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Dear Parents,

We look forward to your child's upcoming trip with Noah's Ark and welcome you as an important part in his or her trip! Our experience tells us that parents often have questions when their kids sign up for adventure activities, and we wanted to take a moment to inform you about your child's trip with Noah's Ark.

Since 1983, Noah's Ark has provided adventure experiences for thousands of high school and junior high students. Over the years, our commitments to professionalism and service, with an emphasis on relationships, have made us distinctive. We are confident that your son or daughter will be challenged and impacted by his or her time with Noah's Ark.

Our professional guides form the backbone of our program. Each trip leader has an Advanced Wilderness First Aid certification or equivalent and has completed our extensive training program that meets or exceeds all state requirements for professional guiding in whitewater rafting, backpacking, and rock climbing. Coming from across the country with a heart to serve, challenge, and encourage students, our guides look forward to working with and leading your child.

We want you as a parent to understand the activities in which your son or daughter may participate. Your child should have (or will receive) the following information:

1. General Trip Information
2. Personal Equipment Information/Equipment List
3. Release of Liability Form (online)
4. Health History/Consent Form (online)

We encourage you and your child to read through these forms together. They provide detailed information about the risks and nature of the activities in which your child will participate. In addition, they contain specific information about how to prepare for the activities at Noah's Ark, including what to bring on the trip.

Due to the wilderness setting of backpacking and hiking, it is important that those students who participate in these activities be physically capable of having a successful experience. Accidents can occur, and help can be anywhere from several hours to over 24 hours away. For this reason, please take time to complete the Health History/Consent Questions accurately and honestly. If you have questions about your child's physical capability, for any reason, we strongly suggest you consult a physician.

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you for allowing your child to participate in an adventure at Noah's Ark. If you have any questions regarding your child's trip, please do not hesitate to call. Also, we invite you to visit Noah's Ark if you ever have the chance or are in the area. We look forward to meeting, serving, and challenging your child.

Sincerely,

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