

VCMS 8th Grade Savannah Trip

February 27th - March 1st

SAVANNAH INFORMATION/PACKING LIST

❖ **Bus Assignments & Chaperones will be posted on Monday, Feb. 25th in the 8th grade hallway**

TRIP INFORMATION

DEPARTURE (Wednesday, February 27th)

- Please **PARK** outside of gym in any open slot. Do NOT stop and drop off. Goodbyes should be said at the car or the gym lobby, not inside gym.
- Students should arrive between **7:00-7:15 AM. BE ON TIME!**
- Bus lists and chaperone location will be posted in gym lobby.
- Find your chaperone and check in with them and turn in your Savannah Ticket.
SAVANNAH TICKET – Document signed by parents stating that they have checked their child's luggage. These will be given out by the homeroom teachers on Monday, February 25th.
If the student does not have the Savannah Ticket, their bags will be checked!
- Once you have checked in, you will wait in the bleachers in your bus's assigned area until it is time to load the buses.
- Buses will start loading at 7:30 am. Overnight/Hotel suitcase will be stored in luggage bin under bus until bus reaches hotel around 9pm. You will NOT be able to access your suitcase until then.
- Buses will depart by 7:55am. **We will not delay our departure for anyone!**

RETURN PROCEDURES (Friday, March 1st)

- Arrival time at VCMS is anticipated to be 5pm.
- Student will contact parent when buses are about 30 minutes from school.
- All medicines will be distributed prior to students getting off the bus.
- Due to VCMS daily dismissal procedures, please **do not arrive before 4:30pm.**
- Parents should park any available space (gym parking lot, elementary lot, or even grass areas if dry).
- Please meet your child at their bus.
- Carpooling is encouraged!

SAFETY/BEHAVIOR PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

- The County Code of Conduct is in effect for the entire trip. Possible consequences for misbehavior include sitting out of an event or parent pick up.
- Inform any teacher of any concern as soon as possible.
- Attendance will be taken each time we board buses.
- Each night, 2-3 teachers will check every room and give directions for the night/next day.
- Door will be taped every night after chaperone check-in.
- Only open door upon request by VCMS teachers.
- Do not open door for anyone other than a VCMS teacher, not even for the security officer.
- Student should call front desk if you have a concern. Front desk will contact Ms. Athey and Mr. Lewsader.

PACKING LIST (*Don't pack more than YOU can carry!*)

ITEMS FOR SUITCASE (one per student)

- Comfortable clothing for 2 days. Long-sleeve t-shirt will be provided and must be worn on Thursday.
- Sleepwear
- Extra walking shoes
- Pillow if desired
- Drinks
- Snacks (you will **not** be allowed to purchase any snacks/drinks from hotel)
- Travel toiletries
- Ladies: minimize cosmetics, hair dryers, irons, etc.
- **No Razors**
- **No** video games that hookup to television (MP3, Wii, Xbox, Play Station, etc.)

ITEMS FOR BUS CARRY-ON (one per student)

- Jacket/Sweatshirt
- Hat
- Flip Flops for the Beach
- ***Sunscreen/Bug Spray (one location is very buggy, even during this time of the year!)***
- Based on forecast, you may want to bring a poncho or raincoat. No Umbrellas.
- Drinks (2-3) that have screw tops only
 - Only water or sports drinks (Gatorade/Powerade)
 - No glass containers/bottles.
 - **No sodas, energy drinks or dairy products.**
- Snacks
 - Small chip bags
 - Granola bars
 - **No chocolate, candy, gum, dairy products, or foods containing peanuts!**
- Phone and Charger (Wi-Fi codes will NOT be given out on the bus or in the hotel)
 - Phone must be off and out of site during group activities as well as when adult is speaking.

MONEY

- Have a \$1 tip for trolley driver.
- Money and tip for lunch on River Street (\$10-\$20).
- Money for souvenirs is optional. The best souvenirs are the trip t-shirt, personal pictures taken at venues, and the memories. Any souvenirs must be school appropriate, especially in regards to t-shirt logos/designs and toys.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- If any student becomes ill or injured, Ms. Bell and/or Mr. Lewsader will contact parent.
- **In an emergency, if you need to call us**, contact Mr. Lewsader at **(770) 667-2580, ext. 230121** (He will be checking his voicemail every hour)
- Parents should not contact hotel front desk.