

5th Grade Field Trip Information

Parents,

We are so excited to tell you about the end of the year 5th Grade Field Trip. Each year the Chestatee students have the opportunity to travel for an all day field trip. This year we will be using the company, The Travel Store, to coordinate our trip. We will be going to Atlanta on Monday, May 23, 2011. The itinerary of the trip is included in this packet.

Every child has the opportunity to attend this exciting day. The cost for each student is \$55.00. The students may pay in one lump sum or make payments. The first half of the money (\$30.00) **must be turned in by January 14, 2011**. If you feel that you are unable to pay this amount for your child's trip, please notify your child's teacher or the Fifth Grade Counselor, Leigh Ann Strickland (lstrickland@forsyth.k12.ga.us or 770.887.2341 x. 722302). Your child's teacher will get in touch with you to discuss payment options.

Each homeroom will be able to take 9 parents with them. The cost for parents is \$60.00. **Chaperone deposits are also due on January, 14, 2011. *Each child may only have one parent accompany them.*** Siblings, grandparents, or other relatives will not be able to attend in the parent's place. Payment options WILL NOT be made for parent chaperones.

All final payments **MUST** be turned in to the school by March 25, 2011. Parent chaperones who have not paid in full will forfeit their chaperone space.

The refund policy for this trip is as follows: If your child will not be able to attend the field trip, and you inform the school by March 11, 2011 you will receive a full refund of the money. If you cancel following March 11th for any reason, we will only be able to refund 50% of the cost due to the fact that we must pay for the trip in full at this time. In order to receive any refund, we **MUST** have a hand written letter asking for the refund, this cannot be relayed verbally by the student to the teacher.

Please fill out the attached permission slip if you desire for your child to attend the field trip. If a child does not have a signed permission slip, they will not be allowed to go on the trip. ***Please fill out the permission slip in its entirety as all parts are very important.***

In the interest of helping parents prepare for the costs associated with students this year, we would like to make you aware of other costs for 5th graders this year:

- 1) Field Trip T-shirts \$5.00 – We are working to have these donated to our class, but may possibly offer them at cost to parents and teachers. We ***strongly encourage*** that students purchase these shirts as we wear them to show group unity on our field trip in May.
- 2) Fifth Grade Day Lunch (estimated cost)\$5.00 – We are looking at options for our traditional Fifth Grade Day Lunch where we have catered box lunches from a restaurant that are **OPTIONAL** for student purchase.

We are hoping to offer fundraising opportunities this year to help offset the cost our special 5th Grade events. Please pay close attention to your child's newsletter and classroom news as information of these opportunities comes available. If you are interested or have ideas to help raise money for our end of year events, please contact Sarah Wiggins at swiggins@forsyth.k12.ga.us – she is our liaison for fundraising this year.

If you have any further questions that were not answered through this, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Thank you,
Chestatee's Fifth Grade Team

5th Grade Field Trip Permission Form

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Home Phone # : _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact if parent is not available: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Insurance Information (information about Insurance MUST BE PROVIDED):

Allergies or pertinent Health Information:

My child, _____, has permission to go on the Chestatee Elementary 5th Grade Field Trip on May 23, 2011. I understand that I will need to make the payment for the trip, or make payment options for the trip. I have read the information and understand the refund policy.

Parent's Signature

_____ I would like to attend the field trip as a parent chaperone with my child, please enter my name in my child's classroom chaperone lottery.

Student's Payment:

_____ We will be paying the entire \$55.00 in one lump sum.

_____ December 10, 2010

_____ Other Date (please specify) _____

_____ We will be paying the first half, \$30.00 now, and will pay the second half, another \$25.00, by March 25, 2011.

_____ I will need to be contacted about payment options for my child.

(parent's signature)

ALL CHECKS MUST include CURRENT PHONE NUMBER
AND GA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

If you would like to help sponsor a student, you are more than welcome to do so. In order to sponsor, you will need to send in a separate payment from your child's, labeled that it is a donation to help another student. It could be an entire amount or a portion.

Field Trip Itinerary

Monday, May 23, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Students arrive at Chestatee as usual and report to homerooms.
- 8:30 a.m. Depart Chestatee on luxury motor coaches provided by The Travel Store.
- 10:00 a.m. Some students and chaperones will arrive at the CNN Center.
Other students and chaperones will arrive at Turner Field.
(Students will be divided by the buses they are on so that we can see everything in a timely fashion)
- 12:15 p.m. Deli sandwich lunch will be served to students and chaperones in Centennial Olympic Park. Lunch is provided by the Travel Store as part of the cost of the trip.
- 1:15 p.m. Some students and chaperones will go to the CNN Center if they have not been there, while the other students and chaperones go to Turner Field.
- 3:00 p.m. All buses will depart Atlanta together to journey home.
- 4:30 p.m. Students will return to Chestatee to be picked up by their parents. If parents arrange carpooling, we must have hand-written notes documenting who will be picking up your children. All students must be picked up IN the cafeteria, and you MUST let your homeroom teacher know that you have your child so they can check you off the list.

** Please be there 15 minutes early so that we can have a very smooth dismissal. Do NOT expect your child to call when he/she arrives. Phones will not be available in the office.**

** Do not park your car in the bus loading area as we will be pulling in there**

** Please be mindful that our arrival can change due to traffic. Students who have ball games this night need to be aware and make arrangements with this understanding.**

***** Parents who are attending the trip with their class will need to park their vehicles in the parking lot. They will ride the bus with their assigned group. Under no circumstance may parents drive their vehicles behind the bus to Atlanta.**