

Itasca School District 10 Outdoor Education 2017 Fundraiser

In an effort to help lower the cost of this year's 4th grade students to go to the Outdoor Education Program at the Loredo Taft Field Campus in September of 2017 when they are in 5th grade the Parents for Outdoor Education commenced fundraising efforts. The cost for the program is approximately \$30,000. The district asks us to raise approximately one-third of the cost and pay an additional participation fee. In the past, this fee has been between \$80-120 per student and is due at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. However, the fee last year was \$50.00 per child and the district is committed to keeping it in that range if we can raise about \$10,000.

The Outdoor Education Program provides a great educational opportunity for District 10 children and has done so for many years. The Loredo Taft Field Campus is located just outside the city of Oregon, Illinois and is owned and operated by Northern Illinois University. The students spend 3 days and 2 nights at camp. According to camp literature, "Taft's Outdoor Education Program teaches an appreciation, understanding, and awareness of the natural community by studying and interacting with the natural world. Underlying a visit to Taft is the belief that learning is not only restricted to the classroom but also accomplished in the world around us. Through the combination of related, multidisciplinary activities and an interaction with the natural world, we hope that students will not only acquire new knowledge, but will also come to appreciate this philosophy." Because of these benefits and their contributions to developing well-rounded students, the Parents for Outdoor Education need your help to ensure that our children experience Outdoor Education next fall.

To raise money this year, we offer magnets with the logos of each of Itasca School District 10's schools. These magnets show your support and pride in District 10's schools when placed on vehicles, grandparents' vehicles, refrigerators, lockers or any other magnetic surface. The cost is \$7. All proceeds raised go directly to the Outdoor Education Program fund. These will not be available again for a few years, so please plan ahead.

Please return this order form with cash or check payable to Itasca School District 10 by 10/12/16.

Name of Student _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Number of **Peacock** Magnets _____ Number of **Franzen** Magnets _____ Number of **Benson** Magnets _____

Total Number of Magnets _____ X \$7 = _____ Cash or Check Enclosed (please circle one)

Magnets will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Other fundraising efforts include:

_____ ICEE distribution at Benson, Franzen & Peacock

_____ Franzen Celebration of Learning Raffle in April (donate a filled basket or sell tickets)

_____ Sell 50/50 Raffle tickets at a school event (TBD)

** Please check any of the above that you may be able to volunteer for and provide your name and email address : _____

Please contact Eileen Ellenbecker at 630-773-1990 or eileen12@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Thank you for your support of the Outdoor Education Program.

The Parents for Outdoor Education Committee: Eileen Ellenbecker, Paola Adamo, Kathy Springer, Jen Keefe & Maria Adamo