



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to *A Mountain Classroom*, the Appalachian Mountain Club's education program. We will be coming to your child's school for a day program. We have been in operation since 1990, and currently serve nearly three thousand students per year with our hands-on, environmental education curriculum. Our programs are based out of AMC facilities throughout the White Mountains and in local communities. All are in spectacular locations that provide plentiful opportunities to explore the natural world and experience the challenges of hiking.

Our experienced instructors lead hikes, lessons, and activities designed to engage students in the natural world, increase environmental literacy, and facilitate personal growth and foster a sense of community. Your child's teacher will choose curriculum themes to compliment what students are learning in the classroom; these can include watershed studies, forest ecology, geology, climate and meteorology, and map and compass. Instructors are certified in first aid and trained to manage their groups in wilderness situations.

Your child will be outside during the program. The weather can be very unpredictable and sometimes winter conditions occur in the spring and fall. Our lessons are geared to the outdoors regardless of the weather. We have included an equipment list of required items for your child to bring. Many can be borrowed from friends or family members. Hiking shoes may well be the most important item on the clothing list. Students will be walking on uneven and potentially wet or snowy trails. Your child's teacher can also help explain the program details if you are unsure of what to expect.

We look forward to making your child's program an exciting and memorable learning experience!

Sincerely,

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