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8th grade GRADVENTURE Information Letter 2022-23

On Friday, May 5th 2023, the 8th grade class at Gulf Middle School is invited to Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure's Gradventure! All 8th grade students who are on-track and eligible for promotion are invited to participate in this exciting evening of fun and entertainment to celebrate middle school promotion. The cost of the trip has been * **increased to \$160.00 per student**. This includes bus transportation to/from Orlando, admission to both theme parks, dinner, and a GMS Gradventure t-shirt that will be provided. Students may pay the entire trip cost up front or make payments (see information on back). **All money and permission slips are due by March 3rd.**

****There are a limited number of tickets (100)** available, and they will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. One week prior to the payment deadline (February 24, 2023), any students who are not on track for grades or behavior will be replaced by a student on the waiting list who is on track. Students on the waiting list who are offered a spot on the trip must turn in all money and permission slips by Friday, March 3rd.

Student Eligibility and Discipline Exclusions

Students must meet classroom and administrative guidelines to be eligible to attend an activity or event. Any student with a level 2 or 3 referral (please see District School Board of Pasco County Student Code of Conduct) beginning on October 18, 2022 through May 5, 2023 will be ineligible for the trip.

Any student who is academically off-track for promotion, failing one or more 8th grade core courses, one week prior to the payment deadline, February 24, 2023 will be ineligible for the trip.

****There will be no refunds granted for any reason once we submit our payment to Universal Studios.**

Day of the Trip

Buses will depart from Gulf Middle School at 1:45pm and will return at approximately 2:30am. Students will **not be allowed** to walk or ride a bike home after returning to school and must have transportation arranged prior to leaving for the trip. Plan to arrive at 2:15am for pickup. Students must be picked up promptly in the bus loop and will not be re-entering campus to call for a ride. A guardian must be available by phone between 1:45pm-2:30am.

Dress Code - All students will be required to dress in accordance with Universal Studios and Pasco County's school dress code. **It will also be required that each student wear their official t-shirt for the duration of the event.** T-shirts may not be altered in any way. **Shorts must be at least 4" from the knee and adhere to Pasco County School dress code. Students not wearing the official t-shirt or are not within dress code will not be allowed on the bus.**

Payment Information/Forms

It is our goal to give every 8th grade student an opportunity to attend Gradventure. As a result, we have set up a flexible payment system. Students can make payments, or pay in full at any time until Friday, March 3rd. Students may pay either by cash, check made payable to Gulf Middle School, or credit card online. To reserve a ticket, students must return the attached permission slip/t-shirt order form by November 18, 2021. An initial payment of *at least \$20 to reserve a spot* is due by Nov. 17th. Payments will be accepted during lunch in the cafeteria every Friday through March 3, 2023.

Please make all checks payable to Gulf Middle School and include your address, phone number and district student number on the check. For online payments using Rycor go to <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>. **All final payments and permission slips are due by Friday, March 3rd.**

The following is a sample payment plan if you choose to make payments:

Nov 17th \$ 20 January \$45 February \$45 March 3rd \$50

Refunds

Once tickets are ordered no refunds can be given. Tickets purchased for this event are valid only on May 5, 2023. Therefore, students purchasing a ticket must govern themselves in a way that will allow them to remain eligible to attend this trip.

*Increase in pricing is due to increase in charter bus prices

** Seats are limited based on charter bus availability. Should a charter bus or school bus not be available for scheduling by March 3rd, payments made will be refunded.

GRADVENTURE Timeline – SAVE THIS!

November 17, 2022 Student/Guardian Acknowledgement Form, min. \$20 1st payment and t-shirt size due

Oct 18 - May 5 Discipline eligibility period – no level 2 or 3 referrals allowed

Nov 17 - March 3 Payments accepted every FRIDAY during C lunches in the cafeteria

February 24 Academic eligibility deadline: students must be on track for 8th grade core classes (A-D)

Friday, March 3rd Final payment and permission slip deadline – no late payments or refunds (unless buses are not available for scheduling)

Friday, May 5th 2023 GRADVENTURE! Leave at 1:45 P.M. and return at approximately 2:30 A.M



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**8th grade GRADVENTURE 2022-23
 Student and Guardian Acknowledgement Form**

Please complete and return this form with first payment by **November 17, 2022**.

I give my child permission to attend Universal Studios Gradventure on May 5, 2023.

I understand that this event is closed to the public and that students will be required to check in at designated times set by their chaperones throughout the evening. Students will not have a direct chaperone with them for parts of the evening. Any student who fails to check in as required or violates Pasco County Schools or Universal Studios Code of Conduct will be required to stay directly with an adult for the remainder of the evening.

I understand that my child must meet all Academic and Discipline requirements to be eligible and I have read and understand the terms outlined in the attached letter.

A minimum \$20 deposit is due by December 16, 2022. Final payments totaling \$140 and permission slips are due by March 3, 2023. Payments will be accepted during lunch in the cafeteria every Friday through March 3, 2023.

A refund will not be available after the payment has been made to Universal on March 3, 2023 if my child does not meet eligibility requirements or is unable to attend for any other reason. *Refunds will be available after payment deadline if buses are not available for scheduling.

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Student Number _____

Guardian Name _____ Guardian Signature _____

Today's Date _____

Student t-shirt size (circle): XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL
 (Adult unisex sizing)

Check Payment type: Paid in full on 11/17/22 Payment Plan

Cash
 Check
 Online Payment via <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>