

DeSana Middle School

7th Grade Overnight Field Trip

March 9-10, 2018



7th Grade students at DeSana Middle School have the opportunity to attend a memorable overnight field trip to Zoo Atlanta and the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta on March 9-10, 2018.

During our trip to these 2 venues, students will participate in the following activities:

- Take a self-guided tour through Zoo Atlanta.
- Travel to the Georgia Aquarium where we will be spending the night and participating in some of the following activities. (Activities are subject to change due to availability).
 - Squid Dissection
 - Behind the Scenes Gallery Walk
 - Guided Exhibit Tour
 - Trash in the Ocean Awareness Presentation
 - Sharks and Rays Special Presentation
 - Students will sleep in front of one of the following exhibits: Ocean Voyager, Tropical Diver, Cold Water Quest, River Scout, and Dolphin Tales

Cost and Payments

The cost of this trip, including transportation, entrance into the Zoo and overnight Aquarium fees, including all meals (except lunch at school before we depart) will be \$145.00. This amount can be paid in full or in three installments:

By 10/6/2017: Deposit of \$45.00
By 11/17/2017: \$50
By 2/5/2018: \$50

Registration

To register your student for this experience, please complete the 2 attached forms and send in with your deposit or full payment to Jessica Strader by **10/6/2017.**

All checks should be made payable to DeSana Middle School. Please include your child's name and a phone number on all checks or money sent to the school. We are unable to accept credit cards at this time.

STAYING CONNECTED AND IN THE KNOW...

Text messaging – send the message to: @desana7t to 81010

Email – send an email to: jstrader@forsyth.k12.ga.us

Please Note that space is limited. Once deposits have been received and the limit has been reached, you could be placed on a wait list. Students on the wait list will be added to the trip as space allows and in the order their deposit was received. (Date and time received)

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The itinerary for the trip will be as follows (Please note that times may change due to Atlanta traffic):

March 9, 2018

- 12:30PM- Depart Desana for Zoo Atlanta
- 1:30-2PM- Arrive at the Zoo and begin self-guided tour
- 5:00-5:30PM- Depart Zoo Atlanta
- 6:30PM- Arrive at Georgia Aquarium
- 6:30-7:30PM- Welcome Orientation
- 7:30-8:30PM- Eat Dinner
- 8:30-10:00PM- Programmed Activities
- 10:00-10:30PM- Goodnight Orientation
- 11:00PM- Lights Out

March 10, 2018

- 6-7:30AM- Wake-up, Pack up and Breakfast
- 7:30-10:00AM- Programmed Activities
- 10:00AM- Program Concludes
- 10:30AM- Depart Georgia Aquarium for Desana
- 11:30AM- Arrive at Desana for Parent Pick up

What to bring:

The key is to pack light. The Georgia Aquarium will provide a sleeping mat, but you might want to consider bringing the following:

- Sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Pillow
- Sweater or hoodie
- Pajamas
- Toothbrush and other small toiletries
- Battery powered phone charger
- Change of clothes for Saturday

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Application Form



To register your student for the 7th grade trip, send your completed application and behavior agreement along with the full payment of \$145 or deposit of \$45 to Jessica Strader, trip coordinator, by 10/6/2017

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

(Please print neatly)

1. **Is your student a vegetarian or does he/she have food allergies and need special meals? If so, please explain: *(Special arrangements will be made to accommodate special dietary needs. If this section is not completed and there are special needs, parent will be expected to accommodate student's needs.) Please be specific with meats, like no beef or pork but chicken is okay.***

2. **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 APPROPRIATE PLACE

I give permission for my child to participate in the DeSana Middle School 7th grade Overnight Field Trip on March 9-10, 2018. I understand that once I commit to this activity no refunds can be made until after all trip expenses have been met and a cancellation fee of \$50.00 will be applied. I also understand that my child may not be allowed to participate if his/her behavior is such that it could endanger himself/herself or others. In addition, a student's participation in this learning opportunity may end if his/her behavior distracts significantly from the learning environment of others. I also understand that DeSana Middle School, Zoo Atlanta and Georgia Aquarium act as agents in 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 (museums, hotels, restaurants, etc.) on this trip.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

This is a wonderful opportunity for 7th grade students at DeSana and we hope your student can join us. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Strader, trip coordinator, at jstrader@forsyth.k12.ga.us or 770-667-2591 extension 492207.

Please Turn Over and Complete the BACK SIDE

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Behavior Agreement



Dear 7th Grade Student and Parent:

Students traveling on the DeSana 7th Grade Overnight Field Trip are expected to display a high caliber of well-mannered behavior at all times. Because our 7th grade students are representing DeSana Middle School and Forsyth County Schools as a whole, and because we are asking DeSana faculty and staff to be responsible for students off campus for (1) day and (1) night, our behavioral expectations are set at a high standard. Thus, any 7th grade student who:

- Commits any two (2) discipline infractions that result in In-School Suspensions/Saturday School between September 11, 2017 and March 9, 2018, will not be allowed to attend the 7th Grade Overnight Field Trip on March 9-10, 2018 (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 September 8, 2017 and March 9, 2018, will not be allowed to attend the 7th Grade Overnight Field Trip.
- Commits any act that is deemed egregious by the administration will not be allowed to attend the 7th Grade Overnight Field Trip on March 9-10, 2018.

These infractions are cumulative for the year. For example, a student could receive an In-School Suspension/Saturday School in October and one in March. Once he/she receives the second one in March, he/she is no longer allowed to attend the 7th Grade 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 until all trip expenses have been met and a cancellation fee is applied.

All students are expected to adhere to the Forsyth County Schools Code of Conduct and all policies and procedures as stated in the DeSana Middle School Student/Parent Handbook. Any discipline issue that occurs on the trip will be handled by the administrator(s) chaperoning the trip. Parents could be called and requested to come pick up their child if the issue is considered to create a situation where the administrator feels the child should not continue on the trip.

Please sign and return this form along with your application and first payment. Forms must be submitted and completed in full for a child to attend the Overnight Field Trip by **October 6, 2017**.

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: _____