



## **EIGHTH GRADE "GRADVENTURE" TRIP**

**Friday, May 3, 2019**

This year the exciting 8th grade field trip and grad party will be at Universal Studios in Orlando. *The price for a ticket is \$150.00. Credit cards may be used through the school website with a small transaction fee added to the cost.* This "Gradventure" trip will include:

- *Transportation on a charter coach bus*
- *A required CFMS/Grad night t-shirt*
- *Admission to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure*
- *A voucher for dinner*

Tickets will go on sale starting November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> in the lobby before school. Return both the completed permission form and with the money when purchasing the ticket. Students may only purchase one ticket per person. Tickets will be given to students the day of the trip (May 3rd).

Students must attend school on May 3, 2019, as a normal school day in order to take part in the trip. Clearwater Fundamental Middle School staff will chaperone this event. This trip is for 8<sup>th</sup> grade CFMS students only. No other grade level will be permitted to attend.

We will depart CFMS at 1:30PM on May 3, 2019, and will arrive at Universal Orlando at 4:00PM. Both parks will be closed to the general public and will only be allowing 8<sup>th</sup> grade "Gradventure" students to enter. We will be departing Universal Orlando at approximately 12:00AM, and should arrive back at CFMS by approximately 1:45AM. Students must ride the same bus to and from Universal Orlando.

Effective January 8, 2019, students eligible for this field trip may not have received

- More than 2 detentions
- Referrals of any kind
- Suspensions of any kind, including bus suspensions

Any student who receives any of the above after purchasing a ticket will neither attend the trip nor receive a refund.

Cell phones, cameras and iPods are permitted and are the responsibility of the student owners. Students are expected to follow spirit day dress code and the rules of conduct at all times (on campus, on the bus and at Universal Studios). The dress code includes wearing the Field trip t-shirt along with fundamentally appropriate shorts, pants or skirts.

Parents who plan to pick up their child from Universal Studios must notify Mrs. Argueta ([arguetam@pcsb.org](mailto:arguetam@pcsb.org)) or Mrs. Santangelo ([santangelok@pcsb.org](mailto:santangelok@pcsb.org)) in writing by April 3rd. Parents must sign an early release form with Mrs. Argueta or Mrs. Santangelo at the front gate before removing their child from Universal Studios



## Check out what will be happening at “Gradventure”

### EVENT INFORMATION

### NON-STOP ENTERTAINMENT

**Universal Orlando’s Gradventure and Islands of Adventure®** theme parks

is a spectacular celebration for graduating Middle School students and their chaperones to enjoy exclusive access to BOTH Universal Studios® and Universal’s plus a complimentary meal and an unforgettable night of \* DJ Dance Parties \* Karaoke \* Stilt Walkers along with dance zones \* Street entertainment \* Photo Opportunities with their classmates and much more!

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*Experience innovative thrills at **Islands of Adventure** and Jump into the action of the movies at **Universal Studios***

- ✓ The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™
- ✓ Transformers™ The Ride 3D
- ✓ Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey™
- ✓ Despicable Me Minion Mayhem
- ✓ Dragon Challenge™
- ✓ Revenge of the Mummy®
- ✓ Flight of the Hippogriff™
- ✓ Shrek 4-D
- ✓ The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man®
- ✓ The Simpsons Ride™
- ✓ The Incredible Hulk Coaster®
- ✓ Fast & Furious - Supercharged™
- ✓ Jurassic Park River Adventure®
- ✓ Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit®
- ✓ Men In Black™
- ✓ And much more!





# FAQs

## CAN I USE MY ANNUAL PASS TO GAIN ADMISSION TO GRADVENTURE?

No. Gradventure is a hard ticketed event that is sold separately. In order to attend Gradventure you must purchase a Gradventure Ticket through your school.

## HOW DO WE KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHERE TO ARRIVE AND DEPART FROM THE EVENT?

Four weeks prior to the event, you will be sent an information packet including everything there is to know about your Gradventure experience including specific arrival and departure locations. The color of the event wristbands correspond to your departure location.

## ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION?

Any prescription medication must be in the original prescription container and only the dosage needed for the student's visit is allowed. The student's name must be printed on the label and a valid picture ID is required. Also, students may carry inhalers, EpiPens, insulin and other necessary medications, but proper prescription documentation is required.

