

2012 FRESHMAN ACADEMY FLORIDA TRIP

We are excited to offer the Freshman Class Trip to Orlando this coming year from February 16th-19th, 2012. The focus of this trip is to explore world cultures. We have designed the trip around culturally related attractions.

Over the four days, we will visit St. Augustine, Florida, America's oldest city. Here the students will visit the Old Towne and the fort of Castillo de San Marcos, built by the Spanish in the early 1500's. At Medieval Times, we will attend a Medieval Tournament and observe jousting, see trained period actors, and enjoy a 3-course meal prepared in the style of the Middle Ages. During the weekend, we will spend one entire day at EPCOT exploring the World Culture Showcase and exhibits of various represented countries. We will also visit Hollywood Studios, where students will learn about the history of film, observe different film genres, and see what old "Hollywood" looked like. They will also experience live performance shows and see theater in action. Finally, we will visit Disney's Animal Kingdom and explore the cultures of different African & Asian countries, as well as the various animals and animal habitats in those countries.

Our goal is to make this trip as affordable as possible. The cost of the trip will be **\$400.00**. This includes all transportation, lodging for three nights, breakfast each day in Florida, and admission to the Fort at Castillo de San Marcos, Medieval Times, and all Disney parks that we visit. Students will need additional money for any souvenirs and 8 meals:

- Breakfast and lunch on the way down (McDonald's for breakfast; lunch in St. Augustine is student's choice)
- Lunch and dinners 2 days at the parks (student's choice)
- Lunch and dinner on the way home (McDonald's for lunch/fast food for dinner)

If your child is able to attend, fill out the slip at the bottom of this letter and return it with a **\$150.00 deposit** to the designated teacher at Hillcrest High School **on or before October 7, 2011**. All deposit checks should be made payable to Hillcrest High School Florida Trip and are refundable in full through **November 14, 2011**.

There is only room for 150 students (maximum) and students are taken on a first come, first served basis. Students should report to their assigned teacher to turn in their money and the form below any time on or before the deadline (see all deadlines below). If your last name begins with the following letters, report to the teacher in the room designated. **Students with serious or habitual disciplinary infractions on their records are not permitted; payments made prior to infractions are non-refundable.**

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| A-G | Mrs. Clemmer | Front office |
| H-M | Mrs. Smith | Room 211 |
| N-S | Mr. Oliveros | Room 216 |
| T-Z | Mr. Drango | Room 314 |

Florida Trip Deadlines

- **Friday, October 7, 2011** – Deposit (\$150.00) and slip attached due to assigned teacher.
- **Monday, November 7, 2011** – Second payment due (\$150.00) to assigned teacher.
- **Monday, November 14, 2011** – **NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE**
- **Wednesday, December 7, 2011** – Final payment due (\$100.00). *Parent Permission Slips and Room Request forms also due.*
- **February 13, 2012** – Meeting of all students and parents going on the trip at 6:30 p.m. in the Hillcrest auditorium for final information.
- **Thursday, February 16, 2012** – Depart for Florida at 4:30 AM *If you are late, you are not going.*
- **Sunday, February 19, 2012** – Depart for Simpsonville (approximately 2:30 p.m.). Arrive back at HHS by approximately 11:30 p.m.

- Please make checks payable to Hillcrest High School.

- Please write your student's name on the check

- Late payments may result in a late penalty fee of \$10.

- If you would like to set up an alternate payment plan or if you have any additional questions, please contact Megan Luffman at 355-3497 or MLuffman@greenville.k12.sc.us.

Freshman Class Florida Field Trip Information

Student's Full Name _____ Male Female

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Address _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Student's email address _____ Parent email address _____

Student's first period teacher's name: _____

____ Yes, I am interested in chaperoning this trip. Dad Mom

(Note: Chaperones are chosen by lottery and will be notified if chosen by winter break. The cost for chaperones is \$375.) Chaperones will be responsible for 4-8 students throughout the trip, and all chaperones will be subject to a SLED check.

