

8th GRADE GRADVENTURE FIELD TRIP - UNIVERSAL STUDIOS & ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE

FIELD TRIP EXPECTATIONS & DEADLINES

Dear Trailblazer Families,

Gradventure is a special culminating field trip for our 8th grade students. Our middle school graduates can celebrate with their friends as they enjoy complete, private access to Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure all night long. When your student attends the only two-park middle school graduation celebration, they will enjoy live DJ's, street entertainment, and the most exciting rides and attractions. At Clearwater Fundamental Middle School, we want you to feel at ease, so we have included important information in this packet that explains all expectations and deadlines.

FIELD TRIP DATE: *Friday, May 10, 2024* (departure from CFMS @ 1PM; approximate return to CFMS 2:00 AM)

COST: **\$205.00** cash/check/money order/credit card online. Money orders and checks made out to Clearwater Fundamental Middle School. The cost includes park admission, transportation, one meal voucher, and a Gradventure t-shirt that students are required to wear during the field trip. Universal Studios Annual Passes are not accepted with this special event.

CAPACITY: Spaces for the trip are limited. The first 200 8th grade students to reserve a spot will attend the trip, pending they adhere to the behavioral and academic criteria to keep their spot.

TICKET SALES

Tickets will go on sale starting on **Monday, January 22nd - February 2nd** in the school lobby before school and online. Students may only purchase one ticket per person. Tickets will be given to students the day of the trip (May 10th). Spots are limited. Any leftover funds will be used for 8th grade activities/trips.

In order to reserve a spot for the Gradventure field trip, students should:

1. Purchase a GradVenture Ticket (cash/check/money order or online),
2. Submit a completed/signed Student & Parent Acknowledgement Form, and
3. Submit a completed/signed Gradventure Field Trip Permission Slip.

No refunds will be given.



CHAPERONES

School staff will chaperone this event. This trip is for current 8th grade CFMS students only and they must also be a registered CFMS the day of the trip. 8TH grade parents who wish to volunteer as a chaperone can fill out the interest form. District approved Level 2 chaperones will be contacted as needed at a later date.

BEHAVIORAL AND ACADEMIC CRITERIA

The following criteria was determined by administration and faculty to ensure that students represent our school with respect, excellence, and pride prior to the field trip. Once your student reserves a spot for Gradventure, they must adhere to the following behavioral and academic criteria to attend Gradventure.

Expectations

- ☞ Reservations are on a first come, first served basis (first 200 students with money and signed forms).
- ☞ Students must also have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0 during the 3rd grading period.
- ☞ Students may not have more than 10 unexcused absences/tardies as of January 8, second semester.
- ☞ Students who receive 2 or more detentions / 1 referral on/after February 20th, will be reviewed by administration to decide if they are eligible for the trip. This will be at the discretion of the administrator.
- ☞ IAC may remove a student as part of their decision.
- ☞ If a student is dismissed from CFMS, that student will not be attending the trip.

If a student is disqualified from the Gradventure field trip for failure to adhere to the behavioral, attendance and academic criteria listed above, partial refunds may be requested only if another student purchases your student's reserved spot.

EXPECTATIONS DURING GRADVENTURE FIELD TRIP

- ☞ Students must be registered at CFMS and must attend school on May 10, 2024 in order to attend.
- ☞ During the field trip, students must follow the dress code guidelines. (All shorts must be fundamentally appropriate) and include the Universal T-shirt.
- ☞ During the field trip, students must meet regularly with their assigned CFMS faculty chaperone at designated times/locations but will not be required to walk around with the chaperone.
- ☞ Students must move around the parks in groups of two or more without their chaperone. Students are not allowed to travel alone.
- ☞ Parents are expected to pick up students at the CFMS parking lot upon our return at approximately 2:00 AM. Students will be alerted on the buses to contact a parent when we are in the vicinity of downtown Tampa, giving parents time to commute to the CFMS campus without delay.



UNIVERSAL STUDIO'S GRADVENTURE DRESS CODE

It is required that all CFMS students wear the Gradventure T-Shirt ordered as part of the field trip. The following dress code will be enforced by Universal Studios* and CFMS faculty the day of the field trip. Students will not be permitted to depart for the field trip if dress code is not followed; chaperones will conduct multiple dress code checks.

OKAY	NOT OKAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dresses, skirts, capris or shorts (fundamentally appropriate length) Casual pants (including khakis and jeans) Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals with back strip, and boots) Hats Clear purses under the size of ½ sheet of paper or smaller. Clear fanny packs, or clear drawstring backpacks CFMS Field Trip T-shirt Clear drawstring backpacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing with holes or shredding Clothing with obscene, offensive language or graphics Leggings and Yoga pants 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 Large backpacks

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

- ☞ Cell phones, cameras and iPods are permitted and are the responsibility of the student.
- ☞ Students are expected to always follow spirit day dress code and the rules of conduct (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. No alterations will be permitted.

EARLY DISMISSAL REQUESTS

Parents who plan to pick up their child from Universal Studios must notify Mrs. Argueta (arguetam@pcsb.org) or Mrs. Santangelo (santangelok@pcsb.org) with the proper documentation **in writing by April 12TH, 2024.**

Requests will be reviewed by administration and Universal Studios. Parents will be notified once a decision is made.



Parents must sign an early release form with Mrs. Joyner or Mrs. Santangelo at the front gate before removing their child from Universal Studios. Only approved requests will be released early.

MEDICATIONS

Both prescription and over-the-counter medications must be stored and administered by appropriately trained school personnel.

Students carrying inhalers, epi pens, or other medical devices are required to have appropriate paperwork completed.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

Universal has the phone numbers of 3 chaperones to contact. At any point during the night, your student can go to any of our chaperones or Universal staff for any issue, which we will promptly address. Please keep in mind, your student will have tons of fun, so they might not answer their phone right away! We can assure you that if something should happen, we will be in contact with you right away.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns about the trip, please contact Mrs. Santangelo at Santangelok@pcsb.org or Mrs. Argueta at Arguetam@pcsb.org.

