duty, 3 ml. trash bag)
- 1 lightweight day pack
- 1 **wide-mouth** plastic water bottle (1 qt.)
- sunscreen
- chapstick
- toothbrush with small toothpaste
- small towel
- lightweight flashlight
- camera (optional)
- climbing helmet or skateboarding helmet if available
- comb or brush
- sunglasses
- plastic cup, bowl, spoon & fork

Personal clothing

- 1 wool (50%) or polypro long-sleeve undershirt
- 1 cotton turtleneck or t shirt
- 1 hiking shorts
- 1 heavy-duty 3 ml. trash bag to keep clothes dry
- 1 pair of pants
- 2 underwear
- 1 handkerchief
- 1 heavy wool jacket or ski jacket
- 1 visor, crushable hat or baseball cap
- 1 pr. lightweight gloves
- 1 wool hat
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 rain suit (or poncho and rain pants)
- 2 heavy wool rag socks
- 1 heavy wool sweater or shirt
- 1 long underwear

Lunches

- for three days, non-refrigerated, lightweight, in a stuff sack (see letter)

Everything should be packed in one backpack or duffel (no rolling suitcases, please)

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

HIKING RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Hiking and Related Activities.

I, _____ do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with
(Please Print Parent's Full Name)

hiking, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and traveling to and from activity sites of which I am about to engage in.

Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for permanent disability and death.
2. Falling, causing broken bones severe injuries to the head, neck and back which may result in severe impairment or even death.
3. An "act of nature," including but not limited to avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, severe and/or varied wind, temperature and other weather conditions.
4. Risks associated with crossing, climbing or down-climbing of rock, snow and/or ice.
5. Risks associated with river crossings, fordings, or portaging.
6. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction of my own or others' equipment which may have been rented, borrowed, or personally owned.
7. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including employees, agents, independent contractors or representatives of Aspen Country Day School, including but not limited to operator failure.
8. Cold weather and heat related injuries and illness including but not limited to frostnip, frost bite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia and dehydration.
9. Attack by or encounter with insects, reptiles, and/or animals.
10. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
11. Fatigue chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
12. My sense of balance, physical coordination, and ability to follow instructions.

***I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.**

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in Hiking and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge and appreciate that:

1. **I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH**, or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE**, the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees:
Aspen Country Day School
2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers, and vessels from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

This is to certify that I, as Parent, Guardian, Temporary Guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin.

Signature of Parent or adult legal Guardian if Participant
is a Minor, and by their signature, they on my behalf
release all claims that both they and I have

Name of Parent or adult legal Guardian (Please Print)

Date

Minor's Full Name

Behavioral Contract for Washington, D.C. trip

These are the rules, guidelines, code of conduct, expectations, and consequences for all students who attend the ACDS Eighth Grade trip to Washington, D.C. You will represent ACDS and will be held to a high standard of behavior – even higher than at school since we will be in public. Your signature below, and your participation in the trip, indicate your agreement to abide by this contract.

General Behavior

1. Be respectful to all classmates. Putdowns, tricks, exclusion/ignoring, inappropriate language, personal commentary, etc. will not be tolerated.
2. Be respectful to all officials, guides, drivers, wait staff, chaperones, teachers, etc. Always use “please” and “thank you.”
3. Be respectful of personal space and property. Be aware of your body in relation to others. Leave other people’s belongings alone unless you have permission from a teacher or the owner.
4. You are expected act appropriately in different situations. In other words, your behavior should reflect the setting. For example, you will behave differently while in the Holocaust Museum than you will during free time in a park.
5. Always be aware of how you can make situations go more smoothly. For example, be aware of subway stops, wait patiently, be on time, etc.
6. All policies in the ACDS Family Handbook will be enforced. This includes the school’s technology policies, and the alcohol, tobacco, drug, and weapons policy as it relates to an ACDS off-campus activity.

Hotel

1. Boys will stay out of the girls’ room at all times, and girls will stay out of boys’ room at all times.
2. **Respect the peace and quiet of hotel guests.** While in your room keep the volume of speaking and television to an acceptable level. Walk calmly and quietly in hotel common areas including hallways, restaurants, lobbies, etc. Elevator use is limited to what it absolutely necessary. Abuse of the elevator will not be tolerated.
3. Use of room phone is prohibited except to call a teacher.
4. No room service. No TV pay per view. No charges to your hotel room bill.
5. Remain in your rooms after lights out. Following lights out you will keep your lights off and remain silent so that your roommates can sleep, whether anyone wants to sleep or not.
6. Respect all hotel and personal property. Use toilets, sinks, showers, etc. for their designated purpose.
7. Clean up after yourself. For example, if you spill water on the bathroom floor, use a towel to mop it up. You will be responsible for always keeping your room clean.
8. Any damage to the room, whether accidental or on purpose, will be paid for by the family of the responsible person(s). If responsibility cannot be determined, **all** residents of the room will share the cost. Further action will be taken by the school for any incident of vandalism.

