

Dear 7th Grade Family,

Sep 30, 2024

VCMS - Buffalo Ridge Campus - **7th** grade students are invited to attend a field trip designed to complement the Life Science curriculum where students will observe animals and other living organisms interacting in ecosystems. Students will also be permitted to enjoy the theme park thrill-rides and any available theatrical performances/shows.

**Trip Details:**

- **Where:** SeaWorld, Orlando, FL Ph: 407-545-5550
- **When:** Thursday, December 19, 2024
  - Time of Departure: 8:15am from VCMS-BR
  - Time of Return: 5:30pm at VCMS-BR
- **Cost:**
  - **Students \$100 due 11/1/24**
  - Chaperones \$100 >> **BUT DO NOT PAY UNTIL YOU ARE SELECTED & NOTIFIED!**
  - Students or chaperones with a valid annual SeaWorld pass \$58 (round trip + all day dining)
    - Must provide a photocopy of annual pass at time of payment
    - Actual Annual Passes must be presented at the park for entry
  - Payment due by November 1, 2024 (no exceptions)
  - Return both Field Trip Consent Form & Payment in full to **Mrs. Abrams**
- **Eligibility:**
  - **No F's in Math, ELA, Science, or Civics** for the 1st semester grade (Q1 + Q2 averaged = **S1 grade**)
  - **No more than 2 ISS** assignments + **no OSS** assignments
  - Administration will make the final determination regarding a student's eligibility **up to the day** of the event. Please understand that failure to exhibit our core values could exclude a student from this event **even if** payment has already been made.
- **It is a regular school day if your student is NOT attending the trip.** Any student that does not attend the trip will follow a regular school day schedule in uniform dress with alternate work assigned.
- **Cost Includes:** Admission to the theme park, bus transportation round trip, and an all-day dining voucher (every 90 minutes = entree + side/dessert + beverage).
- **Dress Code:** No backpacks - only a sling bag, if needed for personal items. Students must wear their school uniform hoodie or polo, and blue jeans (no rips or frays) or regular school uniform bottoms. Shirts may be untucked. Lanyards should **NOT** be worn. If a student comes to school that day out of dress code, they will not be allowed to attend.
- **Additional Money Needed:** The *All-Day Dining Pass* is good every 90 minutes for an entree + side/dessert + soda/tea/water. Students may buy additional items/souvenirs while at the park, BUT please note that **SeaWorld is now a cashless park**. Students will either need to exchange their cash

for a visa gift card at a kiosk when they arrive at the park, or bring a debit card, credit card, prepaid visa gift card, or mobile app to pay. **Do NOT ask chaperones for additional money!** Students are responsible for whatever they choose to bring (including personal devices) and/or purchase.

- **Cell Phones:** **No social media allowed during the entire trip, including bus rides.** If a student is reported to be on social media during this trip, the cell phone will be taken by a supervising teacher and must be picked up by a parent in the parking lot upon return to school. Cell phones are allowed for park pictures and cashless payments. Earbuds are required for any music/sound during the bus rides. If a cell phone is lost or stolen, it is neither expected nor suggested that a chaperone or the group spend time searching instead of enjoying the theme park. It is the responsibility of the student to keep up with his/her items. Cell phones may be left at home to prevent this situation!!
- **Chaperones:** If you are interested in attending this trip to chaperone a 4-6 student group of 7th graders, then check "YES" on the bottom of the form. Do NOT pay the chaperone amount at this time. We will contact you if/when you are selected to participate, and you will remit payment at that time. Mrs. Abrams will date & time stamp the student's paperwork when it is given to Mrs. Abrams complete with student payment. Chaperones will be selected in that order.
  - All chaperones must have the appropriate paperwork completed (*24-25 Volunteer Application-complete online*) and a background check (*24-25 Volunteer Fingerprint Procedures*) done **BEFORE** the trip. You can review the requirements on our website here:
    - <https://www.tvcs.org/middleSchool/forms.asp>.
    - Fingerprinting must be **completed** no later than Friday, December 6, 2024
    - Previously completed fingerprints on file may not expire on or before 12/19/24 so please call central office to inquire on the expiration date
- **Chaperone Expectations:** Do not request a limited group. All chaperones must supervise the assigned group of students (including your own child) that will be fairly distributed based upon the available number of chaperones. This includes keeping all members of your group together at all times, as well as standing in lines with the group of students. No younger / older siblings are allowed to accompany a chaperone. Chaperones are required to ride the bus, and refrain from smoking, vaping, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using inappropriate language during the entirety of the trip. PI Time will be awarded for this service.

