

# 7th Grade Field Trip - Charlotte, NC

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Track 1: February 28, 2020

Tracks 2&3: March 12, 2020

Track 4: February 13, 2020

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This is our 1<sup>st</sup> year bringing 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to Charlotte and it's a phenomenal experience for both students and their chaperones. It's an action and educational packed, full-one-day trip. We hope you can join us!

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Students will need to be at the school between 6:00 am and 6:15 am on the day of departure. We will board the buses at approximately 6:15am and depart shortly thereafter. We will not wait for late arrivals, we will leave, and that student(s) will not get a refund. We are on a strict schedule and if we wait for late students, we will be unable to attend some sites.

We will leave Charlotte in the late afternoon and arrive at HGMS at approximately 6:30pm. We will NOT stop for dinner on the way home. Parents need to be at the school no later than 6:30pm and park in the parking lot and NOT anywhere near the carpool lane as the buses need to come in. Students on the bus will be told to contact their parents about 30 minutes before we arrive at the school.

Students will travel in luxury buses provided by Holiday tours. These buses are equipped with a restroom, free Wi-Fi, plugs to charge any device, and comfy seats. Students will be supervised by their teachers and chaperones. Students will learn of their chaperones on the day of the trip.

Chaperones will ride on the same bus as their group. Chaperones are not allowed to drive in their own vehicles and no parent or any other adult can meet us in Charlotte without being approved by the lead coordinator and WCPSS.

At least two teachers will be on each bus. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade administrator, Mr. Banks, will also be present on this trip.

## SITES FOR OUR TRIP:

- Charlotte Motor Speedway
  - **SPEED & ACCELERATION** - Come and explore the velocity of a moving car! Teams will clock and measure speeds at varying angles that correlate to our different race tracks.
  - **REMOTE CONTROL CARS** - Get ready to race! Teams will run a series of qualifying times and compete in races based upon the average they calculate.
  - **WEIGHT & BALANCE** - Students will form "pit crews" and work together as they learn about weight distribution. Pit crews will calculate pre-adjustment and post-adjustment weight.
  - **TRACTION** - Groups will use a set of cars to measure the degree of traction on multiple surfaces. They will form a hypothesis based on the angle the car will move.
  - **FRICTION** - Students will learn how friction plays an important role in motorsports. This station will focus on Newton's Laws of Motion.
- Discovery Place Science Center
- IMAX Movie

## FOOD

Students will bring a bag lunch which will include a drink that only has a screw top. PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY SANDWICHES and any other PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE NOT ALLOWED. We do not allow any type of energy drinks to be purchased nor consumed on this trip.

Students with special dietary needs may bring what they need on the trip. There are coolers on the buses.

## **PACKING**

Parents should look at the weekly forecast of Charlotte a few days before the trip, so they know if their child will require rain gear or heavier jackets.

Good walking shoes are a must. Open-back shoes (flip-flops, slides, etc.) are not appropriate shoe wear on this trip.

Students are allowed one drawstring bag. The carry-on should only have what they need for the day such as spending money, a phone charger, medicines, and snacks. Students will be required to wear a school name tag.

Students may bring electronics but are responsible for them. No chaperone will carry these items for them. If they get broken or stolen, we are not liable. We encourage students to bring their cell phones, so they can be easily reached if they are separated from the group. It is not necessary to have a cellphone on this trip.

## **MEDICATION**

If your child has a health plan, the nurse will be contacting you prior to the trip. Teachers will carry any medications that are currently kept at school for your child.

## **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

This trip can only be enjoyable if everyone is on their best behavior. Any misbehavior may result in a parent picking up his/her child in Charlotte and/or school consequences when the child returns to school. Students will read over the behavior expectations contract with their parent, sign the contract, and return the contract with their first payment.

## **TRIP COST**

The cost of the trip (\$102) covers the buses, educational tour guides, and the entrance into all the venues that charge a fee. Students can bring additional money for souvenirs, extra food, vending machine food/drinks, etc.

## **PAYMENTS**

The payment dates cover a one-week period. FOLLOW your track's payment dates...not another's track's payment date. Please keep in mind that your track might only have one week before you track out or track in. If you are tracking out, the payment is due before you track out. To avoid being removed from the trip, make your payment online and/or before the due dates. PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR AN EXTENSION—We have given plenty of notice for this field trip so you can prepare for it. You can always pay ONLINE before the due dates. There is a 4% fee for every online payment made.

## **PAYMENT DATES**

## 1st Payment (\$51) or Full- Payment (\$102)

**\*\*(\$51 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT)\*\***

**Track 1: Oct. 1-4**

**Tracks 2&3: Sept. 16-20**

**Track 4: Sept. 23-27**

**2nd Payment (\$51)**

**Track 1: Dec. 2-6**

**Tracks 2&3: Dec. 9-13**

**Track 4: Dec. 2-6**

### **Important Payment Notes:**

- You may pay by check (payable to HGMS), exact cash, or use the online payment system that can be found on the school's website.
- Payment by check or exact cash must be paid by the assigned payment due dates as listed below to the child's homeroom teacher by 8:10am.
- The online payment link: <http://osp.osmsinc.com/wakeNC> The track teacher (team leader) will receive the online payment notification immediately after you make a payment. If you are unsure that you did make a payment, contact your child's track teacher. There is a 4% fee added to online payments.
- If you want to pay before the assigned payment due dates, you must use the online payment system. Teachers will not accept check or cash payments before or after the payment schedule as listed above.
- Do not drop off payments during your child's track out, but you can make an online payment. No one will be able to process your payments.
- The \$51.00 deposit is non-refundable as we must pay for deposits months in advance of the trip.
- If a chaperone is attending, he/she needs to also pay his/her part on the assigned dates.
- If a parent decides that his/her child will not be attending the trip after paying any amount, \$51.00 is not refundable. Check the fee schedule to determine if any other refund is available. The trip has already been paid for and we do not get a refund from the travel company.
- You may pay the entire amount on the first payment date.

