

Piney Grove Middle School

7th Grade Spring Fieldtrip

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To: Parents & 7th Grade Students of PGMS

We are planning a fun outing to the Gwinnett Stripers ballgame to help celebrate our 2021-22 school year. After careful consideration, we have selected Son Tours, Inc. to plan and manage our trip. Their staff are professional, experienced, intimately familiar with our destination, and the tour cost is reasonably priced. Every detail has been executed to ensure a positive, safe, and worry-free learning environment for our students.

Your tour price of **\$69** includes the following: round-trip transportation on chartered motor coaches, admission to the ballgame, and lunch at the ballpark. There is an optional **Covid -19 Protection Plan (CPP)** for an additional \$5. This plan will give a total refund except for funds paid for the CPP. Attached is a sample itinerary showing the schedule. Our planned tour date is **April 26, 2022**.

The students will be chaperoned by 7th grade teachers and an administrator. In addition, Son Tours will have a staff member available to our group during the tour.

In order to reserve the itinerary for this tour, we need to enroll as soon as possible.

Therefore, enrollment deadline is 4/10/22. YOU MUST ENROLL ONLINE.

Itinerary

Tuesday April 26

9:10 am – Charter buses arrive at Piney Grove

9:30 am – Buses depart for Coolray Field

10:15 am – Arrive at Coolray Field

10:45 am- Educational Skid- Good Health

11:05 am Gwinnett Stripers vs Norfolk Tides

12:30 Bag lunch delivered at seats – Hot dog, chips, cookie, fruit, and water. (Or PGMS sack lunch if pre-selected)

*Students can bring money to purchase extra/other items at the concession stand in the ballpark.

1:30 pm - Depart for Piney Grove

2:30 pm -Arrive back at school

How to Sign-Up and Pay

-The cost of the trip is \$69 non-refundable.

*You will have the option to select the Optional COVID -19 Protection Plan (CPP) for an additional \$5 which provides a refund in the event the trip is cancelled due to COVID-19.

Enrollment is online and requires a debit or credit card.

-Go to www.son-tours.com and Use Code PGM722

***There is no fee for this transaction.**

-Once enrolled, students will be automatically added to the trips roster.

-Sign and return the permission form (page 3 & 4) in this packet (permission, lunch choice, medical information)



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>What you CAN Bring</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cell Phones</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Extra cash for spending- \$20.00-\$40.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Camera</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunglasses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Clear Bag</p> <p>*All guests are permitted to bring one (1) clear bag to Coolray Field, provided it is no larger than a reusable grocery bag (approximately 12" x 12"). Clear bags will allow for contactless inspection. Clutches: Are allowed provided they are no larger than 5x9 inches.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Expectations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Representing PGMS and Forsyth County Schools •County Dress Code applies •County Code of Conduct applies •GRIT and Tour Etiquette <p>A variety of food and drink offerings are available at the concession stands, No outside food or beverages (with the exception of one sealed bottle of water per ticketed fan) are allowed in Coolray Field.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stadium Map</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.milb.com/gwinnett/ballpark/coolray-field-seating</p>
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Here are a few basic things you should know before heading to Coolray Field:

PERMITTED ITEMS include umbrellas, clear bags no larger than a grocery tote size (subject to contactless inspection), cell phones, cameras and hand-held video cameras.

CLEAR BAG POLICY means that all guests **are permitted to bring one (1) clear bag to Coolray Field, provided it is no larger than a reusable grocery bag**. Clear bags will allow for contactless inspection.

Need a clear bag? The Stripers sell them for \$12 in Bobby's Tackle Team Store.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED include outside food and drink (with the exception of one sealed bottle of water per ticketed fan), glass bottles or cans, weapons of any kind, laser pointers, lawn chairs, banners and/or flags of any kind with a stick, frisbees, beach balls or any other objects that can be thrown in the stadium.

