



Swift Creek 8th Grade Class of 2025 Events



Tuesday, September 17th, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Plans are being made for the 8th grade events in honor of our promoting 8th grade class. The 8th Grade Team hosts three separate events for our 8th graders in the second semester of the school year.

- 1) A picnic for all 8th graders will take place on Friday, March 7th, 2025 during the school day.
- 2) Gradventure trip to Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure in Orlando will take place on Friday, May 16-17.
- 3) The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 19th, time and place TBD.

In order for these events to be successful, you can help by giving your child permission to attend the picnic and by volunteering your time at the picnic. Please go to the provided links on the next page to give information on your student and to volunteer.

The TOTAL cost for both events (Picnic & Promotion) is a \$25 activity fee per student. This activity fee covers picnic costs (food & activities, such as inflatable events and photo booth, etc.), a t-shirt for the promotion ceremony, a promotion certificate, awards, and a printed program. The picnic and promotion ceremony are not Leon County Schools sponsored events. They are planned by teachers and parent volunteers and paid for by this special picnic/promotion ceremony fee. This fee will be due no later than **December 10th, 2024**. **Please see the next page for payment schedules.** Please sign and return the Picnic & Promotion page so that we have your student's information for those events. *****All students must be registered as an 8th Grade Student in Aktivate in order to participate in these events. Please visit the Swift Creek website and click on the link under Activities & Athletics to register.**

Information is also attached about the end of year 8th grade trip. We are attending Gradventure, which means they will have access to BOTH Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure as well as a meal voucher for dinner. **Total cost for the field trip is \$215.** Please see the attached form for the payment plan information, eligibility requirements, and a permission form to be returned with payment for the trip. **Chaperone spots are LIMITED and will be first come, first served, and chaperones will pay at a later date.** If you are interested in volunteering as a chaperone, please follow the link below to become an approved LCS volunteer AND sign up on the sign-up genius with the link provided on the next page. **If you are chosen as a chaperone you will be contacted at a later date to pay the chaperone portion of the trip.**

First payment/full payment money collection for all events will be Tuesday, October 8th – Thursday, October 10th. For payment plans, you will make a payment in October, November, and January. (See the next page for payment plan dates) You may pay in full for all events (\$240) beginning in October. **Remember that the \$25 covering BOTH Picnic & Promotion is due NO LATER THAN December 10th.**

Thank you in advance for your time and support,

swift creek 8th grade team

***To become an approved volunteer for either event at the please go to:**

<https://volunteers.leonschools.net/Volunteers/>

Email Mrs. Givens or Mrs. Thompson with any questions!
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Each year, Swift Creek 8th Grade students are able to participate in several events that are specific to 8th grade. Students and parents often have questions about requirements for events.

Please use this sheet as a reference to any questions you may have about requirements for each event.

Email Mrs. Givens (givens2@leonschools.net) or Mrs. Thompson (thompsonk1@leonschools.net) with any questions!

Event	Date/Location	Requirements															
<p>8th Grade Picnic (includes all activities and food for picnic & a promotion shirt, certificate, awards, etc.) <i>*Also, if you would like to donate more to cover the cost of a child who may not be able to pay, it would be greatly appreciated.</i></p>	<p>Friday, March 7th, 2025 SCMS Campus</p>	<p>Picnic & Promotion form and \$25 fee due by Friday, December 10th, 2024. Cash, check (made out to SCMS), & money orders accepted. <i>*If a student is assigned ISS or OSS on the date of the picnic they will not be able to participate.</i></p> <p><u>Would you like to volunteer at the Picnic? Go to the link below!</u> Volunteer link: https://tinyurl.com/SCPicnic25</p>															
<p>8th Grade Promotion Ceremony</p> <p>TOTAL COST FOR BOTH EVENTS: \$25</p>	<p>Monday, May 19th, 2025</p> <p>6pm Location TBD</p>	<p>Academic Requirements: Students must have passed all of their middle school core courses by Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 in order to be eligible to participate in the ceremony. All Virtual School Core Classes must be completed by this date.</p> <p>Other: All overdue Library books returned/fees paid All textbooks returned/ fees paid All sports/activity uniforms & equipment returned</p>															
<p>8th Grade End of Year Field Trip: Gradventure Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure</p> <p>Cost: \$215 (includes bus cost, driver tips, 2 parks, a meal voucher, and a trip shirt)</p>	<p>Fri. May 16th, - Sat. May, 17th</p> <p>More info will come later!</p>	<p>As Stated in the SCMS Student Handbook</p> <p>Academic Guidelines: Students must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average based on reports generated by our district student management system. Students must also earn at least a final grade of a "D" or higher during the third nine weeks in all core courses, as reported by the district student management system, to attend end-of-the-year field trips. Any student who has a cumulative grade point average below 2.0 and/or has not earned a final 3rd nine week's grade of "D" or higher in core courses will not be eligible for field trips.</p> <p>Attendance Guidelines: Students must have a daily attendance rate at or above 90% based on reports generated from our district student management system. The attendance rate calculation will include excused absences, unexcused absences, excused tardies, and unexcused tardies. Any student below a 90% attendance rate at the time the report is generated will not be eligible for field trips. Administration may exempt students from the attendance rate requirement based on individual circumstances. These exemptions may require a meeting with the administration and the family.</p> <p>Behavioral: Students will not be able to participate if they receive more than one referral during the semester the trip is occurring. Students will not participate if they receive more than one Class 2 referral or any Class 3 or Zero Tolerance referrals during the school year. Any student receiving more than 4 referrals in the school year will not be allowed to attend field trips. Administration may modify behavior requirements based on individual circumstances which may require a meeting with administration and the family.</p>															
<p>Full Payments & Payment Plan Schedule</p> <p>TOTAL COST: \$240</p>	<p>You may pay in full for all activities beginning on October 8th.</p>	<p>Payment Plan Schedule</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Dates:</th> <th>Payment for ALL Activities:</th> <th>Or Pay</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Oct. 8, 9, 10</td> <td>\$80 (includes \$25 for Picnic/Promo)</td> <td>\$240 Or just \$25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov. 13, 14, 15</td> <td>\$80 (picnic/promo \$25 due by Dec. 10)</td> <td>\$240 Or just \$25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan. 28, 29, 30</td> <td>\$80</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$240</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Chaperone *Interest* Link (this does not guarantee a chaperone spot on the trip): https://tinyurl.com/GV2025</p>	Dates:	Payment for ALL Activities:	Or Pay	Oct. 8, 9, 10	\$80 (includes \$25 for Picnic/Promo)	\$240 Or just \$25	Nov. 13, 14, 15	\$80 (picnic/promo \$25 due by Dec. 10)	\$240 Or just \$25	Jan. 28, 29, 30	\$80	-	Total	\$240	
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Class of 2025 End of the Year Celebrations:
8th Grade Picnic & Promotion Registration



