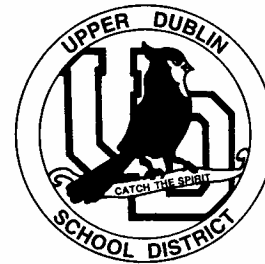




SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
UPPER DUBLIN



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you are probably aware, mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus were discovered in Upper Dublin in the summer of 2002. Throughout the AP Environmental Science course, students will be engaged in lab activities involving field work (for example, we spend approximately four weeks in the fall collecting data at the Loch Alsh Reservoir). Students have been educated on precautionary measures they can take to reduce the risk of being bitten by a mosquito. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the following should be done:

- ✿ Apply insect repellent containing DEET (*N,N*-diethyl-*meta*-toluamide)
- ✿ When possible, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors

Attached is further information from the CDC and EPA concerning this issue.

Although I cannot control the clothes a student wears to school on the day fieldwork is to be conducted, I can provide insect repellent containing DEET before we go to work outdoors. *Deep Woods Off* will be available to any student who has previous parent permission to use the repellent.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the student to take any precautionary measures he/she chooses. No student will be denied participation in any field activity because he/she has chosen not to apply repellent or wear appropriate clothing.

Please review with your student the attached information sheet and the policy outlined above. Complete, detach, and return the form below.

Thank you!

Mr. Smith

Mrs. Winship

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Student Name _____

Period _____

I have reviewed the information sheet and policy concerning field activities.

I understand that it is my student's responsibility to take precautionary measures.

I give permission for my student to apply *Deep Woods Off* (provided) before going outdoors for fieldwork.

Circle One: YES NO

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date