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Dear parent:

I am pleased that your son or daughter is participating on the Lehigh Valley team in the American Regions Math League. This is the twenty seventh year that we have participated. Attached is a permission and medical information form, which must be returned to me by May 26. Our registration is not considered complete until that has been received for all students. It is imperative that I receive your form by May 26. You can have your child bring it to practice, or you can mail it to me at Don Davis, Math Dept, Lehigh Univ, 14 E Packer Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18015, or scan and e-mail it. I doubt that just typing your name in the form would be considered sufficient.

Thanks to our sponsors, Paul and Aarati Martino, Google, and Lehigh University, all costs for this year's trip are covered except dinner on Friday evening and on the way home Saturday. Each participant will need about \$15 to cover these expenses.

We will travel to Penn State on Friday May 31 in buses chartered through Lehigh University, driven by professional bus drivers. We will meet at Lehigh University at 12:30 by Christmas-Saucon Hall. The address of Christmas-Saucon Hall is 14 E Packer Ave. It is the home of the Math Department. There is a small parking lot next to the building, but it will probably be full, so if you want to wait until the bus departs, you will have to park at a meter along Packer Ave. I anticipate that students will wait in the parking lot until the buses arrive. You can drop your son or daughter off any time from 12:00 on. I will be outside by 12:00.

Sometimes students need to make other travel arrangements, for example, if they have a Friday afternoon or Saturday evening activity. We highly prefer that students go with the team, but they can drive (or be driven) late Friday or (very!) early Saturday, or can come with the team but have parents meet them at Penn State for a 3:00 departure on Saturday, if necessary. Quite a few families prefer to stay in a hotel with their son or daughter. You must make

those arrangements and pay for them yourself. If your child will not be riding the bus and/or staying in the dorm, please let me know well in advance.

Team members and parent helpers stay in a dormitory at Penn State, with two students in each room. There are separate dormitories for boys and girls. There is an official curfew that students must be in their dormitories by 11:00. We require that students be in their own rooms by 11:00, with lights out and no activities after 11:00 other than quietly talking to your roommate. Please impress upon your son or daughter the importance of getting a good night's sleep and obeying this rule. An "early" bedtime is crucial to our performance on Saturday, especially since everyone must get up at 6:00 to get to breakfast.

We need at least nine parent helpers (called "coaches") to serve as proctors or scorers. These adults can stay in the dorm or in a hotel. If you choose to stay in a hotel, it is at your own expense. Proctoring and scoring is an enjoyable activity. Please let me know if you would like to do this.

We arrive at Penn State about 4:30 Friday afternoon. After receiving their keys in Findlay Commons, students go to their rooms to get rid of their belongings, and then the entire team and coaches will meet and walk downtown together and then break up into groups to go to dinner, which is in any of the many student-oriented restaurants along the street which adjoins Penn State's campus. The coaches and parents who are there will make sure that the middle school students are in groups with adults or responsible experienced older students. It is nearly a mile walk from the dorm to these restaurants. There are hundreds of ARML participants going to these restaurants that evening. The weather is frequently cold and rainy for ARML, and so students should bring the clothing required for a long walk in such conditions.

Please arrive promptly for our 12:30 departure on May 31. If you have a problem on your way to Lehigh that day which is causing you to be late, call or text my cell phone 610-428-5614. (It is not usually on, but will be for ARML weekend.) Perhaps a better option is to call or text a friend on the team and have them tell me, since (a) I am not a very good phone user, and (b) I will be busy keeping track of who has arrived. If something happens that will cause you to be very (more than 15 minutes) late, we will not be able to wait, and you will either have to drive to Penn State or not go. We will arrive back at the Lehigh parking lot approximately 9:30 PM on June 1. Since this time is rather indefinite, students will call their parents from the road when we have a better estimate of the expected time of arrival.

Students should bring soap, towel, pillow, and blanket. Note that the dorm

does not provide either pillow or blanket. If you have any questions, call me at 610-758-3756 (work) or 610-865-9058 (home). Emergency numbers at Penn State are (814) 865-0465 (dorm) and (814) 863-1111 (police). Or you can call my cell phone.

More information about the trip is available at

[www.lehigh.edu/~dmd1/armltrip.html](http://www.lehigh.edu/~dmd1/armltrip.html).

Sincerely,

Donald M. Davis