

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trips☺

(Permission Slip for 2 field trips)

Exhibit 1

October 3, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Eight Grade will be participating in a Project C.O.P.E. field Trip on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Project COPE is a program that emphasizes teamwork, communication, trust, leadership, decision making, problem solving, and self-esteem. The program is composed of group initiatives, trust events, low-course events and high course events. **This field trip will be an all-day event and the students will need to bring a bag lunch, water bottle, and wear PE type clothing and sneakers, no other footwear will be permitted.** We will depart the Middle School at 8:30am and return in time for regular afternoon busses. In addition to this permission slip, please review and sign the attached documents.

The Eighth Grade is proud to announce that we have reserved space at the theater on the Rhode Island College campus to see the production of *ENCORE* on December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a collection of classic literary short stories that includes: "The Tell Tale Heart" and "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving, "The Monkey's Paw" by W. W. Jacobs, "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" by Mark Twain. These short stories are part of the eighth grade English curriculum and will provide students an excellent opportunity to see their subject matter come to life. **This field trip will be an all-day event and the students will need to provide a bag lunch.** The performance begins at 10:30 A.M., and the students will be returning to school in time for their regular afternoon bus dismissal.

Cost of these trips, combined, is \$25.00. This amount covers the cost of the ticket for the performance entrance to COPE and partial payment for bus transportation—financial assistance is available for those in need. **This field trip is for the entire eighth grade.** In order to secure such a large space in the theater, it is imperative that we have all checks and permission forms by **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Please make the check payable to the Portsmouth Middle School. Return the check, together with the permission form, by Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions please call Mrs. Ernest at 849-3700.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ernest

(cut here)

**PARENTAL INFORMED CONSENT AND  
RELEASE/INDEMNITY/HOLD-HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I understand participation in COPE offered through the Narragansett Council, BSA, on \_\_\_\_\_ involves a certain degree of risk that could result in injury. In consideration of the benefits to be derived and after carefully considering the risk involved, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an organization in which membership is voluntary, and having full confidence that precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of my (son/daughter), I have given \_\_\_\_\_ (son/daughter) my consent to participate in COPE, and:

**RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

I hereby release and waive any and all claims that I may have against Boy Scouts of America Narragansett Council, BSA and their employees, agents, representatives, or volunteers arising from my child's participation in COPE. I AGREE TO FULLY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Narragansett COUNCIL, BSA, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN COPE. THIS INDEMNIFICATION EXPRESSLY INCLUDES ANY CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Narragansett COUNCIL, BSA'S OWN NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OR THAT OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, OR VOLUNTEERS. I AGREE THAT THE INDEMNIFICATION INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIMS, THE EXPENSES OF DEFENDING AGAINST THE CLAIMS, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEYS' FEES.

In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child.

This form must have both parent/guardian signatures.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

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Telephone Number

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Date

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Date

Exhibit 3

Michael Brown Co 546 <mibrown@bsamail.org>

October 10, 2013 3:38 PM

To: John McDaid <jmcdaid@torvex.com>

RE: Media question about COPE school groups

John: Sorry about the delay - the Fall is very busy here. To answer your original question, there is no charge from the Scouts to the School Department. The grant comes directly to the Scouts and is funded by the Prince Foundation. It is listed at this link at the top of page 5: [http://www.princetrusts.org/ri\\_sample.11.pdf](http://www.princetrusts.org/ri_sample.11.pdf)

The indemnity form is a standard one that we received from the national organization and that we use. I really don't know anything beyond that.

Thank you for your patience.

Mike Brown | Program Director

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-----Original Message-----

From: John McDaid [mailto:jmcdaid@torvex.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 3:36 PM

To: Erin Olson; dpreston@nharbor.com

Cc: Michael Brown Co 546

Subject: Fwd: Media question about COPE school groups

Hi, Ms. Olson...

Since I have received no reply from either Mike Brown or your organization, I'm just checking -- how should the relationship between New Harbor and Narragansett BSA be characterized for the media?

Best Regards.

-John

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Begin forwarded message:

From: John McDaid <jmcdaid@torvex.com>

Subject: Re: Media question about COPE school groups

Date: October 7, 2013 8:46:49 AM EDT

To: Michael Brown Co 546 <mibrown@bsamail.org>

Cc: Erin Olson <eolson@nharbor.com>

Hi, Mr. Brown...

Just following up -- the Portsmouth School District was unable to provide information about the grant under which you are covering their normal event fees. Does Narragansett Council BSA wish to respond to this question, or do you not want to make that information available to the public whose children are scheduled to attend?

Also, is it your usual practice in indemnity agreements with public schools to require parents to expressly indemnify even in the event of "negligence or fault" on the part of Narragansett Council BSA's employees, agents, representatives, or volunteers?

Happy to have a response from you or your press representative, as appropriate. Deadline is tomorrow night, when I'll be asking these questions in public session directly to the Portsmouth School Committee.

Best Regards.

-John

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On Oct 4, 2013, at 9:16 AM, John McDaid <jmcdaid@torvex.com> wrote:

Hi, Mike...

Thanks very much for the quick response -- that's very helpful info.

Do I understand correctly that Portsmouth has no out-of-pocket costs on this? Could you provide information on the grant that's supporting this?

Best Regards.

-John

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On Oct 4, 2013, at 9:11 AM, Michael Brown Co 546 <mibrown@bsamail.org> wrote:

The fees are correct on the website. However Portsmouth is grant funded through a grant that we received. Let me know if you have any further questions.

Mike Brown | Program Director

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-----Original Message-----

From: John McDaid [mailto:jmcdaid@torvex.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 8:57 AM  
To: Michael Brown Co 546  
Subject: Media question about COPE school groups

Hi...

I'm a reporter looking for information about activities our local schools provide, and the Portsmouth Middle School appears to have an item on their upcoming calendar at your facility.

Have a question about the BSA COPE program provided to public school groups in Rhode Island. Are the fees that schools pay per student the same as those mentioned on the Narragansett BSA site (i.e., \$12/student?)

Thanks very much for any information you can provide.

Best Regards.

-John

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# Prince Charitable Trusts

## *Rhode Island*

### Selected Social Service Grants

**Boy Scouts of America - Narragansett Council**

2011: \$ 6,250      2010: \$6,000      2009: \$6,000

Project COPE for Aquidneck Island

**Boys Clubs & Girls Clubs of Newport County Inc.**

2011: \$35,000      2010: \$20,000      2009: \$20,000

General operating support

**Child and Family Services of Newport County**

 2011: \$35,000 for *Living Well in Newport*

2011: 35,000 for the Supportive Housing Program

 2010: \$25,000 to initiate *Living Well in Newport*
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center**

2011: \$15,000      2010: \$20,000      2009: \$20,000

General operating support

**East Bay Community Action Program**

2011: \$20,000      2010: \$20,000      2009: \$20,000

General operating support

**Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island**

2011: \$10,000 support for Palliative Care Consult Program at Newport Hospital

**Hope Funds for Cancer Research**

2011: \$10,000 fellowships for cancer research

**Lucy's Hearth**

2010: \$20,000      2009: \$25,000

General operating support

**Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island**

2011: \$15,000      2010: \$10,000      2009: \$10,000

For home deliveries on Aquidneck Island

**The Miriam Hospital**

2010: \$12,000      2009: \$20,000

For the Novice Nurse Internship Program

**Newport Community School**

2008: \$10,000      2009: \$10,000

General operating support

**Newport Family & Child Opportunity Zone**

2011: \$35,000      2010: \$25,000      2009: \$25,000