

Frequently-Asked Questions (FAQs) for P5 Camp 2018

A) Top 5 FAQs

1. Can my child bring his/her handphone?

Students are strongly discouraged from bringing their handphones. If they do, the handphones will be kept in school for safekeeping. In the event that your child needs to call you, he/she can use the handphone provided by the school.

2. How can I contact my child in case of emergency?

An emergency contact number (24 hours during the duration of the camp) will be given to the students during the Camp Briefing on 16 May. You may also call the school's General Office at 63687705 (during office hours) to relay the message.

3. Why was MOE Dairy Farm OALC chosen as the campsite?

Nestled in the Bukit Timah Nature Reserves, MOE Dairy Farm OALC provides an opportunity for the students to be close to nature and experience the sights, sounds and smells of what nature has to offer. It has a whole array of low and high elements stations and the campsite is big enough to house all our P5 students.

4. Is MOE Dairy Farm OALC safe?

It is a MOE-run campsite and there is a 24-hour security around the entire premise. The amenities are kept hygienic and clean with regular maintenance.

5. Are parents allowed to visit their children at the campsite?

As far as possible, parents are advised not to visit the campsite, unless absolutely necessary. If you are coming, we do seek your understanding to observe from a distance and not to interfere with the activities.

Please do not bring extra food or other items for your child as this may indirectly cause a sense of homesickness among the other children.

B) Administrative Matters

1. Where and when is the camp?

The camp will be held at MOE Dairy Farm OALC from 25 to 27 June 2018.

2. Can my child not stay overnight for the camp?

All students are expected to stay at the campsite, unless he/she is unable to do so due to medical reasons or other unforeseen circumstances.

C) Logistics, Food and Packing List Matter

1. Does my child need to bring money?

All transport, meals and accommodation are provided for. Therefore, we do not encourage students to bring extra cash. However, students have to bring along their EZ-link cards. It will be used to take public transport in the event of bad weather during trekking.

2. Can my child wear home clothes?

Home clothes are allowed for day-to-day activities. However, students must report to school in their school PE attire on the first day of the camp, preferably in their long pants. The camp T-shirt will be given at the camp.

3. Is the food halal-certified? What about food for vegetarians?

All food served are halal-certified. We will take note of students who have requested for vegetarian food. There will not be any beef dishes.

4. Can my child wear slippers at the campsite?

Slippers are only allowed during showering and after lights-out. Shoes must be worn at all other times at the campsite.

5. Why are long pants compulsory?

Long pants (preferably track pants) are compulsory for activities such as rock-wall climbing, Zip line and Abseiling.

6. Why is a bandana compulsory?

A bandana must be worn whenever the student needs to put on a safety helmet for the high element activities for hygiene purpose.

7. Where will my child be sleeping? How is the sleeping arrangement like?

All students will be sleeping in dormitories. The boys and girls will be separated.

D) Safety Matters

1. What is the instructor/staff to student ratio?

There will be 1 instructor and 1 staff to every 20 students.

2. Will there be any water activity?

No. We do not have any water activities.

E) Other Matters

1. Is there a campfire? Are parents invited?

As the campsite is situated in the Bukit Timah Reserves, we are not allowed to have open fires. There will only be mini campfires. As such, we apologise for not being able to host any parents.

2. What happens if my child needs to excuse himself/herself for a while due to a clash with a major activity e.g. piano exam?

You can make a request to fetch your child from the campsite and send him back to the campsite. Please note that we will not allow a child to leave the campsite without an adult accompanying.

3. Is there a prayer room (for Muslims) at the campsite?

The school will request separate rooms for the Muslim boys and girls who wish to perform their prayers.

4. Can my child go off from the campsite instead of going off from school after break camp?

A request can be made to the teacher to allow for the child to go off from the Campsite. However, he/she must be accompanied by an adult.

5. Can I withdraw my child from the camp at any point in time?

All students are strongly encouraged to stay through the duration of the camp so as to experience the whole camping experience.

6. Where can I find the relevant information with regards to the camp?

You can find all the relevant information at <http://www.evergreenpri.moe.edu.sg/> in due course.

7. What can my child take away from the camp experience?

Besides acquiring important life-skills such as better self-discipline, time management and being more resilient, a child will also discover his/her strengths and weaknesses better. They will also understand their friends better through the various activities. We hope that through this camp, they will be more motivated towards their learning in school and in life.