



Dear 7th grade student (and parent/guardian),

The seventh grade science teachers are excited to announce a wonderful field trip opportunity for all rising 7th grade students. In late September, we will be traveling to beautiful Jekyll Island to participate in the 4-H Environmental Education Program. Students will explore the fascinating coastal environment while participating in hands-on activities. Our busy itinerary includes visits to the beach, salt marsh, maritime forest, and exploration of the intercoastal waterways by land, boat, and canoe. In addition, students will also examine native plants and animals found in these unique environments.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION:

Date: Wednesday - Friday, September 26-28, 2018

Cost: \$285 per student (150 spaces)
 \$285 per parent chaperone (20 spaces)

(Cost includes environmental education program, lodging, charter bus transportation, all meals, ticket for Jekyll Island boat tour, ticket for Tidelands Nature Center canoeing, and souvenir t-shirt)

PAYMENTS:

1 st payment	\$50 deposit (non-refundable)*	due by Friday, August 10, 2018
2 nd payment	\$135 payment	due by Friday, August 31, 2018
3 rd payment	\$100 final payment	due by Friday, September 7, 2018

****Payments must be made using your students' MySchoolBucks account****

Because this field trip occurs during the first few weeks of 7th grade, we must start planning now. **There are a limited number of spaces available (150 student and 20 parent chaperone spaces). To guarantee your spot on the trip, please sign into MySchoolBucks and make your \$50 non-refundable deposit.** Payments may be made starting today (July 26, 2018) until the balance is paid in full, but no later than Friday, September 7, 2018. If you are interested in paying the balance (\$285) in full upfront, please select **deposit, 1st payment, and 2nd payment** in MySchoolBucks all at one time when making your full payment. *Deposits will be accepted until all spaces have been reserved.

ELIGIBILITY:

Participation is open to all 7th grade students; however, students who receive an office referral which leads to ISS or OSS between July 30, 2018, and September 25, 2018, **will be ineligible to participate.** All monies (except for the \$50 non-refundable deposit) will be refunded to students who are not eligible to attend due to behavior consequences.

PARENTS:

We welcome parent chaperones for this trip. All parent chaperones must have a background check and must complete a mandated reporter form and a parent chaperone guidelines form in order to attend. All chaperone paperwork will be sent home at the beginning of August, and after your deposit has been received. If you agree to be a chaperone, please plan accordingly to honor your commitment as it is very difficult to secure replacement chaperones at the last minute. **All background checks must be received by Friday, August 31, 2018, in order to be processed in time for the trip.**

We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to sharing it with you. Please contact Mrs. Foster at Melinda.Foster@henry.k12.ga.us or 770-957-6055 if you have any questions.