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Getting Ready for the Program

Note: All GEMS participants are required to have a picture ID, preferably a school ID or drivers license (NO PASSPORTS PLEASE), and bring it with them each day. If these types of ID are not available, please contact our office immediately so that we can make alternate arrangements.

Under no circumstances will a student be admitted to any facility unless all required forms are on file. There will be NO exceptions.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures:

Buses will be provided to transport the GEMS students to/from the Army Research Laboratory, White Sands Missile Range (ARL-WSMR) facilities each day.

Las Cruces Students

The Las Cruces vans pick-up/ drop-off point will be the east side of the Lowe's Home Improvement Center parking lot, 3200 North Main Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The bus will leave Lowe's at 7:30 AM and return at 5:00 PM. Students are responsible for their own transportation to/from the Lowe's parking lot. **Please be on time (EARLY) at Lowe's each day – for morning drop-off AND evening pick-up.**

El Paso Students (Choose from one of two locations)

Northeast pick-up/drop-off location will be at the southwest corner of the Lowe's Home Improvement Center parking lot (next to Starbucks), 4531 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Road, El Paso, TX 79924. The bus will leave no later than 7:15 AM. The bus will return at 5:10 PM. Students are responsible for their own transportation to/from the Lowe's parking lot. **Please be on time (EARLY) at Lowe's each day – for morning drop-off AND evening pick-up.**

Eastside pick-up/drop-off location will be at the southwest corner of the Home Depot Home Improvement Store, 12221 Montwood Drive, El Paso, TX 79936. (Next to the AT&T store). The bus will leave no later than 6:45 AM. The bus will return at 5:30 PM. Students are responsible for their own transportation to/from the Home Depot parking lot. **Please be on time (EARLY) at Home Depot each day – for morning drop-off AND evening pick-up.**

Note: NO breakfast items are allowed on the buses! Coffee and/or water are OK, but students must pick up after themselves!

Students will have a lunch provided by the GEMS program each day, but should have a little spending money with them for vending machine snacks. Otherwise, there will be no expenses incurred during the week.

Students may dress informally (jeans that are not torn, etc.) but are to dress in attire appropriate for a laboratory or casual business environment (i.e. no short shorts, short skirts, sleeveless shirts, tank tops, or open-toed shoes/flip flops) and conduct themselves in a professional manner. If there are any questions regarding the appropriate dress, please ask.

Cell phones, computers, iPods/MP3 players, Fitbits, Garmin devices, Apple Watches or any other Personal Electronic Devices are not allowed in ARL-WSMR buildings. Students may bring their cell phones with them on the vans but when they arrive at our facilities, they will have to leave their cell phone in a storage locker that will be provided. The alternative is to leave cell phones at home. In case of an emergency, parents/guardians or other family members may contact students at either of the following phone numbers: 575-678-2034 or 575-678-2713.

As part of the 2017 GEMS activities, the students will get to shoot paintball guns at an Army shooting range and rappel off of an Army training tower. Consent forms will need to be signed specifically for each of these activities. Rest assured that students will be instructed and supervised by trained, certified professionals at all times during these activities.

Students must follow all safety guidelines and procedures provided. Failure to follow instructions will result in immediate dismissal from the program at any time during the week.