

## 7th Grade Trip Information

We trust that your student is looking forward to the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the Creation Museum. Our faculty members are anticipating an exciting and enjoyable learning experience as well an opportunity to fellowship with students in an informal atmosphere. We also realize, however, our great responsibility to provide proper supervision for your child.

With that responsibility in mind, please go over the following information carefully with your child and counsel him/her about the importance of abiding by the guidelines established by his/her authorities.

### **Bus**

- Students may carry on a small bag or backpack.
- Students may have snacks but may drink only water on the bus.
- Students may have drinks (other than water) only at rest/meal stops.

### **Emergency Calls**

In case of emergency, please call Mr. Payne (864-423-4179), or call the MS Office. Mrs. Ferrier will have chaperones' cell numbers.

### **Pack Wisely**

- Layers work well to allow adjustments to daily temperature changes.
- Boys should plan to wear school clothes for touring at the museums.
- Girls may wear **loose-fitting slacks**—not jeans. (Skinny pants are not appropriate.)
- All students can bring a pair of jeans for the play activities at the camp. However, students are not to wear jeans when we are touring at either the Creation Museum or the Cincinnati Museum.
- All students should wear comfortable shoes.
- Students should bring a coat or lightweight jacket to layer (see above).
- Depending on the forecast, it may be wise to pack a small, collapsible umbrella.
- Students will need bed linens or a sleeping bag and a pillow as well as a towel, shower shoes (flip-flops), and all toiletries. (Remember, we are staying at a camp, not in a hotel.)

### **Suitcases**

- One medium-size suitcase plus a sleeping bag roll, if bringing one
- No hanging bags, etc., in addition to the suitcase

### **Do Not Bring**

- iPods, iPads, DVD players, tablets, e-readers, laptops, headphones, etc.
- Books or magazines that would not be acceptable at the middle school

### **You May Bring**

- Books
- Electronic games that meet middle school standards on devices that play only that game
- Hand-held game systems that do not connect to the Internet on which the student plays only games that would be acceptable at school

### **Cell Phones**

- Students may bring cell phones on the trip. We ask that students use phones only with permission from their chaperon and only for emergency situations or calling home.
- We will encourage students at set times each day to call or text home and give parents updates.
- Students are not to use their phones to call or text each other at any time during the trip.
- Students are not to use their phones to listen to music from their play list.

- Students with smart phones are not at any time to have their phones connected to the Internet.
- During the touring times, phones are to be set to silent so that they are not a distraction to presentations, demonstrations, or discussions.
- Students whose phones “go off” during a presentation or who are using their phones for anything other than taking appropriate pictures will forfeit their phone privileges.
- Chaperones may collect phones at certain times and will collect them at “lights out” and return them at breakfast the next morning.
- Students whose phone use is not in line with the above guidelines will lose their phone privileges for the remainder of the trip and may face disciplinary action.

### **Cameras**

- Bring batteries, memory card (if needed).
- Students may use their phones as their cameras.

### **Money**

- Dinner Wed., breakfast, lunch and dinner Thur., and breakfast and lunch Fri. are included.
- Students will need money for two fast-food-type meals, souvenirs, and tip for camp staff.
- Students should keep food and souvenir money separate.

### **Christian Testimony**

Of utmost importance is that your child be mindful of his/her testimony at all times. We want to be a witness for the Lord and to establish good relationships with our contacts in KY, IN, and OH – the Creation Museum, the camp, and the Cincinnati Museum. We do not want anyone or anything to prevent or hinder others from seeing Christ in our students.

**Itinerary:** (a detailed itinerary should be available in the next few days)

Wednesday, 10/15

8:00 a.m. Depart from west end of BJUP parking lot (far end away from ES Primary Center)  
Stops along the way for restroom needs and lunch

5:00 p.m. Arrive at Creation Museum  
Dinner and brief “get acquainted” time at CM, then travel to camp  
Lodging at Higher Ground Conference Center, West Harrison, IN

Thursday, 10/16

Breakfast at the camp  
Spend the entire day at the Creation Museum – museum tour, ride zip line, planetarium, star gazing, and meals  
Return to camp

Friday, 10/17

Breakfast at the camp  
Meeting, followed by packing, and depart for Cincinnati Museum  
Tour Museum of Natural History and Science at the Cincinnati Museum Center  
Lunch at the Cincinnati Museum  
Depart for return to Greenville

10:00 p.m. Arrive back at the Hutto Bldg. in front of the MS (return may be sooner than 10:00; when we are 1 hour away, we will instruct students to call/text home)