

February, 2020



Hello TLC Families,

We are excited to share with you more details about our spring field study!!!!

On **Thursday and Friday, May 21 and 22**, we will be going to Savannah, Georgia to visit the University of Georgia's Marine Education Center & Aquarium and Historic Downtown Savannah. During the day the students will visit the aquarium, participate in an invertebrate lab, and ride in a trawler through the estuary, as well as dissect a squid. We will also participate in a historical walking tour of downtown Savannah. At night, we will go on a dinner cruise for a good Lowcountry meal and a dance or two on the deck. We will be staying at the Tru by Hilton Savannah Midtown at 77 West Fairmont Avenue, Savannah, GA 31406. Although our time at the hotel will be brief, we want you to be aware of our efforts to ensure the children's safety. Girls' and boys' rooms will be blocked together as tightly as possible on separate floors. Chaperones will be stationed at the entrance to the floor and at the back of the block of rooms with another chaperone room in the middle. Children will stay in the rooms with the doors locked at all times. They may not open their doors unless the person knocking is a teacher or chaperone. Children will be given the phone number of all the teachers and the chaperones nearest their room.

**We will leave Dent on Thursday, May 21, at 6:00 a.m. sharp!** Please arrive no later than 5:40 am. We will load the bus at Dent in the bus loop, which is on the other side of the breezeway from the carpool loop. **The bus will return to the same location at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22.** Please be on time to pick up your child. The students will have a snack provided by TLC for the bus ride home.

If your child will need to take any medicine while attending the Savannah field study, please visit our website, <http://tlc6.weebly.com/> to print the necessary forms. **We will need all medication and forms turned in by May 8th to your student's homeroom teacher.** Please remember that for their safety, students are not allowed to self-carry or self-administer any medications.

To encourage the children to enjoy each other and their surroundings, **electronic devices – iPods, cell phones, video gaming devices, etc. – are not allowed.** Children may bring a camera if it is only a camera and not part of another electronic device such as a phone or iPad. If an emergency arises, all teachers and chaperones will have phones the children can use. **Please see the reverse side for a packing list of what your student needs to bring to Savannah.**

We feel that all students should have the opportunity to share in these experiences. **The cost for this field study is \$285.** This fee pays for transportation, activities, hotel, meals, t-shirts and snacks. The full amount for the field study will be payable through your child's Parent Portal account. In order to have a firm headcount for our vendors, we would ask that families **pay a \$100 deposit and return the commitment form attached by Monday, March 10.** The remainder of the payment should be paid by Monday, April 21. Families will also be asked to send in \$5 cash by that final date; we will need cash for tips and to purchase the parking permits in Savannah. If meeting payment deadlines poses a problem for your family, please feel free to contact Lauren Meekins, TLC Lead Teacher, at [lmeekins@richland2.org](mailto:lmeekins@richland2.org).

If you are interested in chaperoning this field study, please complete the attached section of the field study commitment form, or contact Ms. Browder ([pbrowder@richland2.org](mailto:pbrowder@richland2.org)). The deadline to apply to chaperone is March 10. **Chaperones must be willing and able to participate in field study activities, as well as feel comfortable addressing student behavior and/or concerns during activities and overnight at the hotel. The chaperone cost is \$285, which covers all meals, travel, and a shared hotel room with one other chaperone.**

We are looking forward to these adventures to cap off the children's sixth grade year! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shingler, Ms. Browder, Mr. Chappell, and Mr. Fram

# Packing List

- 1) Comfortable clothing for variations in temperature; be prepared for rain, just in case
- 2) Comfortable, closed-toe shoes- Tennis shoes **MUST BE WORN** during field activities and labs according to the center's rules. Bring old ones you do not mind getting muddy. Flip flops or open-toed shoes are allowed **ONLY FOR DINNER CRUISE**.
- 3) Insect repellent (highly recommended)
- 4) Sunscreen, hat & sunglasses
- 5) Plastic garbage bag for wet clothing
- 6) Light jacket
- 7) Pajamas
- 8) Binoculars (optional)
- 9) Water bottle- no glass
- 10) Pencil
- 11) Toiletries



# TLC6 Savannah Field Study Commitment Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My student \_\_\_\_\_ WILL / WILL NOT \_\_\_\_\_ participate in the TLC6 Savannah Field Study on May 21 and 22, 2020.

Please initial each of the following reminders for deadlines:

\_\_\_\_\_ Deposit (\$100 via Parent Portal) and commitment form due **March 10, 2020**

\_\_\_\_\_ Final payments (via Parent Portal), plus \$5 cash due to homeroom teacher, by **April 21, 2020**

\_\_\_\_\_ Medications and medical paperwork due to Nurse Trees-Vilardi by **May 8, 2020**. *For their safety, students may not self-carry or self-administer any medications without this paperwork process being completed.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Meekins may be contacted if financial assistance is needed. If you would like to contribute to scholarships for families, please indicate the amount here and it will be added to your child's Parent Portal account. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ AM/ AM NOT \_\_\_\_\_ interested in chaperoning this trip.

Parent Name and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperones will be selected after March 10 based on availability and interest; once selections are made, chaperone fees will be added to your student's Parent Portal account.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to your child's homeroom teacher by March 10, 2020