

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Gradventure is a special trip only for the 8th graders. Our middle school graduates can celebrate with all their friends as they enjoy the complete, private access to Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure all night long. When your students attend the only two-park middle school graduation event around, they'll enjoy live DJ's, plenty of street entertainment, and the most exciting rides and attractions.

At Dunedin Highland Middle School, we want you to feel as at ease as possible, so we have included important information in this letter to help make that happen.

We can allow 150 students to attend who meet the criteria attached to the packet. Those restrictions are in effect beginning January 15, 2019 to May 17, 2019. Once the ticket is purchased, your son or daughter must still follow the criteria to be able to attend the trip. **If your son or daughter gets disqualified from attending, you will get a refund of your money only if another student purchases their spot.**

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the trip is \$150.00 (Cash/ Money Orders/Check). Money orders and checks are to be made out to Dunedin Highland Middle School. The cost includes park entry, transportation, one meal, and a school shirt that they must wear on the trip. Due to a limited number of tickets, it will be first come first served. A wait list will be developed once all the tickets are sold.

The cost of the trip can be paid in **three \$50 installments**. The first installment must be paid by **January 15<sup>th</sup>** to reserve a spot. Subsequent payments are **February 15<sup>th</sup>** and final payment no later than **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. No payments will be accepted after March 15<sup>th</sup>. All sales are final (no refunds), as we must prepay the admission and transportation prior to Spring Break.

Students must attend school on May 17, 2019, as a normal school day in order to participate in the trip. Dunedin Highland Middle School administrators, teachers, and staff will chaperone this event.

Attached are the guidelines for the dress code at Gradventure. Please keep in mind, although Universal Studios choose these guidelines, we must still enforce them throughout the night. If your student is of out dress code when it is time for the buses to leave for Gradventure, they **WILL NOT** be allowed to go. Moreover, if at any point during the night your student is out of dress code, they will have to stay with a chaperone.

We are expecting to be back at Dunedin Highland Middle School by 2 am. You are encouraged to come as early as 1:30 am. Please plan to pick up your student from the bus parking lot located in the side of the school near Dunedin Elementary. All students must be picked up by 2:30 am.

At this time, we are planning to leave Dunedin Highland Middle School at 1:00 pm and to be at Universal around 4 pm. From there, your student will meet with their chaperone and will be advised on meeting times and locations. Your student will be able to go in to the park with a buddy from there. No student will be alone during their time at Gradventure. All students who have cell phones are encouraged to bring them as there will be reminders sent out to them over the course of the night. At 11 pm, all students will meet back up with their chaperones for a last little bit of shopping and fun! We are planning to have all the chaperones and students meet at 11:30 pm for a roll call and to start walking towards the buses. At about 12:00 am, we will encourage your student to give you a quick call to advise that we are on the bus and on the way back to Dunedin Highland Middle School. At 12:15 am, we are planning to depart Universal with the hopes of being back to school around 2 am.

In case of an emergency, Universal has the phone numbers of 3 chaperones to contact. At that point, one of the chaperones would be contacting you to advise you of the situation. At any point in 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 be having lots 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.

If you have any other questions or concerns about the trip, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hereford-Cothron 727-469-4112 or email me at [Hereford-cothronm@pcsb.org](mailto:Hereford-cothronm@pcsb.org)

Please turn in the permission slip, money, t-shirt size form, dress code guidelines and behavior/grade criteria signature sheet to Mrs. Makryllos if you are a part of STEAM or Dr. Bergstrom if you are a part of CGS.

*Martha Hereford-Cothron*

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## Parent Acknowledgement Form

Thank you for reviewing the Gradventure Permission Slip and Behavior/Grades Criteria to be eligible to go on the trip. If you have questions about anything, please send me an email at [hereford-cothronm@pcsb.org](mailto:hereford-cothronm@pcsb.org)

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS AGREEMENT FORM WITH THE PERMISSION SLIP AND THE MONEY TO MRS. MAKRYLLOS OR DR. BERGSTROM.

I have read and understand the Parent Letter, Dress Code and Discipline guidelines for the Gradventure Trip. I will comply with all guidelines and expectations while on the Gradventure Trip.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell phone number (In case of emergency) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Parent Letter, Dress Code, and Discipline guidelines for the Gradventure Trip. I will comply with all guidelines and expectations while on the Gradventure Trip.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_