## WHAT IF I HAVE A STUDENT/CHAPERONE ARRIVING LATE OR WHO NEEDS EARLY DEPARTURE FROM THE EVENT?

Since Gradventure is a special after-hours school event, we do have a "lock-down" policy. Due to the "lock-down" policy and safety considerations, everyone, including chaperones, will have to stay in the parks until the event ends. Students and chaperones must arrive to Gradventure as a group.

We understand that school responsibilities and family obligations may cause a student/chaperone to arrive late or leave early; this is permitted with strict parameters - **APPROVAL FROM THE HEAD CHAPERONE AND THE GRADVENTURE TEAM.**

### **LATE ARRIVALS**

- The Head Chaperone must be present to meet the parent or legal guardian of the student as well as a chaperone at the designated transfer area in order to access Gradventure.

### **EARLY DEPARTURES**

- The Head Chaperone must escort the student to a designated transfer area and a parent or legal guardian must be present in order for a student to be released from the park. Same applies for chaperones as we need approvals from the Head Chaperone that they are okay to leave.

**IF YOU HAVE A CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE YOU HAVE A LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE GRADVENTURE TEAM TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR VISIT DATE AT 407-363-8223.**



# DRESS CODE

All schools should conduct their own security and dress code screening prior to departing for Gradventure.

## OK

### GIRLS

- Dresses, skirts, capris or shorts
- Casual pants (including jeans)
- **Field Trip T-shirt**
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots and flip-flops) • Hats
- Purses under the size of 8.5" x 11", fanny packs, and drawstring backpacks

### GUYS

- Casual pants or shorts (including khakis and jeans)
- **Field Trip T-shirt**
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, boots and flip-flops) • Hats
- Drawstring backpacks

### CHAPERONES

- Large backpacks

## NOT OK

### UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- Clothing with holes or shredding
- Clothing with obscene, offensive language or graphics
- Visible undergarments
- Tank tops or undershirts
- Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function (e.g., bikini tops and bottoms) • Short shorts
- Area codes displayed on clothing
- Accessories such as chains, spiked collars or studded/spiked belts • Bandanas
- Selfie sticks

### STUDENTS

- Large backpacks

**IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS WEAR MATCHING, BRIGHTLY COLORED SHIRTS WITH THEIR SCHOOL CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ON THEM.**

**\*Universal Orlando reserves the right to refuse entry into the event or require the purchase of appropriate clothing for non-compliance with the dress code.**



# ARRIVAL

## **UPON ARRIVING TO GRADVENTURE**

**Students and chaperones must arrive as a group (chaperones cannot park personal vehicles with the buses).**

- Personal vehicles **MUST** park in the main parking garage and subject to a parking fee.
- Individual arrivals will not be able to enter event at the same location as their group and arrangement must be made in advance.

**We ask that all students and chaperones put on their wristbands and have their tickets before exiting the buses.**

- Students will be assigned solid color wristbands.
- Please have your students take a picture of their tickets and meal vouchers on their cell phones in case they lose them to be re-printed.
- Chaperones will be assigned a checkered wristband which provides access to the chaperone lounges and Express ride access to participating rides and attractions.
- Ensure you have enough Gradventure tickets and wristbands for all students and chaperones. If you did not receive enough wristbands, they will be available at each of our arrival location's Chaperone Check-In Table.

## **CHAPERONE CHECK-IN**

**Upon entry, the Head Chaperone should immediately report to the Head Chaperone Check-In Table at your school's arrival location.**

- Each school must designate **ONE Head Chaperone** to check in. They must also provide primary and secondary cell phone numbers in case of a student issue. We ask that the two designated chaperones check their cell phones frequently and set their phones to both vibrate and audible ring.
- For your safety, Roller Coaster Attractions do NOT allow anyone to carry cell phones with them. If you're a Chaperone, please ensure that we can reach someone from your school in case of an emergency.

