



Indianola Informal K-8

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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Jared Laughbaum and I am the 7th and 8th grade science teacher at Indianola Informal K-8. I am working hard to create a great science program at Indianola and one way of doing that is through field studies. As a 7th grade student for this coming school, your son/daughter will have the chance to participate in a unique field studies trip at OSU's Stone Lab. Stone Lab is an actual freshwater field station and a site of research and work concerning Lake Erie. As a camp experience, Stone Lab offers students a science cruise on a research vessel, laboratory sessions conducted by a resident scientist, fish dissection, geology walk and talk, invertebrate collection walk and more scientific coursework. This is a great opportunity for adventure, fun, and science.

This coming school year, the Stone Lab experience will happen over the course of two days, one night: October 9th-10th. The cost per student is \$200. While funds are due a week in advance of camp, you do not have to pay all at one time and can certainly split up payments on your own as long as the whole balance is in by the deadline.

We will need extra adult supervision. Being an overnight camp, a BCI/FBI check is needed to be a chaperone. The BCI check is mandatory for all, but the FBI check is only necessary for those who haven't been a resident of Ohio for the last five years. These checks carry a fee and can both be done at a variety of locations throughout Columbus, including the CCS board office. They can take up to 30 days to complete, however, so if you are interested in becoming a chaperone, you may want to get those taken care of sooner than later. We do keep background checks for two years, so if you have gotten one in the past, you may want to check with us to see if it is still valid. Cost for being a chaperone is \$100.

I look forward to your child's participation in this fantastic field study experience. Please look for more detailed information to be coming home once school starts up again in August.

Sincerely,

Jared Laughbaum