



## 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.)

### **Trip Information**

The trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. **The cost for the trip is \$425.00 per student.** This cost includes transportation on luxury motor coaches, hotel lodging, all meals, nighttime security, and admission to all sites and events. Field trip seats are available on a first come first serve basis. An initial deposit must be made by December 19, 2019 to secure a spot on the trip. You may not register for the trip after December 19, 2019. The first 185 students are guaranteed a spot on the trip, once the slots are full a waiting list will be started. Students will be added to the list in the order they turn in their deposits and permission forms. The initial \$100 deposit should be turned into Mrs. McCarty during homeroom. Students on the waiting list will be notified as soon as a spot becomes available. **After December 19, 2019 deposits will not be refundable.** (See Waiting List Exemption below) Additionally, trip participants must have a balance of \$250 by January 10<sup>th</sup> to remain an active member of the trip. Final payment is due by March 10, 2020 and ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER March 20, 2020. Make your check payable to HCCMS, on the notes line at the bottom of the check please write, Coastal GA Trip. Return, this letter and your \$100 deposit check to Mrs. McCarty (Room 405). (\*\*If a check is returned due to insufficient funds, future payments must be made in cash.)

Waiting List Deposit Exemption: If you are on a waiting list, the deposit and any amount paid toward the trip will be refundable until you are placed on the active roster or March 20, 2020, whichever comes first. Once you have been made active on the trip, the December 19, 2019 deposit refund deadline will be in effect.)

### **Scholarship Fund Request:**

In an effort to make this trip available to as many students as possible, we are asking families, who are interested in supporting our scholarship fund, to consider making a donation to help sponsor a student. If you are interested, please write "Scholarship" on the "For" line on 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.



**Payment Plan:**

The suggested payment plan is as follows: (Remember all payments must be submitted to Mrs. McCarty during homeroom.)

- October 11<sup>th</sup> \$100.00 (**Non-refundable after December 19, 2019**)
- November 11<sup>th</sup> \$65.00
- December 11<sup>th</sup> \$65.00
- January 10<sup>th</sup> \$65.00 ←
- February 10<sup>th</sup> \$65.00
- March 10<sup>th</sup> \$60.00

A minimum of \$250 is due by this date to remain an active member of the trip.

**PLEASE NOTE: After March 20, 2020, 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 you are an active member and a refund is necessary before March 20<sup>th</sup>, a written request must be submitted to your child’s Georgia Studies teacher. The \$100 deposit will remain non-refundable after December 19, 2019. If you are on the waiting list and have not been moved to active status, your refund will be processed following March 20, 2020.

**Behavior Expectations:**

Students participating in this trip are expected to maintain a positive behavior record.

- Students with two full-day assignments to In School Suspension (ISS) between September 23, 2019 and April 28, 2020 may not 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) anytime in the 2019-2020 school year or a student who serves 3 or more full-day (separate) assignments in In School Suspension **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE TRIP UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- Refunds cannot be provided for any ISS or OSS placement after March 20, 2020.



## Field Trip Permission Form

(All lines must be initialed and signed before a student is added to the field trip list.)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ GA Studies Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that OSS anytime during the school year disqualifies my student from the trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that 2 full-day assignments to ISS will require a paid parent to attend the trip, providing space is available.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand 3 or more full-day assignments to ISS or an OSS assignment disqualifies my student from attending the trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand my \$100 deposit is nonrefundable after Dec. 19, 2019

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand there are no refunds of any type after March 20, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I am notified, while my child is on the trip, that his/her behavior is not in compliance with school rules, I understand it is my responsibility to pick-up my child when notified.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! My child will be attending the GA Studies trip. The \$100 deposit is included with this form. (Please take deposit to Mrs. McCarty during homeroom.)

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I am willing to chaperone the 2020 HCCMS Coastal GA trip and have completed the chaperone interest form below.

\_\_\_\_\_ My \$100 deposit is included with this form.

Chaperone's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_



## Proposed Itinerary

### Day 1

Arrive at school and check in with teachers  
Depart Harris County Middle School  
Andersonville Civil War Prison and POW Museum  
*Guided driving tour of prison grounds*  
*POW Museum*  
Travel to Middle Georgia College (Cochran Campus) for lunch  
Lunch at Middle Georgia Cochran Campus  
Travel to Rigby's Entertainment Center  
Activities at Rigby's Entertainment Center  
Dinner at Rigby's Entertainment Center  
Travel to Savannah hotels -Country Inn & Suites Savannah Gateway  
Check into hotels: Distribute keys and pizza to each room (pizza provided by A Plus Tours)

### Day 2

Breakfast in hotel – stagger times  
Travel to Tybee Island  
Captain Mike's Dolphin Tour  
Travel to Tybee Island Pier  
Lunch and beach time on Tybee Beach  
Tybee Island Marine Science Center Program  
Travel to First African Baptist Church  
Tour of First African Baptist Church  
Shopping and free time along River Street  
Travel to Old Fort Jackson  
Student militia program at Fort Jackson  
Dinner at Fort Jackson (chicken fingers, mac and cheese, green beans, cookies, tea/lemonade)  
Ghost Trolley tour of Historic Savannah – pickup at Visitor's Center, and drop at Visitor's Center  
Return to hotels

### Day 3

Breakfast at hotels – stagger times – and pack/load the buses for departure  
Travel to Okefenokee Swamp  
Tour Okefenokee Swamp Park – boat rides, train rides, wildlife show, nature talk, shopping  
Sack lunch and return to bus for departure  
Travel to Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta  
Wild Adventures Theme Park



Return to school