This sheet must be completed front and back and returned for students to attend the fieldtrip
PLEASE READ AND SIGN IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACES

Student Name_____ **Grizzly Time Teacher**_____

I give permission for my child to participate in the Piney Grove MS's 7th Grade Gwinnett Stripers field trip on April 26, 2022. I understand that once I commit to this activity no refunds can be made until after all trip expenses have been met and that a cancellation fee will be applied. I also understand that my child may not be allowed to participate if his/her behavior is such that it could endanger himself/herself or others. In addition, a student's participation in this learning opportunity may end if his/her behavior distracts significantly from the learning environment of others. I also understand that Piney Grove Middle School and Son Tours, LLC act as agents in this activity and shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, delay, or any other irregularities that occur as the fault or service providers (museums, restaurants, etc.) on this trip.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Lunch: Check One: Ballpark Lunch _____ Sack Lunch from PGMS Cafeteria _____
 (hot dog, chips, cookie, fruit, water) (PB&J sandwich, chips, fruit, milk)

Medical Information- Please provide all information and sign where required.

Health Insurance Company	Policy Number
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Group Number	Provider Phone
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I agree to pay for any and all treatment not covered by my insurance program should the need arise. In the event my child is injured or becomes ill while away from school on the 7th grade fieldtrip on April 26, 2022, I understand that the chaperones will immediately seek medical attention for my child and contact me as soon as possible at the number or numbers listed above. I further agree to hold Forsyth County School District, its employees, and agents harmless of any injury or sickness directly caused by the negligence of

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Does your child have special medical needs or food allergies? (Medication, allergies, etc.) Please use the space below to explain in detail.

Teacher chaperones will carry first aid kits and certain Over-the Counter (OTC) medications during the field trip. Please mark the space provided for any of the following OTC medication your child may receive while on the fieldtrip.

Tylenol Advil Tums Benadryl

Piney Grove Middle School -Field Trip Behavior Agreement

Dear 7th Grade Student and Parent:

Students traveling on the Piney Grove 7th grade spring fieldtrip are always expected to conduct themselves appropriately. Because our 7th grade students are representing Piney Grove Middle School as a whole, and because we are asking Piney Grove faculty and staff to be responsible for students off campus and out of town, our behavioral expectations are set at a high standard. Thus, any 7th grade student who:

- Commits any discipline infraction that results in an In-School Suspension between January 6, 2022 and April 25, 2022 will not be allowed to attend the PGMS 7th Grade Gwinnett Stripers field trip on April 26, 2022. (ISS assignment automatically makes the student ineligible for the trip).
- Commits any discipline infraction that results in Out-of-School Suspension between January 6, 2022 and April 25, 2022, will, will not be allowed to attend the PGMS 7th Grade Gwinnett Stripers field trip on April 26, 2022.
- Commits any act that is deemed egregious by the administration will not be allowed to attend the PGMS 7th Grade Gwinnett Stripers field trip on April 26, 2022.

If a student has made payments toward the trip and then loses the privilege of traveling on this trip because of inappropriate behavior, no refunds can be made by Piney Grove Middle School or *Son Tours* until all trip expenses have been met and a \$50.00 cancellation fee is applied.

Any student who loses his/her privilege to attend the trip may appeal the decision through a student-directed appeal process. A committee of teachers and an administrator will consider all appeals and determine if eligibility should be reinstated.

All students are expected to adhere to the Forsyth County Schools Code of Conduct and all policies and procedures as stated in the Piney Grove Middle School Student/Parent Handbook. Any discipline issue that occurs on the trip will be handled by the administrator(s) chaperoning the trip. Parents could be called and requested to come pick up their child if the issue is considered to create a situation where the administrator feels the child should not continue the trip.

Please sign and return this completed form (both sides) and make your full payment online at. Forms must be submitted and completed in full for a child to attend the 7th Grade spring fieldtrip by **April 10, 2022**.

