

York Middle School Permission Slip

October 4, 2022



Dear Parents,

The Jaguar Team is excited to share some upcoming trips and presentations with you. We are in the middle of our hiking project and students are ready to hit the trails and refine their knowledge of hiking gear.

On Oct. 6, I will be bringing in “**Rico the Hiking Cat**” to visit as I share my hiking gear with students. Rico hiked the first 1,000 miles of the A.T. with my son, Michael, back in 2019. Let me know if this is a problem with any allergies. Last month, students watched a TV program about his adventures on [Windows to the Wild](#), a NHPBS production.

On Oct. 13, the **educational outreach program of Kittery Trading Post** will be visiting YMS to share examples of hiking equipment, clothing, and backpacking foods. This will support our research project of having students plan a 5 day backpacking trip on the A.T. They will be researching and compiling a list of necessary items needed to survive in the wilderness.

On Oct. 18 (rain date Oct. 19), the Jaguar team will venture out to Farmington, NH to **hike up the two summits of Blue Job Mountain** (*elevation 1,356’) in Blue Job Mountain State Forest. The first summit has a staffed fire tower. It will be open for tours this day. I could see Mt. Washington and even the Isles of Shoals with binoculars a few weeks ago when I was there. A forest ranger will give a brief talk of his duties and equipment inside the “cab”, what the small room atop the tower is called. On the second summit, we will break for lunch and listen to a short presentation about wildfires from a second forest ranger. We will also be hosting several demonstration stations atop the summits:

properly packing a backpack, cooking on a small propane stove, Leave No Trace, etc. **Students will need a bagged lunch, water bottle, good hiking sneakers or boots, warm clothes in layers, and a backpack (empty all school supplies out for this day).**

Thank you, Tony Beaumier



_____ Yes, my child will be attending the Mt. Blue Job hike on Tues., Oct. 18 (19th rain date)

_____ No, my child will not be attending the Mt. Blue Job hike on Tues., Oct. 18 (19th rain date).

PLEASE let us know if your child will be attending school that day.

_____ student’s name

_____ parent signature