### **REFUNDS**

To request a refund less the \$51.00 non-refundable fee, a copy of your online receipt or the white receipt must be submitted to the track team leader by January 10. This date is non-negotiable.

Any payment, check or cash, made at school, the track teacher will give your child a receipt. Remind your child to bring that home to you because if a refund is needed or you want the verification that you paid, you will need this receipt.

### **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Partial scholarships for students may be available if we receive donations from parents. If parents would like to sponsor a student, please send a separate check with any amount and state in the memo section: "Donation".

Students who are interested in applying for a scholarship will need to see their team leader for the application no later than November 8. Scholarships are not available for chaperones or students of

chaperones. Students who receive a partial scholarship will be notified by their team leader no later than November 22 and will need to make the remaining fee by their track's final due date.

## CHAPERONES

The chaperone fee is \$102.00 and \$51.00 of this amount is non-refundable. Chaperones need to be in good health as we usually walk several miles during the trip and take the responsibility of watching up to 10 students, including their child. All volunteers must register by November 8 and be approved by WCPSS before they can help in any capacity. The volunteer registration system is currently open every day at any WCPSS media center. Due to our venues, we WILL have a cap on the number of chaperones. If you are interested in chaperoning, please click on the link below or scan the QR code to indicate your interest. Chaperones will be chosen in a lottery. If selected, you will be notified by your track's team leader and will then be able to submit your payment. Even if you have previously indicated your interest to the team leader, please complete the Google form attached to these links.

<http://bit.ly/Chaperones7>



## IMPORTANT STEPS

The following is due by the first payment date to your homeroom teacher:

1. Completed WCPSS field trip form (attached)
2. Signed Student and Parent Contract Agreement-form---(attached)
3. Deposit of \$51/student attending (You may pay the full amount—see payment information above.)
4. Chaperones will not send in a payment until they have been notified that they have been selected through the lottery to attend the trip.
5. \*Students and parents will also be required to a waiver for the Charlotte Speedway. This will be sent home closer to the trip.

NOTE: The first 4 items above are due at the SAME time. If paid online, the required forms are due the next day the child is back in school. We do not accept the forms separately from the payment.

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

This document provides all the details of the trip. If there's additional information to be added, students will receive this from your team leader. There will NOT be a parent meeting before the trip. Please contact your child's team leader with questions.

## Student and Parent Contract Agreement

**BUS BEHAVIOR: I will:**

- keep my area neat by holding onto my trash until I exit the bus.
- only have screw-top plastic bottles on the bus (However, the bus driver might not allow drinks and I will therefore not drink on the bus.)
- keep my voices low on the bus when I'm allowed to talk.
- stop talking even in mid-sentence when any adult talks to the bus or asks for me to listen. You will often have adults telling you about a certain area or rules to enter a place.)
- not walk around the bus. If must go to the restroom, I will stay seated until the restroom light indicates I may use it.

**WALKING TOURS: I will:**

- keep up with the group. There's a lot of walking and we walk fast, you must keep up. (Plus, you will miss what you came for!)
- be quiet when the guide speaks.
- ask thoughtful questions.
- watch where I'm walking.
- I will keep to the right of the walkways and get out of people's way.
- follow the directions of the guides. (There are times that you must be quiet.)
- not run nor climb anything at the exhibits/locations.
- not talk to strangers.

**BUILDINGS: I will:**

- listen to the guides/teacher's instructions about entering buildings. (This includes what you can bring or not bring into these buildings.)
- listen and adhere to the guides/teacher's instructions about how to act in the buildings.
- not run.
- follow the chaperone's expectations.
- not exit any building without permission.
- stay with my group.
- not talk to strangers.

**COMMUNICATION: I will**

- contact my chaperone lead teacher when I have an emergency, have an important question, am not with my group, or I am lost.

**FOOD: I will:**

- not ask anyone for money to purchase food.
- eat and make sure I'm hydrated. (We're doing a lot of walking...you need your energy.)
- not leave a mess. I will pick up all my garbage and dispose of it properly.
- be respectful in all food places.

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS: I will:**

- not tell or show anyone my spending money.
- keep my belongings safe. (We are not responsible for damaged, lost. or stolen items.)

## Charlotte Parent/Student Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (STUDENT'S FULL NAME), have read the STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT, and by signing below, I will follow all of them. I

understand if I don't adhere to these expectations, my parents will be called, and they may have to pick me up in Charlotte and/or receive school consequences when we return to school.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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DATE

I, \_\_\_\_\_(PRINTED FULL NAME OF PARENT), have read the Charlotte trip details and by signing below indicates that I thoroughly went over this entire document with my child so that both of us

- understand the procedures and expectations.
- understand and will follow the payment schedule.
- understand what makes a child eligible and ineligible to attend the trip.
- will have to pick up my child in Charlotte if the administration tells me to do so.
- understand and agree to the refund, if applicable, refund policy and schedule.

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PARENT SIGNATURE

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DATE