



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 8th grade Science classes and 7th grade accelerated science will have the opportunity to attend an amazing trip. On Friday, December 9, 2022, students will explore firsthand the NASA Visitor Complex at Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral!

We will be leaving school PROMPTLY at 6:00 a.m. and returning to school about 9:00 p.m. PLEASE be on time in the morning for departure. We won't be able to wait if you are late. We are on a strict timetable. No refunds will be given if you miss the bus. Also, please make sure you have a ride available back at school by 9:00 p.m. upon our return.

On arrival to the amazing Kennedy Space Center, we will tour the entire complex. We will be visiting the various buildings and exhibits. In addition to listening to speakers (actual astronauts!) and seeing the launch pads. They will also have the opportunity to ride the "space flight simulator ride", see an ACTUAL SPACESHUTTLE that went on several missions, and many more fun and exciting things! We will be there from approximately 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

COST for the Field Trip: \$85.00 each for both students and parents/chaperones.

The **student special ticket** package price includes the entrance fees for all activities, exhibits, simulated space launch ride, and artifact buildings. The cost also includes the fees for the charter buses.

Included in the student ticket package, students will receive a \$15.00 meal coupon to use at any NASA restaurant for their lunch. Therefore, students do not need to bring a lunch or get one from the cafeteria. The lunches are included in the price.

Also included is a t-shirt that MUST be worn on the day of the trip.

Seats will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Seats sell out every year!

Chaperones will be reserved in the same way. You must be an approved district volunteer to be able to have your chaperone spot held to join the field trip.

Chaperones responsibilities during the trip include:

- 1. Being assigned a group of students that they must stay with the entire trip.**
- 2. Make sure your group cleans up their areas at lunch.**
- 3. Chaperones are required to sit with their assigned group on the bus ride there and back.**
- 4. Chaperones are responsible for making sure their assigned students clean up their area of the bus.**

Student Eligibility/Safety

We believe in affording our students the opportunity to participate in rewarding experiences. In order to accomplish our goal, it is necessary to provide a safe and orderly environment. As a result, our administration and staff has developed the following criteria:

Students must meet the individual class, team and administrative guidelines to attend an activity or event. For safety reasons, we may choose to deny attendance to students that have exhibited poor/questionable behavior at any time prior to the trip. This includes any student who receives a referral from October 18th until the day of the field trip. Students must be on track academically (no Ds or Fs for quarter 1 and 2).

There will be no refunds granted for any reason after November 4th.

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Payment

Please include payment with signed permission slips. The entire amount of \$85.00 per person **must be paid in one installment. You may use the Rycor credit card system on the school website or bring in the payment to Mr. Collier in 23-238 (Maroon).**

Please fill out and sign the permission slips on the next two pages and include it with the payment. If paying online please ring Mrs. Shaw the completed permission forms, after payment is made.

DRESS CODE: Appropriate school dress is required, and the field trip shirt must be worn. Wear comfortable shoes!!

Payment is due no later than Friday, November 4th.

Mr. Ed Collier 23-238 (Maroon) – 8th Grade Science My email is: ecollier@pasco.k12.fl.us

You may drop off payment to Mr. Collier’s room during the following times:

1. Before school/after school
2. During passing
3. During 3rd period
4. 8th Grade Knight Time

PERMISSION SLIP for Off Campus Field Trip to Kennedy Space Center. **Please sign and return with payment.**

I give my permission for my son/daughter _____,
ID. Number _____, to go on the field trip to Kennedy Space Center.

I will arrange for my child to be picked up on Friday, December 9th, from River Ridge Middle School parking lot by 9:00 p.m. on the day of the field trip.

Enclosed is the payment of \$85.00 for the day’s events. If paying for a chaperone ticket, you can write one check for both fees. If you choose to pay by credit card, please include the printed receipt from Rycor.

Check # _____ Cash _____ Credit Card Receipt _____

T-shirt sizes (adult standard men’s sizes) circle one: XS S M L XL 2X 3X

I would like to chaperone the NASA field trip. I am (or will be) an approved volunteer by the Pasco County Schools. See the link on the RRMS website to become approved.

Chaperone’s name will be _____ Relationship to the student is _____.

Please list any medical issues that we should be aware of, allergies, medicine being taken, special instructions, etc.

Emergency contact number: Person and phone number:

Parent’s Signature

Student’s Signature

Date: _____
(month, day and year)