

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On \_\_\_\_\_, our class will spend the day at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Reserve. The Ice Age Reserve is located seven miles east of New Auburn. This field trip supports our social studies curriculum. The day has been planned for our students in an effort to help them understand how our land was formed. We will leave school at 9:00 am and we will return to school at approximately 2:30 pm.

The landscape surrounding the Ice Age Reserve was formed approximately 18,000 years ago by a glacier called the Chippewa Lobe. Students will be able to (snowshoe/hike) across the glacial features they have learned about in their social studies classes.

Activities your child will participate in during the day include:

- Snowshoeing across a kettle lake or hiking the Mammoth Nature Trail
- Touring the interactive exhibits in the Ice Age Visitor Center
- Participating in fur trade and logging era outdoor activities
- Eating lunch outdoors

**How can parents help children prepare for the field trip?**

- Reinforce the importance of dressing for the weather, keeping in mind this is an outdoor day
- Know your child will need a packed lunch for their noon meal
- Encourage your child to read about the glaciation of Wisconsin

Thank you for your interest in our field trip and your willingness to help your child's field trip day be a memorable experience. To learn more about the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Reserve, you can check out the web site at: [www.iceagetrail.org](http://www.iceagetrail.org).

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**Please return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's classroom teacher.**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ and I have read and discussed the contents of the Ice Age Reserve field trip letter.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_ I would be available to chaperone, if called. I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_ I am unable to chaperone.

