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Dear Parents of 8th Graders:

An exciting opportunity for all Hauser 8th graders will take place this spring: Cougar A.D.V.A.N.C.E. (*Anti-Drug and Violence Awareness for New Choices and Endeavors*). This capstone instructional experience will take place over three days and two nights (April 25, 26, and 27) at Bradford Woods—Indiana University's outdoor center in Martinsville, Indiana.

Students will participate in experiential education at Bradford Woods. They will be purposefully engaged with the learning environment and each other in ways that will result in direct experience and focused reflection to increase knowledge, develop skills, and clarify values. Specifically, students will gain experience and skills in positive decision-making when faced with negative peer pressure; they will learn that leaders take an active role in their community. Our goal is for students to return to Hauser with an increased positive self-concept and the skills and knowledge to help them navigate away from using drugs and alcohol. We wish to prepare our soon-to-be high school students with the ability to reach their full potential and positively influence their peers and our community. Cougar A.D.V.A.N.C.E. activities have been specially developed by the adventure education specialists at Bradford Woods and Hauser staff. Additional information about the Cougar A.D.V.A.N.C.E. is posted on the Hauser website and Mr. Wolf's webpage.

All registration materials are included in this packet. The total cost of \$298 includes all activities, meals, lodging, and transportation. The two payment options are detailed on the following parent permission form. In the event that we are able to reduce the overall cost of the trip through fundraising, all participants will be notified of a reduced final payment. Fundraising activities are being developed at this time. Once finalized, participating students will be expected to sign up and actively assist with fundraising.

We will continue to offer instruction at Hauser for students who do not attend this program, however we strongly encourage participation in the Cougar A.D.V.A.N.C.E. It is our hope that 100% of our 8th graders will participate in this exceptional learning opportunity that is inclusive, affordable, and developmentally appropriate. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours truly,

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