I understand the above information and I agree to follow the behavior guidelines set by the Piney Grove Middle School faculty and administration.

Student Name: _____
(Please Print)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this completed and signed document (both sides) to Ms. Gibson in room 2138.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Great Information is located here...

Please find listed below some frequently asked questions regarding the Field Trip. If you have any further questions and/or concerns, please contact Ms. Gibson at sgibson@forsyth.k12.ga.us.

1. **What about the students not going on the trip?**

The students not going on the trip will be required to attend school as this will be considered a regular school day. Students staying behind will follow an adjusted schedule and participate in fun learning opportunities.

2. **Are parents allowed on the trip?**

No, due to matters regarding security and medical concerns, parents are not allowed on the trip. All staff chaperoning this trip have been fingerprinted and background checks have been performed. Furthermore, all staff has been made aware of medical situations and frequently used medical devices by our school nurse. The seventh-grade teachers and one administrator will be chaperoning the trip. The student-to- teacher ratio is 1:10.

3. **How are the chaperone and bus assignments done?**

Each chaperone will be assigned a previously organized group of 10 students. Students will ride on an assigned bus with their chaperone and the other 9 students assigned to their group. Each bus will hold 4 or 5 chaperones and their assigned students. Students will travel with their chaperone and their assigned bus to and from the event and will sit with their chaperone and group at the ballpark.

4. **What if my child is a vegetarian or has special dietary needs because of medical or religious reasons?**

Students who have special dietary needs should be prepared to purchase an alternative meal option at one of the eateries within the ballpark (see the map) or they can mark the space on the form to request a sack lunch from the PGMS cafeteria.

5. **Can my child take medications with them on the trip?**

Yes, but only through submitting the proper forms and the medication to the school nurse, who will then give them to their assigned chaperone. One week prior to the departure, all medications (Prescription and Over-the-Counter) and medical devices must be delivered by the parent to our school nurse with medication forms. These forms will be available online and in the front office as we get closer to the trip. All medications must be in original containers and placed in a Ziploc bag with your medical forms. Chaperones will carry ALL medications for students. Students may carry their own inhalers and Epi Pens. **Please update your child's medical plan with Mrs. Femia in the PGMS clinic as soon as possible. Chaperones will also carry the following OTC medications that can be administered as needed: Tylenol, Advil, Tums, Benadryl** (Permission form OTC box selections required).

6. **How much spending money should my child bring on this trip?**

The price of the trip is all-inclusive; therefore, only a limited amount of money is recommended to purchase snacks and/or souvenirs. We suggest \$20-40.00.

7. **Can my child bring a cellular phone?**

Students will be allowed to bring cell phones on the trip, but phones must be turned off during any active tours that we will be attending. If students use their phones at inappropriate times or for inappropriate uses, they will lose their privilege to have their phone and/or receive a discipline referral.

8. **Will my child be allowed to bring snacks and drinks on the bus?**

Students may bring snacks on the bus, but CANNOT take them inside the ballpark. All drinks must be screw-top plastic bottles. Bottled water is highly recommended. Snacks should be healthy choices. No glass bottles or cans, no gum, dairy products, or chocolate candy are permitted on the bus.

9. **What about dress code?**

The dress code rules that apply in school will also apply on this trip, except for hats. We encourage all students to bring hats, sunglasses, and a light jacket or sweatshirt.

10. **What rules and expectations will there be on the trip?**

Students will be expected to follow the Forsyth County Code of Conduct, all policies and procedures outlined in our PGMS Student/Parent Handbook, and all rules and directions given by PGMS staff members. There will be consequences for students who make inappropriate choices. Consequences can range from loss of privileges at events and tours, disciplinary action back at school, or the parent must come pick up their child.

11. **What about refunds?** NO refunds will be given except for medical or family emergencies, or for COVID-related cancellations to those that selected to additional Optional Covid -19 Protection Plan (CPP) for an additional \$5.