

Eighth Grade Gradventure Trip – Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I sign-up for groups?

Students will sign up in groups with their friends. Groups must have at least four students and no more than 10 students. Students may walk around with other groups if they wish to hang out with more than 10 students; however, only the students in their designated group will be guaranteed to be on the same bus. Group sheets (Google Sheet) will be available in the 8th Grade Celebration Google Classroom and must be turned in by Friday, April 14th. Only one student per group needs to complete a group sheet.

2. How do we communicate with chaperones in the park and what app do we use?

All students with smartphones are required to download and sign into the GroupMe App. Join the group. You may scan the QR code to join the group. If you would like to communicate with your group or other students, you will need to create your own “group” on the app.

3. Where can I find trip information or ask questions about the trip?

Stay up-to-date on the trip by logging into the Google classroom designed for the Eighth Grade Celebration. S

4. What do I wear to school the day of the trip?

Students will arrive to school in normal Friday dress code for Three Oaks Middle School. After lunch, students will receive and change into their trip shirts and may also change into solid black leggings/joggers or standard blue jeans that are knee length or longer (no tears, rips, holes). Students are not permitted to wear bathing suits either under or over any article of their clothing. Also, students may **NOT** change clothing on the bus ride home.

5. Will we have a regular day of school on the day of the trip?

Students will have regular classes for Period 2 and 4. At the 11:38 am bell, all students attending the trip will be dismissed to the gym to drop off their belongings, then go to the cafeteria for lunch, and go back to the gym to change, review trip procedures, and take attendance before loading up the buses.

6. Where do I keep my backpack and can we bring food and drinks on the bus?

Students must keep all personal articles with them on the bus, as the school will not be open upon return to TOMS. Water bottles with screw-on lids **ONLY**. **No FOOD or DRINKS (only water) on the bus**. If there is a mess on the bus and requires a clean-up fee from the bus company, students in those designated seats may be responsible for the fee up to \$200. Seating charts will be completed by chaperones to verify which seats students are sitting in for the bus ride.

7. Can I bring a sweatshirt or blanket on the bus?

Pillows and blankets are **NOT ALLOWED** on the bus. We highly recommend a sweatshirt or jacket for the air-conditioned ride home.

8. Do I need money for food and drinks at the park?

Dinner is provided; however, students should bring **EXTRA SPENDING MONEY** for additional **SNACKS AND SOUVENIRS**.

9. Can we bring bags, food, and drink into the park?

Book bags and hats are not permitted at Universal during the Gradventure event. Students may bring small purses, drawstring backpacks, fanny packs or wallets into the park with their cell phones. No outside food or drinks are allowed into the park. We encourage students to place their cell phones, money, and other belongings in a plastic baggie if they plan to ride water attractions. Lockers are

available to rent for the evening for their small items. Portable phone chargers are also encouraged. ▲ limited number of Gradventure drawstring bags are available for sale for \$10 each in MacLeod's room (6-004).

10. What if I need to bring medicine into the park?

If a student must take medicine while on the trip, please indicate the medicine that is needed on the district medical information form. An additional form will be sent home with your child to get completed by a parent and health care profession. It is encouraged that the medicine be administered prior to entering the park or after exiting the park. Any prescription medication that needs to be taken while in the park, 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 on the container. Medication must be given by the assigned chaperone. Students may carry inhalers, EpiPens, insulin, and other necessary medications, as long as proper prescription documentation and student ID are provided. Any student with medical concerns or medicine during the trip must have a completed district health form and a school clinic form for documentation.

11. What are the rules at Universal?

All students on the Universal trip are held accountable to the Three Oaks Middle School discipline policy and School District of Lee County Code of Conduct. Chaperones will review the behavior expectations with all students attending the trip prior to boarding the buses at school.

12. Can I change into other clothes during or after Gradventure?

Students will NOT be allowed to change into other attire at Gradventure or on the bus. They must remain in their trip dress code. Students may wear a sweatshirt or jacket over their Three Oaks trip shirt on the bus but must take off the jacket/sweatshirt while in the park or wear the Three Oaks shirt OVER the jacket while in the park.

13. Can I get picked up at Universal after Gradventure? Where do my parents pick me up at school?

Students MUST ride the bus home to Three Oaks Middle. No students will be permitted to be picked up at the park. Students will contact parents when we are approximately 30 minutes away from Three Oaks Middle. The gates to the school will be locked, therefore parents will need to park their cars at the Three Oaks Community Park or neighboring parking lots until the buses arrive. Once the school gates are opened, parents may drive on campus to the parent pick-up area. The buses will pull onto the bus ramp and unload. Students will then walk to the front of the school for parent pick-up. If parents park in the school parking lot spots, they must walk across the parent pick up lanes and escort their student across the parking lot safely. Students will not be permitted to walk across the parent pick up lanes to meet a parent in the school parking lot spots or bike/walk home.

14. Can I get on the waiting list if the trip is full?

Students on the waiting list will be required to purchase an eighth-grade trip shirt for \$15 to be placed on the waiting list. If a spot becomes available, the student will then bring in the remaining \$170 to receive a spot on the trip.