

Givins/Shaw
Junior Public School
Toronto District School Board



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Toronto, Ontario
416 393-1240
www.givinsshaw.com

September 8, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This year, as part of the regular academic program, your son/daughter will have the opportunity to participate in a Toronto District School Board Outdoor Education Overnight Program. The Ministry of Education has stated that students "should develop awareness of the natural environment and how it affects them, and in turn is affected by human activities." The Toronto District School Board has stated that each student "will have a growing understanding and appreciation of the world in which she/he lives."

The program for your child's class will be conducted at the Toronto Island Natural Science School from Wednesday, September 27 to Friday, September 29, 2017. Activities are planned which develop knowledge and skills in academic areas such as social studies, science, language arts, mathematics, as well as expanding the sphere of the physical and health education and arts programs. The cost of your child's trip is \$75.00. Please make your cheque payable to Givins/Shaw Junior Public School.

The social aspect of the program is also highly valuable. Students will be living and working with their classmates and will have an opportunity to develop co-operation and teamwork skills through group activities and other responsibilities, such as dining room set-up and clean-up.

The confidential Parent/Guardian Permission for Excursion Form, Medical Information for Overnight Excursions Form, Bicycling Permission Form (seasonal) and Agreement to Participate Form must be filled out, and sent back to the home school as soon as possible. Furthermore, if your child has asthma or environmental allergies and requires medication such as an epi-pen or puffer, he or she must bring the medication on the trip. Our number one priority is your child's health and safety.

For the first day only of the trip, Wednesday, your child is to bring a litterless, allergen-safe lunch (including but not limited to no nuts). All other meals and snacks will be provided. It is important to indicate on the 511E (Medical Information Form for Overnight Excursions) all dietary requirements such as allergies, vegetarian, kosher, halal, and lactose intolerance so that we may provide appropriate food for your child.

We are confident that your child will find her/his visit to the Toronto Island Natural Science School and enriching and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

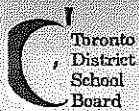
Dan Taylor, Principal

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Parent Information Session for
Givins/Shaw's Excursion to the
Island Natural Science School
Thursday, September 14
3:45 – 4:15 p.m. in Room 13



Parent/Guardian Permission for Excursion

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The collection and retention of the information requested on this form is authorized and governed by the Ontario *Education Act* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

School: Givins/Shaw Junior Public School _____ Telephone: (416) 393-1240 _____

Teacher(s): Daniel Salerno _____ Grade/Class: 5 & 6 _____

Student: _____ Date of Excursion: Sept. 27/2017
to Sept. 29/2017

Nature of Activity: : Outdoor/Natural Science Education

Destination: **Island Public/Natural Science School**

To Parents and Guardian:

The purpose of this form is to inform you about the excursion and to seek your support and permission for your child/ward to participate. This information may be shared as necessary with adults supervising the excursion.

This is an important document. Please ensure that someone is able to translate and explain this document to you.

Purpose of the excursion: To attend an overnight outdoor education program at the Island School and participate in a wide variety of curriculum linked educational experiences.

Itinerary

Program/itinerary: Outdoor Education programming and exploration of the surrounding Toronto Islands.

Departure from School: Date Wednesday Sept. 27/2017 Time 10:00 AM

Return to School: Date Friday Sept. 29/2017 Time 3:00 PM

In exceptional circumstances, dates and times may change. Every effort will be made to communicate these changes to you ahead of time.

Method of Travel

TDSB bus _____ Public transit _____ Commercial vehicle (ferries) _____
 Private vehicle(adult driver)* _____ Private vehicle(Student driver)* _____

*Approval of the principal is required for all volunteer drivers. The school will make every effort to ensure that parent/guardian consent is obtained for each excursion for students to travel in private vehicles.

Requirements for Participants

Food/snacks: Bring a bagged Lunch for Wednesday only. Money: N/A _____

Notebook: N/A _____ Clothing and equipment: See information sheets with this form. Other: See information sheet with this form.

As part of the excursion, students will be participating in the following high-care activities. These activities involve increased risk or special safety considerations, or require special qualifications or certification for supervision. Appropriate supervision will be provided. Bicycling and Lighthouse stair climbing.

Accommodation (required) Separate boys and girls dormitories with bunk beds.

Phone # 416-393-1910

Financial Arrangements

Total cost per student: \$75.00 _____ Deposit required: \$N/A _____ Payable to: Givins/Shaw Junior P.S. _____

Excursion Staff

Teacher: Daniel Salerno _____ School contact during the excursion: Suzi Keko-Aranilla _____

Staff Supervisors: Melanie Brennan, Debbie Stuckton, Mary Jane Miller, Trevor Lightbody

Volunteer Supervisors (if known): _____

Teacher Daniel Salerno _____ Signature [Signature] Date Aug. 29/2017

Administrator Dan Taylor _____ Signature [Signature] Date Aug. 29/2017

Toronto Island Natural Science School
30 Centre Island Park
Toronto, ON M5J 2E9

Phone: 416-393-1910
Fax: 416-393-9346

Please sign in either the YES or the NO box and return this form to the teacher by: _____

YES
I/we give permission for my/our child/ward, _____, to participate in the excursion to the Island Public/Natural Science School on (date) _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Phone Number: _____
I/we give permission for my/our child/ward to be transported in a private vehicle (adult driver) _____, private vehicle (student driver) _____ who has been authorized by the principal.

Parent Signature _____

Is there any change in medical information or a medical reason why your child should not participate in the activity, or which may lead him/her to require special attention during the activity? _____

Should it become necessary for my/our child/ward to have medical care, I/we hereby give the teacher permission to use her/his best judgment in obtaining the best of such service for my/our child/ward. I/we understand that any cost will be my/our responsibility. I/we also understand that in the event of illness or accident, I/we will be notified as soon as possible.

Name of Parent/Guardian _____
(printed name of parent/guardian)

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Today's date: _____
(or student, if 18 years old or older)

For students 18 years old or older, it is strongly recommended that the parent/guardian also sign this form. Signature of Parent/Guardian _____
Today's date: _____
(or student, if 18 years old or older)

NO
I/we do not give permission for my/our child, _____, to participate in the excursion to The Island Public/Natural Science School on (date) _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____
(printed name of parent/guardian)

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Today's date: _____
(or student, if 18 years old or older)

LIGHTHOUSE

(You must give permission here, in order for your child to climb to the top of the lighthouse.)

My child has permission to go to the top of the lighthouse*. YES _____ NO _____

*The Gibraltar Point Lighthouse is owned and maintained by the City of Toronto, Parks and Recreation Department. It is an historic site and as such may not comply with current building codes. The Lighthouse contains a wooden stairway and ladder with worn treads and inconsistent rises. The stairs may pose a risk. Students are escorted to the top of the Lighthouse by two Island Natural Science School staff. Reasonable safety precautions are taken at all times while inside the Lighthouse.