

We are excited to announce plans for our April field trip to Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The purpose of our field trip is to culminate learning experiences that have taken place this school year through the festivities provided during the "Festival of Nations" and "Wings of America" at Dollywood. We will be partnering with **Blue Ridge Tours, Inc.** to help make this a great experience. **All payments will be made through Blue Ridge's website. No money will be collected at the school.**

Field Trip Information

- ❖ **Date:** Wednesday, April 12th, 2023
- ❖ **Departure Time from RMS:** 7:15 AM (Students and Chaperones will need to be at the school approximately at 6:30 AM)
- ❖ **Return Time to RMS:** Approximately 8:00-8:30 PM
- ❖ **Cost:** \$159.00 (Transportation, admission to Dollywood, and lunch)
 - **ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE COLLECTED ONLINE THROUGH BLUERIDGE TOURS**
 - **Money will be collected from Sept 19 – March 3 Online with Blue Ridge Tours**
 - **You must register at <https://tri.ps/Kg0LS> to complete the process and pay for the trip online.**
 - **You may register and pay using the schedule provided by Blue Ridge or register and make the full payment anytime between Sept 19 – March 3.**
- ❖ **Other expenses:** Students will need to bring money to pay for dinner on the day of the field trip (approximately \$20.00).
- ❖ **Transportation:** Chartered buses
- ❖ **A space will be reserved for your child upon receipt of his/her completed forms and payment.**

If your child takes medication on a daily basis or will need to take medication while in our care, please complete a "Parental Permission for Medication to Be Given on a Field Trip" release form which is available in the nurse's office. These forms are needed on or before **April 6th**.

- ❖ **If you need to request a scholarship-**Please contact Blue Ridge Tours directly @ 864-834-5604

Please read and discuss the following information with your child.

- The school dress code must be followed or the student will NOT be allowed to participate in the field trip.
- All students are expected to follow the rules for behavior as outlined in the student handbook.
- **IMPORTANT:** We will need **parent chaperones**. If you are interested in being a parent chaperone, please email John Hatchell (jjhatchell@greenville.k12.sc.us). The cost for parent chaperones will also be \$159.00 which will include your ticket, transportation, and lunch voucher. He will email you information about the DISTRICT REQUIRED LEVEL II CLEARANCE VOLUNTEER procedures that must be completed as soon as possible. **Please do not make any chaperone payments until you have completed the required volunteer procedures and have been approved.** Please email Mr. Hatchell with your full name and date of birth as soon as possible if you are interested in chaperoning.
- **When you have registered and either paid the full amount or deposit please return your permission form.**
- **All payments and permission forms need to be made and returned by March 3rd.**

If you have any further questions, please contact John Hatchell @ jjhatchell@greenville.k12.sc.us (Field Trip Coordinator).

You can now pay for your Dollywood Field trip online: No money will be collected at the school

Please follow these steps to register for the Dollywood trip:

Step 1: Register for the Dollywood trip (If you registered last year with the 6th grade trip, you should still be registered.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CLds7wJ1Qre0b4X_R5HF79F57x7t0yv/view

Select your package using the drop-down menu and click the Green Button to begin your registration. Follow the registration prompts and check the "create an account" box on the second screen. Make sure to sign-up using a frequently checked email so you will receive trip announcements and payment reminders.

If you will be registering multiple individuals into different packages, please REGISTER ONE INDIVIDUAL AT A TIME. Once you finish the first registration, you can go back to the registration page (link above) and start another. On the second screen it will ask you to create an account or login, select login and enter your information to connect the two trips.

Step 2: Make your Deposit Payment:

Once you have completed the registration details, you will be prompted to make the deposit payment using a credit/debit card or by using your checking account.

Below is the schedule for the payments, you will receive an email notification 3 days before the payment that the payment will be charged soon and a receipt for every successful payment or a notification email in case their chosen payment method fails. You may opt out of automatic payments by changing the default payment method under profile.

The cost of this year's trips is \$159.00 per person. This fee includes transportation via a major bus company, lunch voucher, and entrance fees to Dollywood.

- Registration and deposit of \$29 is due by Sept.19, 2022 if you plan on paying by installments
- Final payment or full amount due by March 3, 2023
- Learn how to create a contribution page to fundraise and collect payments from family and friends toward your trip balance at <https://help.wetravel.com/en/articles/4498861-how-to-set-up-a-contribution-page>
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For questions on registration or making payments, please contact Donna Sulligan @ 864-630-4020.