Hickory Environmental Education Center is offering a 4 day/3 night residential camp for current Garrett County fifth grade students who will be transitioning to middle school next year. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about the middle school experience, meet future classmates and staff, and increase skills and self-confidence in a natural setting. Planned activities include: nature study and games, swimming, hiking, archery, campfires, planetarium time, talent show, sports, and kayaking. Students will also work on self-evaluation, friendship building, and teamwork. Cell phones will be allowed at designated times. Please keep all other electronics at home to increase the time spent with nature, friends, and positive role models.

The camp will be staffed by the current Hickory team, as well as other GCBOE employees serving as night and residential counselors. Local DNR, health professionals, and certified lifeguards will also be utilized. Campers will be transported to and from Hickory on the first and last day of camp. Please see the enclosed transportation schedule for designated bus stops. It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to provide transportation to and from the bus stop.

This packet includes bus stop locations and times, tentative daily schedule, and an equipment list. It also includes several forms that need returned to Hickory: boating release for New Germany State Park, Health/Insurance form and camp registration. These forms can be returned to fifth grade teachers or mailed directly to Hickory. Please include payment of $25, with checks payable to HEEC. Printable forms are available on our website. Call for more information.