

Note to school nurses: Permission Slips inform parents about the details of upcoming field trips. They often include information regarding the purpose of the event, date and time, cost, and its potential impact on school bus arrangements (i.e. the need for child to be picked up at school). Because permission slips also transfer liability to parents, schools have a duty to inform parents about potential risks posed by the activity. This allows parents to make an informed decision regarding their child's participation.

With regard to Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses, permission slips could be accompanied with basic information regarding tick bite prevention. This would give parents an opportunity to reduce their child's risk of a bite. A check box on the form could indicate that the parents received and read the material.

The sample permission slip below is for information only; it is not intended as legal advice. Therefore, you should have the form approved by the appropriate school district personnel before implementing it.

Field Trip Permission Slip

I give permission for my child _____ in room _____
(child's name, please print)

to attend the field trip to _____ on _____ .
(event) (date)

Enclosed is \$ _____ to cover the cost of the trip. (Exact cash or check made payable to school.)

I understand that this activity may expose my child to blacklegged ticks, which can transmit several diseases to humans. In checking this box I acknowledge that I received information on tick bite prevention.

Parent/Guardian: Please print _____ Date _____

Signature _____