

Harris County Carver Middle School Optional 8th Grade Georgia Studies Field Trip

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Students,

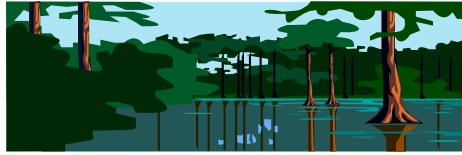
We are excited to announce that we will offer our 8th graders the opportunity to take a trip through Georgia's coastal area! This is a three-day, two night tour that will take our students across Georgia to visit and study some of our state's most famous sites. (See itinerary attached.)

The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd – Friday, May 4th. The cost for the trip is \$390.00 per student and includes transportation on luxury motor coaches, hotel lodging, all meals, nighttime security, and admission to all sites and events. A deposit of \$100 dollars, to hold your child's spot, should be submitted to your teams Georgia Studies teacher as soon as possible. Field trip seats are available on a first come first serve basis. An initial deposit must be made by December 20, 2017 to secure a spot on the trip. After December 20, 2017 deposits will not be refundable. Additionally, trip participants must have a balance of \$250 by January 17th to remain an active member of the trip. Final payment is due by March 14, 2018 and ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THIS DATE. Make your check payable to HCCMS. Return, this letter and your deposit check to your child's Georgia Studies teacher. (**If a check is returned due to insufficient funds, future payments must be made in cash.)

The suggested payment plan is as follows

- October 11th \$100.00 (**Non-refundable after December 20, 2017**)
- November 15th \$60.00
- December 13th \$60.00
- January 17th \$60.00
- February 14th \$60.00
- March 14th \$50.00

PLEASE NOTE: After March 14, 2017 NO REFUNDS CAN BE PROVIDED FOR ANY REASON. At this time, all funds collected will be transferred to the travel agency to make bus reservations, set up meals/tours and purchase tickets. The travel agency does not make provisions for participants that fail to meet announced school level obligations or personal plan changes (examples: assigned to ISS or OSS, change of mind, moving, withdrawing from school, etc.) Please carefully consider your family calendars, potential extracurricular or team obligations and discuss conduct expectations with your child before committing to the trip. If a refund is necessary before March 14th, a written request must be submitted to your child's Georgia Studies teacher. The \$100 deposit will remain non-refundable after December 20, 2017.



In an effort to make this trip available to as many students as possible we are asking families who are able to help support our scholarship fund by contributing a donation to help sponsor a student. If you are able please write “Scholarship” on the “For” line your check and it will be added to the fund. Donations are tax deductible with a school issued receipt of your scholarship donation. If you know of a business willing to donate, please let Ms. Jenkins know as a letter can be provided to you to give to the business.

PLEASE Note: 8th grade Coastal Georgia Field Trip Behavior Expectations: Students participating in this trip are expected to maintain a positive behavior record.

- Students with more than one assignment to full day In School Suspension (ISS) between October 11, 2017-May 1, 2018 cannot participate unless their parent or guardian, at their own expense, accompanies and supervises them. Parent or guardian spots would be determined based on space available at the time of the parent or guardian request.
- Students who are assigned to Out of School Suspension (OSS) **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE TRIP UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- Refunds cannot be provided for any ISS or OSS placement after March 14, 2017.

If you and/or your child are interested in this trip, please sign and return this letter with your deposit(s) as soon as possible.

Chaperone Online Interest Form:

Have you decided you would like to chaperone this year’s trip?

Scan to complete the survey using this QR code below or visit the following URL:



Direct URL:

<https://tinyurl.com/2018-chaperone>



If you are interested in attending the trip, please sign and return this portion of the form.

Student Name: _____

GA Studies Teacher (Circle one) : McCarty Kinsey Jackson Jenkins

I understand the rules and expectations associated with this optional field trip.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

_____ YES! My child will be attending the Georgia Studies trip. The \$100.00 deposit is included with this letter.

_____ Yes! I am willing to Chaperone the 2018 HCCMS Coastal Georgia Trip and have completed the following:

- My \$100 deposit is included with this letter.
- I have completed the Online Chaperone Interest Form and received the confirmation email generated after it was submitted.
- I have signed up for the Chaperone Remind Message system to stay informed about my chaperone responsibilities.
- I understand that I will be responsible for the \$5 charge of background checks. (More details will be given once the chaperone commits to the trip.) Background checks will be completed in March.

Chaperone's Name _____



Harris County Middle School May 2nd – May 4th, 2018

Note: Itinerary stops are determined based on bus assignments

Day 1

Morning Stops:

- Visit Jimmy Carter's boyhood farm & Plains museum
- Tour Andersonville POW Museum – Prison site, museum, cemetery

Lunch at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College or Mercer University

Afternoon Stops:

- Okefenokee Swamp Park
- Ft. Frederica National Monument

Evening Activity:

- St. Simons, GA
- Check into Hotels

Day 2

Day in Savannah:

- Trolley Tour of Savannah
- Savannah River Boat Cruise
- Tybee Island
- Lunch on River Street or Tybee Island
- First African Baptist Church
- Shopping along River Street

Evening Activity:

- Fun center
 - Dinner buffet
 - Arcades
 - Skating
 - Laser Tag
- Return to Hotels

Day 3

Morning Stops:

- Okefenokee Swamp Park
- Ft. Frederica National Monument

Afternoon and Early Evening:

- Wild Adventures in Valdosta
- Chick-fil-A Dinner

Return to HCCMS about 9:30pm