



Swift Creek 8th Grade Class of 2023 Events



Thursday, September 23rd, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Plans are being made for the 8th grade end-of-the-year celebrations! The 8th Grade Team hosts three separate events for our 8th graders.

- 1) A picnic for all 8th graders will take place on Friday, March 10th, 2023 during the school day.
- 2) The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 18th, at 6pm in the Swift Creek Gym.
- 3) Gradventure trip to Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure in Orlando will take place on Friday, May 19th-20th.

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 Picnic & Promotion is a \$20 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 9th, 2022**. **Please see the next page for payment schedules.** A link to sign your child up for the picnic and promotion is on the next page.

Information is also attached about the end of year 8th grade trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. We are attending Gradventure, which means they will have access to BOTH parks and a meal voucher for dinner. Total cost for the field trip is **\$190**. Please see the attached form for the payment plan information, chaperone opportunities, eligibility requirements, and a permission form to be turned in with payment for the trip. Chaperone spots are limited and will be on a 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.** You will be contacted at a later date to pay the chaperone portion of the trip.

Money collection for all events will begin on October 26th. For payment plans, you will make a payment in October, December, and February. You may pay in full (\$210) beginning in October, or take advantage of the payment plan attached.

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/>**



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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.

Event	Date/Location	Requirements								
<p>8th Grade Picnic Cost: \$20 (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 10th, 2023 SCMS Campus</p>	<p>Picnic & Promotion online form and \$20 fee due by Friday, December 9th. <i>*If a student is assigned OFI on the date of the picnic they will not be able to participate.</i> Go to this link to enter Picnic/Promotion Student Information: https://tinyurl.com/PicProInfo23</p> <p>Would you like to volunteer at the Picnic? Click below! Volunteer link: https://tinyurl.com/23PicnicHelp</p>								
<p>8th Grade Promotion Ceremony (included in \$20 fee)</p>	<p>Thursday, May 18th, 2023 6pm in the SCMS Gym</p>	<p>Academic: Earned quality points for core classes (4 in each class) to pass the 8th grade by Friday, May 12th, 2023. All Virtual School Core Classes must be completed 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 Cost: \$190 (includes bus cost, 2 parks, a meal voucher, and a shirt) <u>Payment plan available</u></p>	<p>Fri. May 19th, - Sat. May, 20th</p>	<p>Academic: Earned Quality points for core classes by end of 3rd grading period (4 in each class), 2.0 GPA from previous grading period, must not be in PLATO grade recovery Behavioral: No more than 1 referral during 3rd grading period, no class 3 or 4 referrals, no more than one class 2 referrals for the school year. (See Student Handbook) <i>*Please note, that if your student does not meet behavior or academic requirements, they will not go, but monies paid will be refunded less money already paid to vendors.</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Dates:</th> <th>Payment for ALL Activities:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Oct. 26, 27, 28</td> <td>\$70 (includes \$20 for Picnic/Promo)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec. 7, 8, 9</td> <td>\$70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb. 2, 3, 4</td> <td>\$70</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Chaperone Interest Link: https://tinyurl.com/GradventureSCMS23</p>	Dates:	Payment for ALL Activities:	Oct. 26, 27, 28	\$70 (includes \$20 for Picnic/Promo)	Dec. 7, 8, 9	\$70	Feb. 2, 3, 4	\$70
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***Note that you may PAY IN FULL for ALL activities beginning on October 26th in one payment of \$210.**



8th Grade Gradventure Trip Info (Cost \$190)

Departure/Return:

- **Date:** Friday, May 19th – Saturday, May 20th – 12:00pm – 6:00am
 - **Depart at SCMS: 12:00pm (8th grade will have an early lunch that day)**
 - Students, staff, and chaperones will report to the cafeteria by 11:30am for check-in before boarding the bus. Parents, please park in the upper lot, the back gate will not be open.
 - **Return to SCMS: between 4:30am – 5:00am. (parent pick-up loop)**
 - **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ALLOWED ON THE BUS RAMP. PARENTS SHOULD PARK IN THE UPPER LOT AND PARENT PICKUP/DROP OFF.** → chaperone interest: <https://tinyurl.com/GradventureSCMS23>

Dress:

- **Gradventure Shirt (included in the price) MUST be worn by all students and chaperones during the trip.** If your child arrives on the morning of the trip without the shirts on they will not be able to attend the trip. **Gradventure shirts will be distributed the week of the trip. (**Chaperone shirt sizes will be collected after spots have been secured.)**
- The SCMS dress code will be enforced (with the exception of hats and sunglasses.)
- **Large bags are not allowed with students in the park. Drawstring bags are recommended.** (Larger bags are ok to leave on the bus)

Other Items:

- Food and drink for the bus trip: Bring only **bottled drinks with screw caps**. Bring snacks that are not messy for the bus trip. You are responsible for keeping your area clean.
- Students are responsible for anything brought on the trip and SCMS is not responsible for stolen or lost items. (Please, no flash photography while on the bus.)
- A pillow and light blanket are nice to have on the bus.
- An appropriate change of clothes if you're planning to go on water rides. Change back into dry clothes **BEFORE** returning to bus! You may rent a locker to store your change of clothes while in the park.

Medications:

- If your child will need medication (either prescription or over-the counter) on the day of the trip, please deliver it, in its **original container** (labeled), to Mrs. Givens **at school day of the trip, along with the "Medication Permission" form (can be found online)**. Place the medication bottle or package in a **zip-loc bag** along with the medication permission form (attached), folded inside the bag. **Please write your child's name with a sharpie on the outside of the bag. The medical form can be found on the SCMS website.**
- Parents are requested to pick up any leftover medication immediately after the trip from the chaperones on the bus or from Mrs. Givens within one week of the trip. After one week, all remaining medications will be discarded.

Meal Arrangements:

- Students will have an included meal ticket. Any other food must be purchased with money brought from home.

Park Rules

- Students will be allowed to enjoy Islands of Adventure on their own; however everyone needs to stay with at least one other person from Swift Creek at all times. Students are not allowed to join up with strangers or other non-approved adults met at the parks.
- We will arrive at Universal between 4pm – 5pm and will depart between 12am and 1am. Students will receive detailed departure information upon arrival at the park.
- Chaperones from SCMS will be stationed at the Chaperone Command Center (Location will be announced later). Report there if you have a problem.

Behavior:

- Students are expected to follow Swift Creek Middle School behavior policies during the trip. Disciplinary action will be taken if rules are broken on the bus or in the park. Think before you act!!!
- If you choose to break a law that results in your being arrested by security personnel, please be reminded that you may be required to remain in Orlando at the police department until your parents can come pick you up!



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 19th – Saturday, May 20th. **I will PICK UP my child in the parent drop-off area at between 4:30am – 5:00am on Saturday, May 20th.**

(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 a current AP form on file in order to attend. Students must also wear their 8th grade promotion shirt (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: \$190 for students

(chaperone fee is the same and will be payed at a later date, with confirmed spot)

Payment Schedule Below – see attached payment plan

Payment #1: Due Oct. 26, 27, 28

Payment #2: Due Dec. 7, 8, 9

Payment #3: Feb. 2, 3, 4

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.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Parent/Guardian printed name

Student printed name

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

Phone numbers: _____

Parent/Guardian signature

date