We are excited about this fantastic opportunity and appreciate your consideration! If you have other questions, please feel free to contact one of us and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Abrams: Stacey.Abrams@tvcs.org

Mr. Froehle: Jason.Froehle@tvcs.org

**RETURN THIS PAGE:**

Student *LAST* Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student *FIRST* Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Science Teacher (*Circle*): MRS. ABRAMS MR. FROEHLE

**Check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **My student is attending the field trip.** I understand that behavior and academic progress will be used for participation and that if my student does not exhibit the VCS Core Values, they may be excluded from the trip. If payment has already been remitted to the theme park, there is no guarantee that it will be refunded to me. (*Complete the 'Parental Consent' form & remit payment in full*)

**Check one:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Payment submitted **\$100**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attach Copy of Annual Pass + Payment **\$58** (round trip + all day dining)

\_\_\_\_\_ **My student is NOT attending the field trip.** I understand that it is still a regular school day, and my child is expected to attend school.

## CHAPERONE INFORMATION

**Check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I want to be a chaperone.** I understand that I must first wait to see if I am selected. Then after paying, I must complete the appropriate paperwork and fingerprinting by 12/6/24 in order to be eligible to attend. Fingerprints may not expire on or before 12/19/24. I also understand the chaperone expectations.

*First & Last Name of parent wanting to chaperone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Chaperone Phone Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Chaperone Preferred email:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **I do NOT want to be a Chaperone.**

\*\*\*\*\* Bottom for TEACHER Use Only \*\*\*\*\*

Payment Info			
Date Received:		Time Received:	
CASH or CHECK#		Received By:	

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ON CAMPUS   
 OVERNIGHT   
 OFF CAMPUS

**ON OR OFF-CAMPUS SCHOOL ACTIVITY**  
**PARENT CONSENT/LIABILITY WAIVER/MEDICAL RELEASE**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ School: **VCMS-BR**

Club/Group/Class: **7<sup>th</sup>Grade Class** Supervising Faculty Members: **Mrs. Abrams / Mr. Froehle**

Activity: **SeaWorld** Location: **Orlando, Florida**

Date & Time of Departure: **Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024 8:15am**  
 Date & Time of Return: **Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024 5:30pm**

Method of transportation:  School Bus  Charter Bus  Private Car  School Vehicle  Other

*\*\*Appropriate behavior choices throughout the year will be reviewed by Administration and considered for eligibility to participate in the field trip.*

**PARENT CONSENT/LIABILITY WAIVER/MEDICAL RELEASE**

- “I/We hereby give permission for my child to accompany employees of the Villages Charter School, acting as chaperones, to *the field trip listed above*, for the days indicated above. I/We will not hold the Villages Charter School or their agents or employees accompanying the group, responsible for any accident or injury to my child. I/We understand that under present law, if my/our child is riding in a private passenger automobile that is involved in an accident, he/she will be primarily covered for bodily injury under my/our family automobile policy, and I/we agree to submit any medical bills incurred to my/our insurance company for payment.
- “I/We further agree to indemnify and hold harmless, The Villages Charter School of Sumter, Florida, its agents or employees, for any property damages or personal injury caused by my child whether individually or in concert with any other person or entity. Payment for any damages that occur will be solely the responsibility of the involved child and their parents or legal guardians.”
- “I/We have read all the information in regards to this trip. I am aware of guidelines of said trip and the number of chaperones which will accompany my child.”
- “I/We hereby grant permission to the attending physician or his consulting physicians, to render to my son/daughter any emergency treatment, medical or surgical care that might be deemed necessary to the health and well-being of said child. Also, when necessary from the administering of such care, I grant permission for hospitalization at an accredited hospital.”
- “I/We assume full responsibility and liability for any and all expenses, damage, accident, illness, injury or medical expense of and to my/our child or our property resulting from such participation. I/We attest and affirm that the participant has no limitation that should prevent participation in the activity and I/We have not been advised or informed by anyone to the contrary.”
- “I/We further agree to inform that the appropriate school official(s) should my/our child’s physical condition change in any way and any time so as to affect his/her participation in the activity herein named.”

My Student has medical insurance:  Yes  No Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature / Date \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address / City / Zip \_\_\_\_\_