

6th Grade- NC Zoo Field Trip

Monday, June 5, 2017

Please fill out the attached permission slip for our upcoming field trip to the NC Zoo. Please note, there has been a date change due to testing! All paperwork and fees should be turned into Mrs. Baker, bldg. 1/Room2.

WHEN: Monday, June 5, 2017

TIME: We will be leaving SWA PROMPTLY at 7:30am, students should arrive to SWA around 7:15.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation to/from the zoo will be provided by 2 chartered buses. All students must ride on the bus to/from the zoo.

RETURN: Students will return to SWA at 3:30.

FEES: Fee for this field trip is \$25 per student. Cash or check (written to SWA) are accepted. No refunds will be given.

DONATIONS: If you would like to donate towards helping a few of our students with field trip fees, please put your donation in an envelope and mark it "donation". You will earn parent volunteer hours for your donation! (\$12=1hr)

WEAR: This is a field trip with A LOT of walking! Students should wear tennis shoes, SWA school shirt (can be polo or spirit wear), shorts, socks. Light jacket if needed. Sunscreen your child before the trip if needed! There is NO rain date, so if it rains we are still going! We can not cancel the buses if it rains!

LUNCH: Students need to bring a non-perishable disposable lunch. NO lunch boxes! Students should also have a light backpack/cinch sack to carry their lunch and belongings in! Make sure you have your name on your lunch!! Please bring a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.

SNACK: We will eat a quick snack before leaving the zoo. Please sign up at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AAA92AA13-2017> to sign up for snack donations!

ELECTRONICS: No video game electronics will be permitted for the trip. We have TV's with a video that the student will watch to/from the zoo. Cell phones are allowed as long as they are used appropriately. We are not responsible for lost or damaged cell phones.

GROUPS: Students will be exploring the zoo with a chaperone in a group. Students may not leave their group and must act appropriately throughout the field trip.

GIFT SHOP- It is possible that groups will arrive to the meeting places early. If time allows, students with money, can shop in the gift shop. If students bring extra money, it will be each student's responsibility to keep up with it.

ITINERARY:

Students arrive at SWA by 7:15.

Leave SWA promptly at 7:30

Arrive to Zoo by 9:00am

Enter Zoo at North America Gates

Walk through North America exhibits with group and chaperone heading towards Africa exhibits 9:00-11:00

Meet at center of North America & Africa 11:00

Eat Lunch & Use bathrooms 11:00-11:30

Walk through Africa Exhibits with group and chaperone 11:30-1:30

Meet at Gates at end of Africa, Use bathrooms 1:30

Eat Snack on grassy area outside of gates 1:30-1:45

Board Bus 1:45

Leave Africa and Zoo 2:00

Arrive SWA at 3:30pm

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you for volunteering to chaperone our upcoming field trip to the zoo. All of the information regarding this trip is attached. If you are not going to volunteer for this trip, please let me know immediately! We have already reserved a bus seat for you!

*Parent volunteers/chaperones will be expected to ride the bus to/from the zoo. Parents will need to pay \$25 as well. There will be no refunds.

*Each chaperone will be responsible for a small group of students. I will be giving each chaperone my cell phone number to use in case of emergency while walking through the zoo. I ask that you do not share this number with anyone, and only use it during this field trip.

*Because chaperones will be responsible for a group of students, siblings are not allowed to join this field trip.

*The teachers will not have groups. That way, if there is an emergency we can get to you immediately!

*Please make sure you adhere to our itinerary. You can move through the zoo at your own pace, as long as you are at the meeting spaces on time. We can not be waiting for groups when it is time to leave. We need to leave the zoo by 2:00 in order to be back at SWA at 3:30.

*Please bring a large Ziploc baggie with band aids, tissues, wipes, and hand gel to use with your group. If you need help securing these items, please let me know! You will need a lunch and a water bottle as well. I would suggest bringing a cinch sack or small backpack to carry everything easily!

*If you get to a meeting place ahead of schedule, please have your students use the rest rooms. If time allows, students with money, can shop in the gift shop.

*Each parent volunteer will earn 8 ½ hours of volunteer time for chaperoning this trip! Please remember to record your hours in the volunteer log located in the office!

If you have any questions, please email me at mbaker@swake.org.

