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Dear Parents and Guardians of P.S. 596X Students,

As winter continues, we at P.S. 596X are looking towards the Spring and are making plans for a **Parent Retreat at Camp Ramapo**, located in beautiful Rhinebeck, N.Y. This special opportunity has been organized and planned in conjunction with the 596X PTA. Parents from P10X, another Bronx District 75 school, will be joining 596X on this trip!

For many years in the past, our students, staff and families have spent the day under a big, beautiful blue sky, up in the “country”, at Ramapo for Children and we are excited to extend their opportunity for our parents to have a special day, **just for themselves!** The camp, located in Rhinebeck, N.Y. is a not-for-profit organization that serves students with disabilities during the summer. Throughout the school year, they hold activities and workshops for students and families and work with NYC Public Schools. In the past years, our group participated in hiking, bike riding, an outdoor “ropes” course (swinging, climbing, balancing) arts and crafts, make your own sundae, teambuilding activities, non-competitive games, making “s’mores” at a campfire, etc. For several summers, we took a group of our high school students (before our school was split into two schools) for an overnight! We finished an exhausting, but exhilarating day with a sing-along and a hearty meal. The Camp provided lunch, dinner, and snacks with group leaders, who are trained in working with exceptional children and their families.

In addition to experiencing new, fun-filled, well supervised, activities, this trip enables families to experience new and fun activities along with other P.S. 596X families.

So that we may plan appropriately, we would like to know how many families are interested in participating in this trip scheduled for **May 1, 2026**. Please use the QR code below to register for this trip by **April 1, 2026**. Please do not send in any money until you receive a confirmation email. We ask that you give serious thought as to whether you can attend this full day trip given the limited amount of space and cost. In addition, since there is considerable physical activity on this trip, this trip is not appropriate for those with significant medical issues, or for those that cannot tolerate a bus ride of up to 2 hours in each direction. The school reserves the right as per Chancellor’s Regulation, to determine the appropriateness of this trip for all participants.

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More details will follow in the future. Here are some preliminary details:

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| WHO: | Parents/Caregivers of 596X Students (2 adults per family – students do NOT ATTEND this trip) |
| DATE: | May 1, 2026 |
| TIME: | Leave from P.S. 178 at 7:45 a.m. SHARP!!! Return to P.S. 178 between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. |
| PLACE: | Camp Ramapo (non-profit camp) |
| LOCATION: | Rhinebeck, NY (approx. 2 hours from Bronx) |
| TRANSPORTATION: | Coach Bus – Academy Bus |
| COST: | \$10 dollars per person, which includes a special T shirt and snacks for the bus ride |
| MEALS: | Includes lunch, BBQ dinner and snacks |

I hope you are as excited as I am!

Sincerely,

John Siracuse
Principal



QR CODE:

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/P596XCampRamapo2025>