



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a Right of Entry Agreement - Pilot Program with Nature Exploration Academy.

Reason: Nature Exploration Academy is a Not-for-Profit school in the south suburbs that uses nature as the base for their curriculum. They are proposing use of a bunkhouse at Camp Sullivan during the 2017-2018 school year for their nine student classroom.

NEA’s mission is focused on preserving, cultivating and leveraging the joy of discovery to all children through a hands-on, nature based curriculum. The school encourages student to be creative and compassionate, inspires them to deepen their connections to the natural world and empowers them to lead and succeed at the next level.

NEA is one teacher with support from parent volunteers delivering the following:

- Hands on science and nature based curriculum
- Outdoor education and exploration
- Opportunities for all of our senses while learning ecology, gardening, botany, habitats and more
- Common core activity focused on creative exploration in the arts and music

The Forest Preserve is entering into this Right of Entry Agreement - Pilot Program because of the nature focus of the curriculum and because we have been looking for opportunities to increase the use of the campgrounds during week days. The size of the school is currently nine students and will not exceed the capacity of the bunkhouse they are using.

Contract period: 9/13/2017-5/25/2018

Fiscal Impact: Revenue generating to the Forest Preserve of between \$5,000.00 and \$6,700.00. This represents about a 75% discount off of the standard rate.

Account(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 6