

Who: All 8th Grade Students
What: Islands of Adventure/Universal Studios Gradventure Trip
When: Friday, May 8, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 2:15 am

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The eighth grade trip to ***Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios Gradventure*** is Friday, May 8, 2020. Students will meet in the GRMS auditorium at 1:00 pm. (***Students must have attended school to be eligible to attend the trip.***) The buses will depart at 1:30 pm and **return to the school at 2:15am.**

The cost of the trip is \$170.00 per student, which includes admission to both parks, transportation by charter bus, a meal voucher and a Gamble Rogers Middle School t-shirt. Student should bring money for additional meals and any extras.

First payment is due by February 28th. Payments can be made in full, \$170.00, or a deposit of \$85.00 will secure a spot on the trip. Balance of payment will be due in full by March 27, 2020. Spots are limited. A waiting list will be created after the first 200 payments/deposits are received.

Electronic payment can be made via the following link: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/GRMS-Gradventure2020>

Please make checks payable to Gamble Rogers Middle School and **include two contact numbers on the check.** Turn in permission slips, cash and checks to Mrs. Bohanan before school and during homeroom.

There will be no refunds after April 1, 2020.

Students may wear shorts (**no bathing suits, tank tops, inappropriate artwork, or revealing clothing permitted.**) **Please refer to the attached guidelines for dress code from Universal Studios.** For student recognition and safety, Gamble Rogers Middle School t-shirts **must** be worn at ***Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios.*** Appropriate behavior is expected of students who represent Gamble Rogers Middle School. Any behavior that violates school or park rules may result in the parent providing return transportation from ***Islands of Adventure/Universal Studios.***

There will be one chaperone for every 15 students. We want our students to have a wonderful experience; however, the following rules have served our students well in the past and will apply once again this year:

- a. Students travel in groups of 3 or more.
- b. Check-in times are at 8:00 P.M., 11:45 P.M. at designated locations.
- c. Buses will be loaded immediately following release from ***Islands of Adventure/Universal Studios.*** All students and chaperones are locked in until the gates are opened at midnight.
- d. Parents are expected to pick up their children **promptly at 2:15am** in the front of the school.

This experience is a vital part of the Positive Behavior Support System and Character Counts program. Eighth grade team teachers and the administration have established academic and behavior criteria.

To be eligible for this field trip, students must meet the following criteria:

- (1) No referrals or out of school suspensions
- (2) No more than 5 minor incident reports, starting February 5, 2020.
- (3) Students must be in good academic standing in ALL classes, C average (or better) and no F's for the 2nd semester. Grades will be checked at the end of the 3rd quarter (report card grades) and after 4th quarter interims.
Students must be eligible for promotion.
- (4) **Students must attend school regularly to be eligible to attend the field trip. Students may not accrue more than 8 absences from February 5th through May 8th.**
- (5) ***Administration/Teachers may revoke a student's eligibility at any time.***
- (6) Students must fulfill financial obligations (library fines, lost books) by May 1, 2020.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return with payment of \$170.00 or a deposit of \$85.00 no later than February 28, 2020. Any balance due must be paid by March 27, 2020.

Keep this information letter for future reference.

We look forward to the trip and having our eighth graders enjoy a fun-filled event.

Please contact Mrs. Bohanan via email with any questions nicole.bohanan@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade Team Teachers: Tina Annucci, Tom Barrett, Ryan Bozeman, Emily Graham, Kimbrel Halloran, Dan Knight, Rebecca Lindberg, Julie Penn, Jessica Wynn, Robin Rucker, Renee Aunchman