Cost: \$25 (Covers both events)
Due by: December 10th, 2024

Please fill out the information below and return with payment beginning on Oct. 8th.

Student Name: _____

US History Teacher (circle one): Givens Montgomery Zimmerman Other: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

PROMOTION Shirt: **Adult Sizes!** (please circle) S M L XL 2XL 3XXL

*****Shirts will be received at date closer to the PROMOTION CEREMONY. (Note: Shirts are not for the picnic)**

Money collection for these events will begin on October 8th . To participate in Picnic & Promotion, money is due no later than December 10th.

***Also, if you would like to donate more to cover the cost of a child who may not be able to pay, it would be greatly appreciated.**

Please check and sign below to indicate you give your student permission to participate in one or both of these special events:

Picnic:

- Yes, I give my student permission to participate in the 8th Grade Picnic on Friday, March 7th.
- No, I do not give my student permission to participate in the 8th Grade Picnic on Friday, March 7th.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Promotion:

- Yes, I give my student permission to participate in the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on May 19- 2025.
- No, I do not give my student permission to participate in the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on May 19- 2025.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Class of 2025 End of the Year Celebrations: **8th Grade Picnic Volunteer Information**

Our 8th Grade Picnic is an exciting day for our students but we can't do it without YOU! We are always in need of parent volunteers for that day, March 7th.

If you are interested in volunteering at the picnic please follow the steps below!

1. Make sure you are a registered volunteer with Leon County Schools by going to <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/Volunteers/>
2. Sign up for a shift by going to (sign up genius list) <https://tinyurl.com/SCPicnic25>

Class of 2025 End of the Year Celebrations: **Gradventure Chaperone Interest Information**

Our 8th Grade Gradventure trip is an exciting day for our students but we can't do it without YOU! We are always in need of parent chaperones for that day.

If you are interested in chaperoning the Gradventure trip in May, please follow the steps below!

1. Make sure you are a registered volunteer with Leon County Schools by going to <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/Volunteers/>
2. Place yourself on the interest list by going to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/GV2025>
3. **Do not send in payment unless contacted by Mrs. Givens or Mrs. Thompson.**



For School Use Only:	
Payment Plan: <input type="checkbox"/>	Paid in Full: <input type="checkbox"/>
Receipt #:	
Check #:	
Money Order:	
Cash: <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Gradventure Permission Form
Swift Creek Middle School**

Read and complete below.

My child has my permission to participate in the 8th grade field trip to Gradventure at Universal Orlando in Orlando, FL on Friday, May 16th – Saturday, May 18th. **I will PICK UP my child in the parent drop-off area at between 4:30am – 5:00am on Saturday, May 17th.**

(Please do not enter the bus ramp with your vehicle as this blocks the way for the charter buses.)

I understand that if my child is detained by security personnel after violating the law, he/she may be required to remain in Orlando at the police department (after parent notification) while the students and chaperones return to Swift Creek. At that point, all legal and transportation concerns become the parent’s responsibility.

Students must have be registered as an 8th Grade Student in Aktivite in order to attend. Students must also wear their Gradventure shirts on the trip (given out before the trip). No other shirt is acceptable for this trip.

If my child needs to take medication that day, I will provide it in its original prescription container or OTC package, clearly marked with the child’s name and dosage information, along with a medication permission form, and enclosed in a labeled zip-loc bag. Medication permission forms will be provided closer to the trip date. Medications must be delivered directly from parent to teacher (not brought by student.) This form can be downloaded from the SCMS Website.

Trip Cost: \$215

Checks should be made payable to SCMS. Please make sure a phone number is provided on the check

With any activity or field trip that requires a fee, there is always a possibility that the exact costs cannot be determined until the number of participants is determined and after the trip is over. Any funds remaining from the activity or field trip will be used for miscellaneous end of the year student activities that directly benefit your child.

Please sign and return this form with payment for the trip. (See info sheet for payment deadlines)

Parent/Guardian Signature:

By signing below I give my student permission to attend the SCMS Gradventure trip to Orlando on May 16-17, 2025.

Student printed name

Student t-shirt size (adult sizes): S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Parent/Guardian printed name

Parent/Guardian signature

_____ date

Phone numbers: _____