

## 2017 Important Manito-wish Information

Dear Upper School Parents,

I write to you to provide pertinent information related to this year's Manito-wish trip that departs on **Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

- For the trip to Manito-wish, students are not allowed to board the bus with any open water bottles or beverage containers. This includes soda bottles/cans, coffee mugs, sports drinks, or water bottles.
- Unopened canned soda or bottled water may be included in a student's lunch to be consumed during our lunch stop. **Provide a bag lunch for Tuesday (to Manito-wish).**
- Nalgene water bottles like the Prairie School bottle the students received are allowed, but they must be empty and packed in the student's luggage that we will stow under the bus. Nalgene-type bottles containing liquid are not allowed in carry-on bags on the bus.
- Faculty members may inspect luggage and carry-on bags either before or upon arrival at Manito-wish. Similar to current airline practices, students must place all toiletries (no more than 3 oz.) in Ziploc bags for easy inspection. Containers larger than 3 oz. may be collected.
- Before our departure from campus, all students should hydrate appropriately. After about two-and-a-half hours into our trip, we will stop for lunch (to Manito-wish). This half-way stop will provide ample opportunities for students to quench their thirst. For any student with special health needs, we will have bottles of water available on the buses.
- Proper Physical Education attire is appropriate for the Manito-wish experience along with any specified items for a given trip. See the Manito-wish Packing List.
- Upon our arrival at Manito-wish, students will be required to turn in all phones and electronic devices; these items will be returned to them some time after we leave camp on Friday afternoon, August 25. **Students should NOT bring their iPad.** Students who wish to take pictures must bring a camera separate from their phone or other electronic devices; we recommend disposable cameras.
- **This year, we will NOT stop for a meal on the return trip to Racine. Manito-wish will provide us a snack to enjoy during our return. Without the need to stop for dinner, we should arrive home a little sooner than we have in the past. I know our athletes will certainly appreciate an earlier arrival, and you may want to have something substantive for your child to eat upon his or her immediate return.**



On **Tuesday, August 22** we require students to arrive between **7:45-8:00 a.m.** so we can leave from the parking area of the **Johnson Athletic Center at 8:30 a.m.** promptly. We will return **Friday, August 25 at approximately 8:00-8:30 p.m.** Please be courteous and on time for pick-up on Friday so that faculty chaperones do not have to wait with students.

If you have not initialed the Manito-wish waiver in your PowerSchool account, please do so.

Overnight Field Trip Medications:

- All medication taken on overnight trips must be entered into the Powerschool Health page
- For all prescriptions a Prescription Medication Form bearing parent/guardian and physician signatures must be on file in the Health Office. ([download here](#))
- All medication must be in the Health Office three days prior to departure.
- All medication must be in the original container bearing the student's name.
- Students may not carry medication without approval of the Health Office prior to departure.

Many thanks for your cooperation. We continue to take all reasonable steps to ensure that our trips are safe and enjoyable. With so many energetic kids, the faculty and I look forward to a great week at Manito-wish and the promising year ahead of us!

**Finally - the first day for Upper School classes will be Tuesday, August 29. Monday, August 28 is a professional day for faculty work without students.**

Everett McKinney

Head of Upper School