

Fifth Grade Field Trip Meeting



*October 2, 2017
5:30-:600 pm*

Things I need to know before volunteering to be a chaperone:

- Tobacco/E-cigarettes and alcohol use of any kind is prohibited on the field trip. We sleep on government property, and at night, we will be completely locked in, unable to go outside.
- Sleeping arrangements are not negotiable. Boys and men sleep on one side of the room, and girls and women sleep on the opposite side of the room. So, mothers and sons will have separate sleeping areas as well as fathers and daughters.
- All chaperones must ride the bus.
- If you are not willing to comply to these guidelines, please do not volunteer for this trip.

What do I need to do to be selected as a chaperone?

Step 1: Complete and submit a volunteer application and a copy of your driver's license. Please submit these forms to your child's homeroom teacher on or before October 30, 2017 (**as soon as possible would be fantastic**).

Step 2: Make the homeroom teacher aware of your desire to chaperone by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter on or before October 30, 2017.

Step 3: For the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) field trip, chaperones are required by law to be fingerprinted. Even if a person has been fingerprinted by **another** establishment, we still need chaperones to be fingerprinted by visiting the link: www.fieldprintflorida.com (cost: \$45.00, for 2 years). Please keep in mind once you have been fingerprinted, you will also need to pass a background check in order to be considered as a chaperone.

Kennedy Space Center:

- Cost: \$235/student and \$235/chaperone. An installment payment plan is in place.
- Overnight Adventure hosted by the KSC educational guides
- All meals provided
- Sleep under the Apollo Saturn V rocket
- Attend IMAX movies
- Participate in the Space Explorers Adventure at the Astronaut Hall of Fame

Classroom Dates

January 11-12, 2018

- Mrs. Davis
- Mrs. McDonald
- Ms. Mattson
- Ms. Hockett
- Mrs. James
- Mr. Fischer

January 18-19, 2018

- Mrs. Kacanich
- Mrs. Lee
- Mrs. Rodriguez
- Mrs. Priddy
- Mrs. Williams
- Mrs. Reynolds

Educational Tours Cancellation Policy!

- This event is chartered through a company called Educational Tours. You may visit their website at www.myedtours.com.
- Please review Educational Tour's cancellation policy, which is stated on the back of the itinerary you received at the bottom after the payment plan.
- The Villages Charter School can not issue a refund if you decide not to go on the trip, or your child decides he/she does not want to go. Due to this trip being organized and handled by Educational Tours, it is out of our hands.
- You will have to comply with their rules and regulations in regards to refunds or cancellations.

Where will we be sleeping?

- You will be sleeping in the Apollo Saturn V Center beneath the largest rocket in the world, the Apollo Saturn V Moon Rocket. (Air conditioned facility.) You will be within a highly restricted area of Kennedy Space Center property and the only (civilian) personnel allowed to remain on NASA property through the night. No shower facilities are available.



5th Grade Kennedy Space Center Field Trip Important Dates

- 10/2/17 General information discussed at Field Trip Informational Meeting.
Volunteer applications and the fingerprinting policy discussed.
- 10/30/17
 - First installment for KSC due - \$115 (students).
Complete cost without installments - \$235 (students).
 - Volunteer applications/Copy of driver's license due (if one has not already been submitted to one of the VCS schools and return bottom portion of letter that indicates your desire to chaperone.
 - First installment for KSC due - \$115 (chaperones if selected). Complete cost without installments - \$235 (chaperones)
 - **Chaperone deposit due soon after student #'s are calculated and chaperones are chosen. Be ready for a note, email, and/or phone call letting you know if you are a chaperone!!
- 12/1/17 Balance for KSC due - \$120 (students) / \$120 (chaperones).
Fingerprinting must be completed (if not already completed).

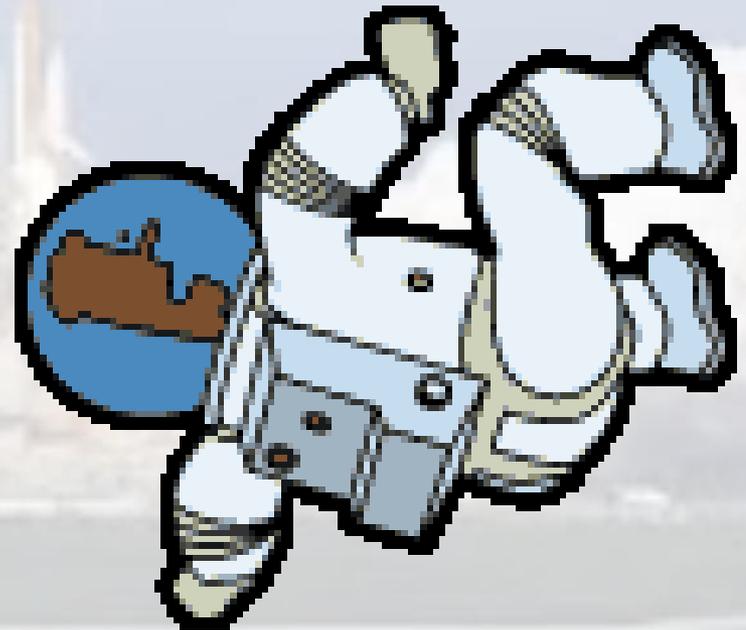
Meals and Extra Money



- All meals are included in the price of the trip. Please notify your child's teacher of any dietary needs, such as vegetarian, diabetes, allergies, etc. Picky eaters not included.
- If your child plans to make a purchase at the gift shop, time permitted, or wishes to purchase extra food, please send money with them. It will be the student's responsibility to keep track of his/her money.

What is included on the trip?

- Entrance into KSC
- All rides/attractions
- IMAX movies
- Overnight program
- Meals:
- Dinner
- Midnight snack
- Breakfast
- Lunch (meal voucher)



Chaperone Guidelines



- Please limit cell phone usage. Remember, the children are your first priority.
- Your child's teacher will assign you a group of students. Please keep your eyes on those students and know where they are at all times. Safety is our number one concern.
- Parent Involvement hours: 18-21 hours approximately.

Your mission:

- Keep students safe!
- Make memories.
- Dream big.
- Have fun!



It's BIG!