Sightseeing, etc

1. Listen closely to all directions. You are responsible for understanding all directions given. Ask a teacher or trustworthy classmate if you are at all unclear about a set of directions.
2. You will be “paired up” with a buddy. You will be responsible for staying with your buddy at all times.
3. Stay with the group at all times unless you have permission from a teacher.
4. **Be on time!!!** Never keep the rest of the group waiting for you.
5. Dress appropriately and be prepared for rapidly changing weather.

Cell phones and technology

1. ACDS assumes no responsibility for the loss or theft of any personal items, including electronics. We recommend that any valuables be left at home in Colorado.
2. Electronic devices will remain in the hotel room at **all** times. Electronic devices will be confiscated if seen outside your hotel room. At any time, chaperones reserve the right to confiscate any device they deem to be a distraction or disruption.
3. Use of cell phones, IM and/or texting will be limited to one or two hours per night when students may use phones to call home or to contact friends. All cell phones and messaging devices will be kept in the possession of the chaperones at all other times. Chaperones will each have a phone for use in an emergency.

Consequences

The teachers are responsible for your safety and the safety of the group. The consequence for failing to adhere to the rules and expectations for the trip will be at the discretion of the teachers and may include any of the following:

- Assignment to a chaperone
- Written apology
- Phone call to parents
- Extra responsibilities and/or assignments
- Return to Aspen on the first available flight – parents will be charged for the cost of the ticket
- Additional consequences will be determined when we return to ACDS and may include suspension and/or expulsion.

I agree to follow all of rules, guidelines, and expectations stated above. I accept full responsibility for knowing and supporting these rules. I know and understand the consequences for violating these rules. They will be applied to me if I choose to not follow the rules.

Furthermore, I will encourage my classmates to behave in an appropriate manner at all times.

Student: _____ **Date:** _____

I have reviewed these rules with my child and fully accept them and the consequences if my child does not, for any reason, adhere to them.

Parent: _____ **Date:** _____



Aspen Country Day School

2011-2012 Calendar

School hours 8:10 am - 3:05 pm

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SEPTEMBER					1	2	3
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Sept 6	First day of school
Sept 6 & 7	1/2 day for both PreK classes & K, pickup at 11:30
Sept 7, 8, 9	Outdoor Ed for Middle School (Sixth, Seventh, Eighth Grades)
Sept 14	Parent Night 5-7 pm
Sept 15 & 16	Second Grade Outdoor Ed trip to Blue Mountain
Sept 22 & 23	Third Grade Outdoor Ed trip, Independence Pass
Sept 24-29	Eighth Grade Washington DC Trip
Sept 29-30	Kindergarten Outdoor Ed trip, Lindley Hut
Oct 4	Blue Green Games (afternoon)
Oct 5 & 6	First Grade Outdoor Ed: Chapman Lake
Oct 7	Fall break, no school
Oct 12-14	Fifth Grade Outdoor Ed: mountain bike Fruita
Oct 19-21	Fourth Grade Outdoor Ed: mountain bike Fruita
Oct 31	Halloween parade
Nov 1	Parent - Teacher Conferences 8 am- 4 pm, no classes
Nov 6	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov 23, 24, 25	Thanksgiving Holiday - school closed
Dec 16	Holiday Sing - Hotel Jerome/dismissal after the concert
Dec 17-Jan 1	Winter Break - no school
Jan 2	Classes resume
Jan 11	Blue / Green Winter Games
January 16	MLK Day, school in session
Jan 20, 27	Ski Days, Sixth-Eighth Grade, afternoons
Jan 24-27	Seventh Grade Outdoor Ed, Froelicher hut
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	Ski Days, Sixth - Eighth Grade, afternoons
Feb 8, 15, 22, 29	Ski Days, Kindergarten & First Grades, afternoons
Feb 9, 16, 23	Ski Days, Second - Fourth Grades, afternoons
Feb 10, 17, 24	Ski Days, Fifth Grade
February 20	President's Day, no school
Feb 15-17	Fourth Grade Outdoor Ed, Shrine Mtn/Jay's Cabin
Mar 1, 8	Ski Days, Second - Fourth Grades, afternoons
Mar 2, 9	Ski Days, Fifth - Eighth Grade, afternoons
Mar 7-9	Fifth Grade Outdoor Ed, Vance's Cabin
Mar 11	Daylight Savings Time starts
Mar 12	Parent - Teacher Conferences 8 am - 4 pm, no classes
March 16	All-School Ski Afternoon
March 19-30	Spring Break - no school
April 2	Classes resume
April 4-6	Third Grade Outdoor Ed Trip: Moab
April 11-13	Second Grade Outdoor Ed Trip: Arches
April 18-20	First Grade Outdoor Ed Trip: Arches
April 23-27	Play week
April 27 & 28	All-School Play, Wheeler Opera House
April 30-May 4	Sixth Grade Outdoor Ed Trip: Western Colorado
May 9	Blue Green Games
May 10 & 11	Kindergarten Outdoor Ed/Colorado Natl Monument
May 7-14	Move-Up Coffees for parents
May 16-23	Eighth Outdoor Ed trip to Green River
May 24	Activities Day (Regatta, slide show, cookout)
May 25	Graduation - 9: 30 am, last day for students
May 29-31	Teacher meetings & campus move-out

