



August 2019

Dear Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents,

Here we go again! We are pleased and excited to announce our annual trip to Greenkill Environmental Center in Huguenot, New York. The seventh and eighth grade students will have the opportunity to attend Greenkill this year from Monday, September 23 through Wednesday, September 25.

In addition to experiencing the outdoors and learning about the environment, students will improve their teamwork skills through group project adventure games and high team elements, which will help them to develop higher self-confidence and a better sense of trust among classmates and teachers. Students new to the Upper School will find this a great opportunity to develop friendships and get to know their teachers outside the classroom. If the past is any indication, this is a trip that is most enjoyable and frequently talked about years after the event. In addition to the Greenkill staff, Harbor faculty will be with the students at all times.

Health information for Greenkill and an optional packing list are on the website. Harbor also requires that a current physical (not older than one year) be on file in our nurse's office at the time of the trip.

Students can arrive at school at regular school day hours on Monday, September 23. Our bus will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. We plan on arriving at Greenkill around 11:00 a.m. Harbor will be called upon our arrival and an eBlast will go out to parents notifying them as well.

All medications must be given to Mrs. Decker prior to departure. Please have all medications and directions in a zip-lock or clear plastic bag with your child's name in permanent marker on the bag.

Please encourage books, cards, and quiet travel games. The students will make a phone call home at approximately 5:00 pm the first evening. All cell phones will be kept in the cabin during our activities, so please don't try to contact your son or daughter.

The bus will return to Harbor at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Harbor will be called when we are clear of the Throgs Neck Bridge and an eBlast will go out to notify parents of the group's location.

Kindly return the permission slip and medical forms to school no later than Wednesday, September 5. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or visit the Greenkill website [www.ymcanyc.org/camps/pages/retreats](http://www.ymcanyc.org/camps/pages/retreats). We are looking forward to yet another great trip!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Debbie Decker  
Dean of Students and Director of Athletics  
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Please scroll down for permission slip

## Greenkill Permission Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission to my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to take part in  
(Parent or Guardian's name)

a 3 day/2 night field trip to Greenkill. The dates for this trip are Monday, September 23 to Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medication or specific drugs for any medical conditions. (All medications for any student should be given to the chaperones for safe keeping)

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