



Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2014:

We hope that you are enjoying the beginning of summer and are, at the same time, looking forward to joining the Poly Prep Upper School in September. As your deans, we eagerly look forward to meeting all of you and sharing in the excitement that we know next year will bring.

This letter is primarily to let you know about a wonderful event that is being planned for you and all of your classmates in late September. We will all be participating in a retreat from Thursday, September 30th, to Saturday, October 2nd. We strongly believe in this trip as an important way for you to forge bonds with your advisors, the older students who will be your Senior Leaders, and, most importantly, your fellow members of the Class of 2014. The retreat will take place at Indian Head Camp in Honesdale, PA. We will leave the Poly campus on Thursday morning at 9:00 am and return between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm on Saturday.

The cost of this trip is \$240 per student, which includes transportation, housing, and meals from Friday lunch through Saturday lunch, and all of the planned activities. **We ask that you send a check for \$240, along with the permission slip and waiver (all available at www.polyprep.org/usstart2010), to Poly by August 1st, 2010. You will need to print these forms out and send them to:**

Poly Prep Country Day School
Attn: Whitney Davidson and Nick Soodik
9216 7th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11228

We want 100% participation on this trip, so we ask that you contact Whitney Davidson by phone at (718) 836-9800, ext. 6480 or by e-mail at w davidson@polyprep.org, as soon as possible if this presents a financial hardship for your family.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have a conflict with the dates, any dietary restrictions, or need to authorize us to hold medication that your child will administer to himself or herself. For your reference, we have included a summary of relevant details along with a packing list on the second page of this letter.

We look forward to this retreat as a great way to get to know all of you. Please return the permission slip, along with the waiver and payment, by August 1st.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
Whitney Davidson and Nick Soodik
Form III Deans

Details:

Dates: Departing **September 30th** (around 9:00 am)
Returning **October 2nd** (between 2:00 and 3:00 pm)

Location: Indian Head Camp, Honesdale, PA 18431

Leaders: Nick Soodik and Whitney Davidson (Form III Deans)
Elijah Sivin and Kristy Raska (Deans of Student Life)

Emergency Phone Numbers:

- Indian Head Camp: (570) 224-4111
- Poly Prep: (718) 836-9800

Packing List:

Note: As weather can vary, and outside activities will run even in the rain, warm and water-resistant clothes will be needed. Please pack accordingly.

- Bathing suit and towel
- Flip-flops / sandals
- Closed-toe shoes / sneakers
- Pair of shorts
- Pair of long pants / jeans
- 3 pairs of socks
- 3 pairs of underwear
- 3 t-shirts
- 2 long-sleeve shirts
- Rain gear
- Sweatshirt or fleece
- Water-proof or water-resistant layers
- Light jacket or windbreaker
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Travel toiletries
- Sleeping bag and pillow

NOTE: Though you might want to bring snacks for the bus, DO NOT bring food to eat in the cabins, as it will attract critters.