



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of 6th accelerated, 7th accelerated, and 8th grade science students,

On Friday, December 4, 2026, students in the Accelerated Science classes have an exciting opportunity to get first-hand experience related to various units on Space by participating in a field trip to NASA Visitor Complex at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Cape Canaveral!

We will leave school at 6:00 am and return at approximately 8:30 pm. Over the course of the day, students will have the chance to visit numerous exhibits, take tours, and participate in simulations throughout the site. We will spend the entire day (normal operating hours of 9am to 5pm) exploring KSC. Please arrive promptly to pick up your child upon our return.

TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT ARE LIMITED TO 250 STUDENTS and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. **Price for the trip is \$100.** This price includes transportation (charter bus), a T-shirt, admission to KSC, and a meal voucher. As a meal is included, students should not pack a lunch, nor will one be ordered from the RRMS cafeteria. The group T-shirt for this event **MUST** be worn during the trip. If you are late for the 6am bus departure - you will **NOT** be granted a refund. Students may be denied this privilege if they are not academically on-track for the first semester or if they receive a referral during the 2nd quarter.

PARENTS: If you are interested in attending as a chaperone, you must be a district-approved volunteer. *Please note: per district policy, volunteer applicants are responsible for a \$40+ **fingerprint-processing fee** when filing your application.* **Parent-chaperones must also pay the \$100 cost.** To add your name to the chaperone pool, please visit the RRMS website and complete the mach form linked to the NASA trip info page. Not all who apply will be asked to serve as chaperones. And while we hope it is not necessary, chaperones must be aware of the possibility of driving their own vehicle to KSC as bus-space is limited.

Student payment and permission forms are due no later than November 6, but remember, tickets are limited, so the sooner the better. Full payment can be made by cash, check (payable to RRMS), or online at gofan.co. **No partial payments will be accepted.** If paying by cash or check, turn in permission forms with your payment. If paying online, turn in permission forms **AFTER** you have paid, not before. **ALL** permission forms (and cash/check payments) should be given **ONLY to Mr. Coller** (room 23-238, maroon hall). Chaperones will purchase their tickets after we have finalized the list based on need, and after district-approval status has been verified. **DO NOT** purchase a chaperone ticket until you have been notified by me that you are indeed part of the trip. **There will be no refunds for any reason after the November 6 due date.**

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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