## **EVENT ENTRY**

When entering Gradventure, both students and chaperones will go through a security check that includes passing through a metal detector. Security will also be screening students and chaperones for the following prohibited items:

- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Cigarettes, E-cigarettes, or tobacco items
- Weapons
- Any chains, spiked collars, and spiked belts
- Any accessories that may be used as weapons

**All unauthorized items will be confiscated by Security.**

Any prescription medication must be checked into Health Services (First Aid) once you are in the theme parks. Over-the-counter medication should be left at school or on the bus. Any medication that is not in a prescription bottle with student's name (i.e. loose pills) will be confiscated by Security.

## **CHAPERONE COMMAND CENTER**

Location will be indicated on the Gradventure Event Guide. This is the main location to report to in case of any student issue



# DURING THE EVENT

## **ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OUR CHAPERONES DURING GRADVENTURE?**

This is considered a school event, so all school rules and regulations should be enforced by all chaperones. Chaperones are required to make sure that students follow the event policies throughout the entire evening. Please be sure chaperones check cell phones frequently. Chaperones may not leave the event until park close except for an emergency.

## **WHAT KIND OF SECURITY WILL BE PRESENT?**

All bags, pockets and other items are checked for any illegal substances and weapons. For everyone's security, metal detectors are used to check guests at the event entrance. All questionable items will be confiscated at the gate. Security is visibly present throughout the park during the event.

## **CHAPERONE LOUNGES**

We invite you to take a break and relax at one of two chaperone-only lounges featuring complimentary light snacks and beverages (location indicated in Gradventure Event Guide). A checkered wristband is required for entry.

## **UNIVERSAL EXPRESS RIDE ACCESS**

Universal Express allows chaperones to skip the regular lines at select rides and attractions at both parks. Express access at the attractions will begin at 7 pm. Please go to the Universal Express™ entrances at each participating ride or attraction and show the ride attendant your checkered chaperone wristband to gain exclusive access.

\*Valid during Gradventure only. Unlimited ride access limited to one person per wristband. Some attractions excluded. Benefits are subject to change without notice. Additional restrictions may apply.

## **HEALTH SERVICES (FIRST AID)**

The Health Services Department will be fully staffed throughout the event. In the event of injury, illness or medical needs, Health Services can be found at Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios theme parks. Please refer to the Gradventure Event Guide for Health Services locations. Should a student require medical attention, the Head Chaperone will be called and then directed to the appropriate location.

## **MEAL VOUCHERS & SOUVENIR CUPS**

One complimentary meal voucher is included with every admission. Check the Gradventure Event Guide for participating dining locations. Gradventure Meal Vouchers are like cash; do not lose them. Meal Vouchers **MUST** be redeemed by 11pm the night of the event. Souvenir sipper cups are also available for purchase\* with **FREE** refills throughout the event.

\*While supply lasts.





# DEPARTURE

## **FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY**

**Students must leave as a group and are NOT allowed to be picked-up by personal vehicles in the bus parking lots.**

- Any special pick-up must be submitted by the Head Chaperone and approved by the Gradventure Team two weeks in advance.

## **EXIT LOCATIONS**

Departure locations will be color coded to match the school's wristband color.

- Detailed departure locations will be sent to the Head Chaperone prior to the event.
- These color-coded exit areas will also be shown on the Gradventure Event Guide and additional signage will be placed throughout the event towards the end of the evening.

## **EARLY RELEASE**

Though we do not encourage early release of a student or chaperone, there may be special circumstances to leave the event early with pre-approval from the school's Head Chaperone and from The Gradventure Team. **Entire schools are not permitted to leave early.**

- The Head Chaperone must escort the student to a designated transfer area and a parent or legal guardian must be present in order for a student to be released from the park.
- Same applies for chaperones as we need approvals from the Head Chaperone that they are allowed to leave.

**If you have a circumstance where you have a student that needs to leave the park early, please contact the Gradventure Team at 1-800-YOUTH15 or [Gradventure@UniversalOrlando.com](mailto:Gradventure@UniversalOrlando.com).**

## **BUS LOADING**

If any students are missing once your group boards your bus, a Chaperone should contact a Security representative at your departure location

- Once you arrive at your exit locations parking lot, there will be Gradventure staff and directional signage to your parking location.

Please be patient with the departure process as the schools safety is our number one priority.