

DeSana Middle School

8th Grade In-town Field Trips

Stone Mountain Park - Stone Mountain, GA

Fernbank Museum of Natural History - Atlanta, GA

AMC Theater - Alpharetta, GA

May 10 - May 12, 2017



8th Grade students at DeSana Middle School who are not participating in the 8th Grade Savannah Trip, will have the opportunity to attend various In-town educational field trips.

Day 1 (Wednesday, May 10th): Stone Mountain Park

History Program and one attraction at History Square - Program 3: Civil War in Georgia (90 minutes)

Departure time: 9:00 am

Return time: 3:00 pm

Standard: SS8H6 - The student will analyze the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Georgia.

The program highlights the Atlanta Campaign and the effect of the war on civilians. Students will experience hands-on interactive demonstrations with artifacts led by period dressed educators and a visit to the Farmyard, where students can interact with friendly farm animals while learning about the roles the animals played in people's lives. This experience also offers a self-guided tour through one of the largest collections of authentic 18th and 19th century buildings and artifacts in the state.

Day 2 (Thursday, May 11th): Fernbank Museum of Natural History

Departure time: 9:00

Return time: 3:00

Standard(s):

Science:

S8CS8. Students will investigate the characteristics of scientific knowledge and how it is achieved.

S8P1. Students will examine the scientific view of the nature of matter.

Social Studies:

SS8G1 The student will describe Georgia with regard to physical features and location.

Exhibitions & Experiences:

Sensing Nature: Stimulate your senses with lasers, mirrors, water, acoustics and more! ***Sensing Nature*** playfully demonstrates the role of our senses in interpreting our environment. Interactive stations demonstrate how our senses sometimes interpret visual and audial cues, which can sometimes lead to false perceptions. As you gain a better understanding of how your senses work together to understand the environment, learn how your senses work together to understand the weather. Witness a tornado forming right before your eyes, then step into the forecasting station and deliver your own TV weather report.

De Soto's Footsteps: Located in the Naturalist Center, this special gallery features rotating displays highlighting items from Fernbank's permanent collection. Topics and themes change regularly. Currently on view is ***De Soto's Footsteps: New Archaeological Evidence from Georgia.***

Conveyed in Clay: Explore how Native Americans adapted to changes in natural and cultural conditions through the evolution of their pottery, from North American's oldest examples to 16th century Spanish artifacts.

A Walk Through Time in Georgia: Explore the natural history of Georgia and the story of our planet as you journey through life-like geographic regions and historic re-creations. Highlights include a dinosaur gallery, a giant sloth, a cave, and the sights and sounds of the Okefenokee Swamp.

WildWoods: Features 10 acres of lush woodlands, highlighted by hands-on exhibits for all ages, tree pods suspended in the canopy, a nature gallery, immersive adventures, and meandering trails emphasizing dramatic slopes and stunning views. This interpretive nature experience serves as the new entrance into Fernbank Forest.

Giant Screen: Extreme Weather - Let famed storm chaser and award-winning giant screen filmmaker Sean Casey take you on a dramatic journey to places where few have gone before! Destinations include the edge of a 300-foot-tall calving glacier in Alaska, the front lines of massive wildfires in the Western United States, and directly in the path of deadly (yet mesmerizing) tornadoes in the plains. *Run time: 40 minutes*

Day 3 (Friday, May 12th): AMC Theater – The Collection at Forsyth

Movie: ***Born In China*** (1hr. 16 minutes)

Departure time: 11:00 am

Return time: 2:00 pm

Standard: **AG-WL-2: Students will define wildlife, understand the importance of wildlife and wildlife management, and identify the role of government and private wildlife organizations in managing wildlife resources.**

DisneyNature's new True Life Adventure Film *Born In China* takes the epic journey into the wilds of China where few people have ever ventured. Following the stories of three animal families (A doting panda bear, a golden monkey and a snow leopard), the film transports audiences to some of the most extreme environments on Earth to witness some of the most intimate moments ever captured in a nature film

Cost & Payment

The cost for all activities, including transportation by school bus and admission to each experience is **\$40.00**. The permission form and payment should be turned in together to your child's homeroom teacher. **Checks** can be made out to **DeSana Middle School**.

Lunch

Students may order a sack lunch from the DeSana café or they may bring their own sack lunch. They will eat at the site we visit each day.

Transportation

Students will begin boarding the Forsyth County school buses at approximately 9:00 a.m. Students will arrive back at DeSana between 3:00 – 3:30 p.m., just in time for our usual 4:15 p.m. dismissal.

*This is a wonderful opportunity for students at DeSana, and we hope your son or daughter can join us!
If you have any questions, please call or email me.*

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Permission Form

To register your student for our 8th Grade In-Town Field trips, send in your completed permission form and behavior agreement, along with the full payment of \$40.00 to your child's Homeroom teacher.

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____ Phone (Between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.): _____

Parent Name _____ Phone (Between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.): _____

Email address: _____

****In addition to my payment, I am including a sponsorship donation in the amount of _____.**

Does your child have special medical needs (medication, allergies, etc?) Please use the space below to explain in detail or attach additional information.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN IN THE TWO (2) APPROPRIATE PLACES

I give permission for my child to participate in the DeSana Middle School's 8th grade In-Town field trips from May 10th - May 12th, 2017. I understand that once I commit to this field trip no refunds can be made until after all trip expenses have been met. I also understand that DeSana Middle School acts as an agent for this activity and shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, delay, or any other irregularities that occur as the fault of service providers on this trip.

Signature of
Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

I give permission for my child to be treated and transported by medical personnel and/or transported by DeSana Middle School staff if deemed necessary for medical treatment. I agree to pay for any and all treatment, even if it is not covered by my insurance program, should the need arise.

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Group Number _____ Provider Phone _____

Signature of
Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent Phone #1 _____ Parent Phone #2 _____

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Behavior Agreement

Dear 8th Grade Student and Parent:

Students traveling on the DeSana 8th Grade In-Town field trips are expected to display a high caliber of well-mannered behavior at all times. Because our 8th grade students are representing DeSana Middle School as a whole, and because we are asking DeSana faculty, staff and parent chaperones to be responsible for students, our behavioral expectations are set at a high standard. Thus, any 8th grade student who:

- Commits any two (2) discipline infractions that result in In-School Suspensions/Saturday School between April 10, 2017 and May 10, 2017, will not be allowed to attend the 8th Grade In-Town field trips during May 10 – May 12, 2017 (on the 2nd ISS assignment/Saturday School the student becomes ineligible for the trip).
- Commits any discipline infraction that results in Out-of-School Suspension between April 10, 2017 and May 10, 2017 will not be allowed to attend the 8th Grade In-Town Field Trips.
- Commits any act that is deemed egregious by the administration will not be allowed to attend the 8th Grade In-Town Field Trip.

If a student has made payments toward the trip and then loses the privilege of traveling on this trip because of inappropriate behavior, no refunds can be made by DeSana Middle School or *any of the In-town locations* until all trip expenses have been met and a cancellation fee is applied.

All students are expected to adhere to the 2016-17 Forsyth County Schools Code of Conduct and all policies and procedures as stated in the DeSana Middle School 2016-17 Student/Parent Handbook. Any discipline issue that occurs on the trip will be handled by the administrator(s) chaperoning the trip.

Please sign and return this form along with your application and payment. Forms must be submitted and completed in full for a child to attend.

I understand the above information and I am willing to follow the behavior guidelines set by the DeSana Middle School faculty and administration.

Student Name: _____
(Please Print)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____