Ski Days PreK
Wednesday mornings
mid-winter
dates TBD
Ski Days K & First
Feb 8
Feb 15
Feb 22
Feb 29
Mar 16 All
Ski Days Second-Fourth
Feb 9
Feb 16
Feb 23
Mar 1
Mar 8
Mar 16 All
Ski Days Fifth
Feb 10
Feb 17
Feb 24
Mar 2
Mar 9
Mar 16 All
Ski Days Sixth-Eighth
Jan 20
Jan 27
Feb 3
Feb 10
Feb 17
Feb 24
Mar 2
Mar 9
Mar 16 All

NOTE: Shaded dates are days school is in session.
Subject to change. Updates at www.aspencountryday.org

This calendar updated: 6/14/2011



From the business office

Summer 2011

Dear Parents:

We hope you are enjoying the summer and your children are ensconced in productive and leisurely pursuits. As you know, Aspen Country Day School is a private, not-for-profit educational institution and depends on timely and prompt payment of tuition and expenses.

1. A reminder to all parents that tuition was due July 1. Please contact me if you wish to discuss a payment plan.
2. All charges are due and payable on receipt. If an amount owed to the school becomes delinquent beyond thirty (30) days from the due date, a simple interest rate of 1.0% per month on the unpaid balance will be added to the account. Balances delinquent beyond sixty (60) days constitute sufficient reason to not allow the student to attend classes until the account is paid or financial arrangements are made with the Business Office.
3. Charges for additional services such as books, bus, outdoor education, student field trips, etc., will be billed as costs are incurred and are due payable upon receipt of the statement. Any balances that become thirty days past due are subject to a 1% monthly finance charge. Please review the outline below.
4. The business office is willing to charge all monthly statements to a credit card on file. At the end of each month, the card is charged for the amount due and a receipt is emailed to you. To set up this arrangement, complete the form that will arrive with your first monthly statement in October, or contact the business office at your convenience.

Estimated additional school expenses

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade

Textbooks & supplies: \$120-200
Outdoor Education: \$50-150 / trip (x2)
Ski Days program: \$35 activity fee
All-School Play: \$30 production fee
Third Grade, Leadville overnight: \$85-95

Sixth-Eighth Grade

Textbooks & supplies: \$250-350
Outdoor Education: \$150-350 / trip (x2)
Ski Days program: \$35 activity fee
All-School Play: \$30 production fee
Netbook usage fee: \$125
Eighth Grade week-long fall trip to Washington, DC: \$1,100-\$1,200

Lunch

complete Middle School hot lunch \$6.50, Lower School \$5.50
More detail and "a la carte" price list are at aspencountryday.org/lunch

Transportation

All bus routes are \$150 per month, or \$75 per month to ride one-way daily.
Children may also choose to ride any school bus on an occasional basis at \$5 per ride.

I hope this information is helpful as you plan for the school year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Hicks, Business Manager
970-925-1909 x 201



bus signup for fall 2011

Country Day operates three bus routes for the convenience of children and parents. Students also ride school buses on field trips and excursions, and for Outdoor Education trips. The daily schedule and list of bus stops is set each year. Please help us plan by signing up here for bus service. Seats are limited, especially on the downvalley bus, so sign up soon!

who is riding? (names, grades) _____

what route?

- Aspen in-town (east to west)
- Cemetery Lane/Aspen Highlands
- downvalley (Carbondale & points between, including Brush Creek intercept lot & ABC)

what days?

circle: daily M T W Th F

times?

circle: both ways mornings only afternoons only

for Aspen in-town or Cemetery/Highlands, provide your address _____

for the downvalley bus route, please check the bus stop you prefer

- Carbondale (Sopris Shopping Center)
- Catherine Store
- El Jebel Center (at Short Stop)
- Willits (at Smokes)
- Basalt (am stop is at Cody Lane Park & Ride; pm stop is at 7-Eleven)
- Old Snowmass (RFTA Park & Ride)
- Brush Creek (intercept lot, Snowmass Village riders meet the bus here)
- Airport Business Center

All bus routes are \$150 per month, or \$75 per month to ride one-way daily. There is a discount for siblings. Children may also choose to ride any school bus on an occasional basis at \$5 per ride. Charges are billed home on monthly statements. Bus service, if required, is included in PreKindergarten tuition. Students must be three years old and potty-trained to ride any of the regular bus routes.

Notes for bus riders and parents

- **If you have a change in your child's schedule during the day, notify the office by 2:30 to give us time to notify the child and bus driver.** DO NOT leave a message on the voicemail; press 203 to reach office manager Caterina Gibson and make sure you speak with a live person to take a message for the bus driver.
- The AM times on the schedule are the time the bus will leave the bus stop. Please be at the bus stop a few minutes prior to that time. Be on time to pick up your child at the bus stop in the afternoon. Other children are waiting to get home and we cannot leave small children at a stop without adult supervision.
- PreK, Kindergarten and First Grade students on bus routes should have a luggage tag attached to their backpacks with their name, home address (physical) and home phone and/or cell number.

Questions? Call 925-1909 x 203

RETURN ASAP!

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