

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

September 20-21, 2012



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New York State Standards for Career Development and Occupational Studies

- Standard 2 Integrated Learning
- Students will demonstrate how academic knowledge and skills are applied in the work place and other settings. This is both social skills and academic knowledge.

Pocantico Hills has a Fifteen year history

- Pocantico Hills has had middle school retreats for the past 15 years.
- The goals of the retreat are:
social skills, “challenge by choice,”
and team building.

Fairview Lake YMCA Camp

- The retreat takes place at the Fairview Lake YMCA Camp in Newton, NJ.
- This 110 acre campus provides a range of recreational, team building, and socialization experiences.



New educational and social experiences

- By leaving the familiarity of the school building, we take students out of their normal comfort zone, and provide new “hands on” educational experiences.



Teachers who attended this year:

- Ms. Garrido
- Mrs. Doane
- Mrs. DePaola
- Dr. Palombo
- Mr. McVeigh
- Mr. Cook
- Mr. Suarez



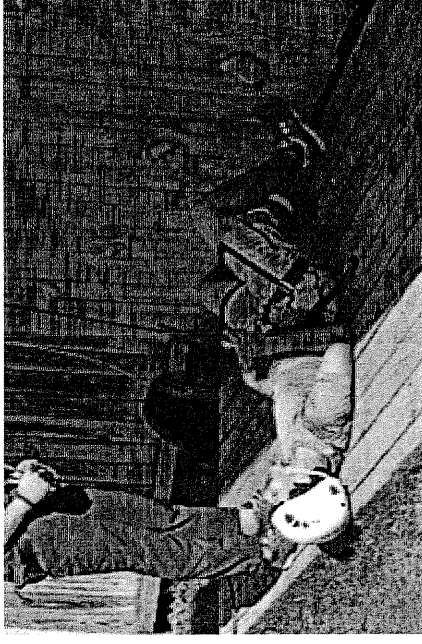
7th Grade Ridge Hike

- 7th graders hiked along the Appalachian Trail as their first activity.



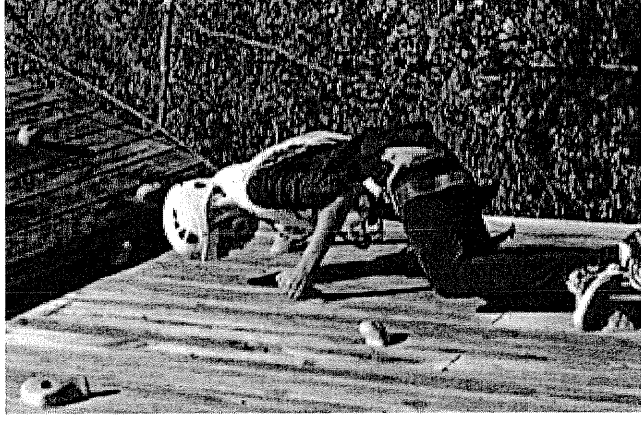
8th Grade Climbing Wall

- 8th graders experienced a climbing wall as their first activity,
- A “picture says a thousand words.”



8th Grade Climbing Wall

- Climbing wall for 8th graders.



Wilderness Education

- Wilderness education teaches a range of leadership and problem solving strategies that can be used during academic and non-academic experiences.



Trust Building Activities

- Trust building activity before beginning the Actualization Socialization Experiences (ASE).



Actualization Socialization Experience

- On this activity you had to get your entire team across the beam.



Actualization Socialization Experience

- With the help of spotters, you had to move around the course on this lower element activity.



Actualization Socialization Experience

- On this obstacle course, all members had to get to one side of the beam. Students had to plan how their entire group could master this Actualization Socialization Experience (ASE).



“Touch of Nature”

- Gerry Zelenka from a “Touch of Nature” performed Thursday evening. Gerry brought alligators, a boa constrictor, and poisonous spiders.



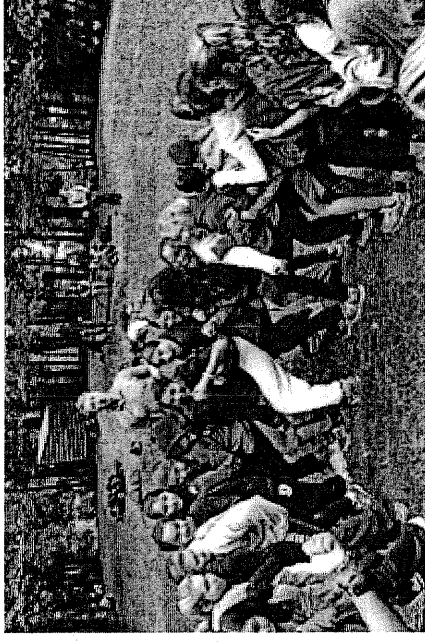
Wilderness Activity

- In this Wednesday morning activity, students played the wilderness roles of carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.



Large Group Socialization Experience

- Large group socialization activity
- (girls vs. boys)



The end.

