

Dear Parents of 8th Graders,

We are excited to share details about our upcoming 8th Grade Retreat. This year, we will travel to Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston, Texas, from Tuesday, October 20, through Friday, October 23, 2026.

Camp Cho-Yeh is a Christian camp located in the Piney Woods of Texas. Established in 1947, the camp hosts summer programs and year-round retreats for youth, college students, and adults. It also offers strong outdoor school programs, making it a wonderful place for our 8th graders to spend time together, grow as a class, and celebrate their final year of Middle School.

The 8th Grade Retreat is a long-standing Episcopal tradition. As we honor this important year, we hope every student will join us for this time of community, leadership, and growth.

Please note there will be no classes for 8th graders who attend Camp Cho-Yeh on Monday, October 26. Students who do not attend the trip should report to school on October 26 and will present the culmination of their "No-Cho" school retreat.

This trip matters for our students, and we want everyone to attend. If your student is unable to participate, they will need to be at school during the retreat and will complete meaningful assignments connected to leadership and the environment. If a concern might keep your student from attending, please reach out to me. I want to help.

The trip cost is \$800. This includes lodging, transportation, 10 meals, s'mores, and lots of land and water fun, including Onewheels, low ropes, zip lines, the giant swing, gaga ball, 9 Square in the Air, paddleboarding, the blob, and more. Billing will take place through your PowerSchool account in September.

If your student will not attend, please email me by September 1st. After September 8th, the school will not issue refunds for the trip cost.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. We hope to have all 8th grade students with us for this special trip.

We are counting the days!

With hope,

Anne