

Piney Grove Middle School

8th Grade Savannah Adventure

May 20-22, 2019



It isn't long before we depart on our three-day Savannah Adventure. The purpose of this letter is to help you prepare for our trip. Please mark your calendar now for the upcoming LAST-MINUTE DETAILS MEETING. All parents and students need to attend!

Boys- Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00p PGMS Cafeteria

Girls- Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00pm PGMS Cafeteria

Medications

1. If you are sending any medications, prescription or OTC, you must complete a separate ***Forsyth County Medication*** form for each medication. For example, if you are sending ADHD meds, Claritin, and an Antibiotic, you will need 3 copies of the ***Forsyth County Medication*** form. Place all completed forms and the accompanying bottles of medication in a large Ziploc bag and turn them in to Mrs. Femia, our school nurse. Forms are available on our website.
2. Medications and the ***Forsyth County Forms*** are due to the clinic by 4:00pm on Thursday, May 16, 2019.
3. You **do not need** to send Tylenol, Advil, Tums or Benadryl. We will have these medications and can administer them as long as you have signed and returned the permission form sent with this letter (yellow sheet). More copies are available... just ask.

Time and Place of Departure

- ◆ On Monday, May 20th, we'll leave from the school early before the regular school day begins. **Please have your child at the school between 6:30 – 6:45 AM for check-in and luggage inspection with their chaperone.** We will load buses from the back parking lot. **The buses will depart at 7:30am sharp.** Please do not park in the bus lane right up next to the building, and do not block the turn in front of the gym. You may park in the lot, or you may park along the road parallel to the lot or in the bus lane parallel to the lot.
- ◆ When students arrive, they need to come inside the building, find their chaperone's assigned classroom, sign in with that chaperone, and have their luggage checked. Boys will check-in on the 7th grade hallway; girls check-in on the 8th grade hallway. Once luggage has been checked, students can board the buses, but may not leave the buses once they board. The building will be very crowded with students and their luggage, so we encourage parents to wait outside or to drop off their student and leave.

To Contact Your Student During the Trip

- ◆ **Please limit phone calls to those of an urgent nature.** We encourage students to bring cell phones, with the understanding of when it is okay to use them and when it is not. All BYOT rules will remain in effect during the Savannah trip.
- ◆ **In an emergency, if you need to call us:** If it is during school hours, call the school office at **678-965-5010**. After school hours **ONLY** you may call or text **706-344-9195**.
- ◆ The Girls stay at Springhill Suites (912) 629-7777. The Boys stay at Fairfield Inn (912) 925-5050
- ◆ ***REMIND*** Texts – If you would like to get daily text updates from during the trip, then please text **@savpar19** to 81010 for the *Parent Texts*. I'll be posting regular updates as well as photos throughout the trip.

Returning Home

- ◆ We are scheduled to arrive back at the school around 5:00 PM in the back lot, depending on traffic. Please be waiting for your child when we return. At this point, all buses will return to the back lot; if we make a change, we will notify you through text messages.
- ◆ Stay close to your phone in the afternoon. We will have students call home or text when we are close.

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Guidelines on Medications

No medication will be allowed to remain with the student on the Savannah Field Trip unless it is an inhaler or Epi-pen for emergencies. Please contact Judy Femia, school nurse, with any questions or concerns 678-965-5010 ext.381527 or jfemia@forsyth.k12.ga.us or Ms. Gibson at sgibson@forsyth.k12.ga.us

Types of Medications:

Prescription Medications must be brought to the clinic in the original prescription bottle by parents. A Forsyth County medication form will need to be completed and signed by parents. This form is attached to the packet or you can email Ms. Gibson for another copy. **Medication in Ziploc bags that are NOT in original containers will not be accepted.**

Non prescription Medications, such as Claritin and Allegra, must be brought to the clinic by parents in the original bottle or box. A Forsyth County medication form will need to be completed and signed by parents. This is the same form you would use prescription medications and a copy is attached or you can email Mrs. Wood for another copy. **Medication in Ziploc bags that are NOT in original containers will not be accepted.**

Homeopathic Medications are not FDA approved and will not be given on the Savannah Field Trip per Forsyth County Policy.

Vitamins should only be given during the field trip if absolutely necessary.

Directions for Sending Medications

1. Gather all medications in their original packages.
2. Put all medications, which are in their original packages, in the one zip lock bag.
3. Label the bag with your student's name and chaperone's name.
4. Fill out one Forsyth County Medication form for every medication you are sending. For example – if you are sending 4 medications you will need 4 forms. You only need these forms for **prescription** medications you are sending. Chaperones will carry Tylenol, Tums, Ibuprofen and Benadryl.
5. Put all your Forsyth County medical forms in the bag with your student's medications.
6. Bring the medications to the clinic prior to the trip.
7. **Medication Deadline will be Thursday, May 16, 2019.** Organizing medication for this trip takes hours to complete. **Medications brought the morning of the trip will be given to the student the next day.** Please plan accordingly.

*****Suitcases and bags will be checked the morning of the Savannah Trip. If any medications are found, they will be removed. All medications must come through the clinic prior to the day of the field trip.**

*****All students who require medical care plans must be completed and signed by their physician before the trip.**

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