



Friday, November 6, 2009

Dear Parent(s) / Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

This year, the Grade 9 students will be taking part in a three-day excursion to Big Cove YMCA Camp in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

The objectives of this trip are:

1. to provide the students an opportunity to promote cooperation and focus on building a strong group dynamic
2. to provide the students with a unique outdoor experience through activities that promote problem solving, cooperation, trust and team work
3. to provide an opportunity for the students to celebrate the end of their junior high career

The trip will take place from Monday, May 10th to Wednesday, May 12th, 2010. We will have a parent information session on Thursday, January 14th at 6:30 in the cafeteria. During the meeting we will have available a schedule of the trip, a list of student responsibilities, permission and medical forms and a packing list. Please bring your child's health card.

Since we need to know the anticipated number of students (we are able to take 80 students), we would like to start the process of collecting money in order to guarantee our spot at Big Cove and with the bus company. The projected cost for the trip will be \$180.00. There is a slight increase in the cost due to Big Cove and the bus company increasing their costs. However, this cost includes transportation by bus to and from camp, lodging at Big Cove (cabins), food (6 meals), all day activities, entertainment, etc. This trip has proven to be very beneficial and enjoyable for the grade 9 students of LT and we hope that your son/daughter will be able to participate.

Three payments will be required. The first payment of \$60 is due on Friday, November 13th or 20th whichever is convenient for you, to hold a spot. The second payment of \$60 along with the signed permission slip and medical forms will be due Friday, February 19, 2009 and third and final payment of \$60 will be due on Friday, April 9, 2010. Should there be any change in the cost of the trip due to student involvement or outside companies, you will be notified by Monday, March 8, 2010.

Permission slips, medical forms and payments are to be given directly to Ms. Chisholm in the office. All cheques are to be made payable to: *Leslie Thomas Junior High School*. In the case of cancellation, all funds minus the down payment costs of the bus and camp will be refunded to students.

Thank you for your cooperation and your support of this initiative.
Sincerely,

Big Cove Committee