



EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL

EHS 2019 Visual Arts Retreat

Fri and Sat Oct 25-26, 2019

Blackwood Land Institute

<http://www.blackwoodland.org/>

Once again, the Visual Arts Departments is sponsoring an over-night retreat for students interested in exploring the arts in nature. The retreat offers students a chance to explore issues dealing with creativity, problem solving, and experimentation of natural materials away from the limitations of the urban setting.

In addition to strengthening creativity and friendships, the retreat will focus on the relationship of humans and nature. To explore this relationship, we have chosen to stay at the Blackwood Land Institute. Visual Arts faculty members will supervise the students and guide them through several projects in a variety of media.

When: Leave EHS at 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct 25th. Return to EHS Saturday, Oct 26st by 1:00 p.m.

How: EHS bus.

Where: The Blackwood Land Institute near Hempstead, Texas (approximately 40 miles outside of Houston). Located on 23 acres, Blackwood is a working farm whose outdoor learning environment is based on the concept of *Erdkinder* ("earth children"), or the exploration of nature, developed by the Italian doctor and philosopher Maria Montessori. Blackwood is both a classroom for schools and a retreat for adult organizations. The phone number there is 713-768-3422.

Cost: \$175 per student. Accommodations are limited to 25 students. Payment will be be charged to your student account. Please turn in all completed forms no later than **Friday, October 15th**.

Other: All meals are provided except for the drive home Saturday.

Questions: Contact faculty members

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Students will miss classes and athletic practices on Friday, teachers and coaches must be notified of this excused absence. Students must have all instructors sign a pre-excused absence form and are held responsible for making up any work missed on Friday.



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EHS Art Retreat

This form must be signed and returned to any Visual Arts instructor, EHS will charge the \$175.00 to your bookstore account, please provide your signature and acct. # below:

Signature

Acct.#: _____

This year the Art Retreat will be held at the Blackwood Land Institute near Hempstead. Students will leave from school at 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct 25th and return Saturday, Oct 26th, by 1:00 p.m. Meals and lodging will be provided. Each participant needs to bring the following items:

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Toiletries
- Towel
- Jacket (as needed), sleepwear, and a change of clothes
- Bug repellent
- Sunscreen
- Hat and sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Late night snacks
- Sketchpad

Please check which type of sandwich you would like on Friday:

Veggie___ Gluten Free: Yes or No **Turkey**___ Gluten Free: Yes or No

Please check which type of soda you prefer.

Coke___ Diet Coke___ Sprite___ Dr. Pepper___

During the retreat, students will work on projects integrating art and nature, help cook, and be expected to clean up after themselves.

*Even though this is a school-sponsored event, parents/guardians must understand that students will be responsible for any work he/she may miss during the retreat. All students will be expected to abide by **Code of Conduct**, as outlined in the EHS Student Handbook. Violations could result in the student being sent home at the parents' expense.*



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Student Activity Overnight Trip Authorization and General Release

_____ has my permission to attend group activities and trips sponsored by Episcopal High School. I understand that transportation may be by automobile, bus or van, driven by a licensed, responsible adult; on foot to nearby locations; by plane or boat in or out of the country.

I understand that risks may be involved in such activities and trips. I certify that my child is healthy and capable of attending and participating in such activities and trips without risk of danger to himself/herself or others.

I do hereby release and discharge Episcopal High School, its employees, administrators, successors and assignees, and any persons selected by Episcopal High School to accompany my child (hereinafter referred to as "releasees") from all liability for any loss or damage, whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise, and any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, and expenses that in any way arise in connection with the aforementioned group activities and trips. If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the participant (parent/guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable arbitration process.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____



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OVERNIGHT TRIP RULES FOR STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

*In addition to the rules listed below, students are to abide by the Code of Conduct printed in the EHS Student/Parent Handbook. Dishonorable behavior is regarded as a **SERIOUS** breach of school rules and grounds for immediate disciplinary action. Furthermore, if there are any problems with any student participant or if any action brings discredit to Episcopal High School, the student will be sent home at their own expense after their parents have been notified.*

- 1. At no time are male students allowed to visit female students' rooms and vice versa. (Crossing the entrance of the door violates this rule)*
- 2. Students will not engage in inappropriate sexual behavior.*
- 3. Students will not possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages or tobacco.*
- 4. Students will not possess and/or use drugs other than those prescribed to them by a doctor.*
- 5. Students will not possess or use fireworks, firearms, or weapons of any kind.*
- 6. Students will not abuse, deface or steal property/facilities.*
- 7. Students will show respect by cooperating with faculty and adult sponsors at all times.*
- 8. Students will respect fellow participants on the trip, both inside and outside of planned events and workshops.*
- 9. Students will dress appropriately as specified in the EHS Student / Parent Handbook.*
- 10. Students must respect the time schedules and curfews set by their trip sponsors.*
- 11. Students will bring the necessary items specified for the particular trip by the trip sponsor.*

This form must be signed by the student participant and parent or guardian in order for the student to attend the Episcopal High School student activity trip.

Student/Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____



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MEDICATION POLICY FOR DAY OR OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Students who require prescription medications during the school day must have a prescription medication administration form on file with the clinic. These medications must be dispensed through the nurse unless given specific written permission from the physician and approved by Jane Kavanagh, RN/ School Nurse.

*If a student requires medication during a field trip, day trip, or overnight school trip, the following procedures must be followed. **Please indicate by writing in N/A and sign below if the student does not take medications.** All prescription medications must be listed on the permission form and also in the Magnus Health Record including:*

Name of Medication: _____
Dose: _____
Method of administration: _____
Time to be taken: _____
Purpose of Medication: _____

Students must carry only those medications with the number of doses needed during the time of the trip. Please send each medication in a properly labeled container inside a zip lock baggie with a note detailing the above information.

If the faculty/staff chaperone in charge needs to monitor the student to ensure that the medication is taken, please alert the teacher by email at least 72 hours prior to the day of the trip.

Students carrying medications not listed or in appropriate containers may be considered in violation of the School's policies and subject to the consequences listed in the EHS Student Handbook.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Date: _____