

The Villages® Charter Elementary School

November 15, 2024

Dear Parents,

Our second grade students will have the opportunity to visit Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park in 2025! Students will learn more about animal habitats, adaptations, environments, as well as rocks and minerals with a mining experience.

Classes will be going to Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park on the following days:

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – Miss Chiaro, Mrs. Cumba, Mrs. D'Alessandro, Mrs. Duarte, Miss Georgi, & Mrs. Sears

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – Ms. Beserock, Mrs. France, Miss Hess, Mrs. Mahfood, Mrs. Morera, & Mrs. Watson

Thursday, January 9, 2025 – Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Bennett, Ms. Brown & Mrs. Byant, Ms. Ginty, & Ms. Moules

We will be departing the Buffalo Ridge Intermediate Center or Middleton Campus K-5 at 8:15 am to travel by bus to Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park. Lunch will be included. Please check the appropriate lunch option on the bottom of this form. After a fun-filled day, we will return to school at about 4:00 pm. Your child will need to be picked up when we return or will be placed in Buffalo Adventures at that time.

The cost of the trip will be \$40.00 for students. This includes admission to the zoo, lunch, and bus transportation. Please pay via Skyward (with a small fee), send in cash, or check made payable to VCS (if paying by check please include your child's legal name and '2nd Gr. field trip' in the memo line). The attached parental consent form must be filled out completely and signed for your child to participate. Payment and consent form are due no later than **Friday, December 13, 2024**.

Each classroom is in need of five (5) parent chaperones to partner with our teachers to carefully supervise students for this trip; one parent per family, please. Indicate if you are interested in being a chaperone on the bottom portion of this page and return it to your child's teacher before **Thursday, November 21st**. A drawing will be held on **Friday, November 22nd** and parents will then be notified. To be eligible for the drawing as a chaperone, a completed **online** volunteer application along with a copy of your driver's license must be submitted before **November 21st**. If we do not have your application on file, you will not be put into the drawing.

All parent chaperones will need to provide their own transportation to and from the zoo. Parents chosen as chaperones will need to submit a \$40.00 payment, which includes admission and lunch, along with their child's payment according to the due date listed above. Parent chaperones will earn up to 5 hours of PI service time. Additional adults and siblings will not be allowed on the trip.

Sincerely,

The 2nd Grade Teams @ Buffalo Ridge and Middleton



Child's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Lunch is provided at the zoo. Please select your child's choice

Turkey Sandwich _____ Hot Dog _____ Veggie Wrap _____ Chicken Tenders _____ Gluten Free _____

I would like to chaperone

Name of Chaperone: _____ (please print)

Please complete our online volunteer application, submit a copy of your driver's license to the appropriate email, and return this slip before *November 21, 2024* to be eligible to participate in the drawing for chaperones.