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Dear Students and Parents,

Please plan for our Orientation for new and returning students at Camp Hi-Rock in Mt. Washington, MA, from Wednesday, September 4, to Friday, September 6. The purpose of the orientation, including hiking, campfires, games, and low and high ropes challenges, is to acquaint ourselves if we are new to the school, reacquaint ourselves if we are not, learn to work increasingly well with each other, and help establish a supportive school community at the start of the year. Our orientation also gets us out in nature and gives us opportunities to work with each other outside of the classroom.

- **Departure and Return:** We will leave from the High School at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, following a half-day of school. We will return to the High School after lunch on Friday, September 6. Please note that this is earlier than in the past. Please be punctual if you are picking your students up at school!
- **Lodging:** We will stay in cabins with bunk beds for our two overnights. The bunks have mattresses, so students need to bring only a sleeping bag and pillow for their bedding.
- **Food:** Our meals will be provided by the camp cafeteria. Students should bring their own lunch for our first day. **(Hi-Rock does its best to accommodate vegetarians, but the food is basic. If you have specific diet requirements, please send us an email with details.)**
- **The cost for the Orientation is \$200.** If you have not paid before the start of school, please send a check to BWHS for \$200 per student on Wednesday, September 4. We can also add this to your TADS account if you like; let us know by emailing or calling the office—413. 298. 3800 or office@berkshirwaldorf.com.
- **Chaperones.** If you are interested in spending a few hours with us or want to come for the whole trip please let me know. Thursday afternoon at the waterfront can be especially pleasant, and so is continuing with a bonfire and moonlight hike for those who remain for the evening.
- **Packing list:** See next page.

We are looking forward to a great trip and a wonderful beginning to the school year. Please call me at the High School, (413) 298-3800, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Sagarin, PhD, Executive Director & Faculty Chair