

THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION ("CMS")

NOTICE, PERMISSION FORM, AND RELEASE
[NON-REQUIRED CMS-SPONSORED OVERNIGHT TRIPS (INCLUDING FOREIGN TRAVEL)]

To: Parents/Guardians of students interested in participating in non-required CMS-sponsored overnight trips (including foreign travel)

CMS has approved a non-required overnight trip to Stone Mountain State Park in Roaring Gap, NC from Wednesday, September 25th-Friday, September 27th.

The purpose of the trip is to build community as well as to participate in activities related to content in a real and meaningful way.

Community building is an integral part of the Montessori philosophy and directly impacts the learning that occurs in the classroom. Fall camp is the beginning of this process and not only includes community building activities, but also integrates core course content as well. Students will respond to leadership journal prompts each day, create nature shape poems, participate in Socratic Seminars and will participate in choice handwork.

Mode of Travel: School activity bus; Car(s); Other

Cost of trip (if any): _____ \$80 _____ Please pay online: Online School Payments portal
<https://osp.osmsinc.com/cms/>

Time of departure from school: _____ 9:30 AM _____ Time of return to school: _____ 3:00 PM _____

Additional information about the trip:

CMS reserves the right to cancel this trip. CMS is not responsible for any cancellation fees that may be charged by travel-agents or other services providers and will not reimburse trip participants for any monies paid to such service providers, even if CMS cancels the scheduled trip. See the attached Notice of CMS Right to Cancel Trips.

I have read and understand the trip description.

I have read and understand the attached Notice of CMS' Right to Cancel Trips. I understand and agree that CMS reserves the right to cancel field trips and that CMS is not responsible for any cancellation fees that may be charged by travel-agents or other service providers, even if CMS cancels this trip. I understand that if CMS cancels this trip I may lose some or all of the money paid by, or on behalf of, my child for this trip. **I agree not to seek any financial reimbursement from CMS and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless CMS, its board members, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims arising out of CMS' cancellation of this trip.**

I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless CMS, its board members, officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, losses, costs, damages, expenses, attorneys' fees and liability that any of them may sustain (a) arising out of my child's failure to comply with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Code of Conduct, (b) arising out of any damage or injury caused by my child, or (c) arising out of my child's participation in this non-required field trip.

I give permission for _____ [child's full name] to go on this non-required trip sponsored by CMS.

Parent/Guardian Date

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Notice of CMS' Right to Cancel Trips

CMS sponsors and approves certain non-required field trips, including some overnight and foreign travel. The purpose of CMS approval of such non-required field trips is to assure that any such trips are part of the curriculum and to authorize excused absences from school for both students and CMS staff. **CMS does not assume any financial responsibility for non-required field trips. Trip participants, not CMS, pay for non-required trips.**

CMS administration reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or postpone all CMS-sponsored field trips and related travel with no advance notice. By way of example, and not limitation, CMS may cancel all field trips and travel in the event of an act of terrorism or war or the threat of an act of terrorism or war.

- When the Homeland Security threat advisory is a Code Red (Severe) status, all foreign and domestic travel for CMS will be postponed, including foreign students traveling to CMS.
- When the Homeland Security threat advisory is Orange (high) or Yellow (elevated), CMS staff and parents will determine their participation in the scheduled foreign or domestic trip, including students traveling to CMS.

Travel agents and other providers of travel-related services typically require nonrefundable deposits that are retained by the service provider if a trip is cancelled. **CMS is not responsible for any such cancellation fees charged by service providers and will not reimburse trip participants for any monies paid to such service providers, even if CMS cancels the scheduled trip.**

CMS recommends that all trip participants review all travel-related contracts and make sure they understand their possible financial risks and obligations. Travel-related contracts for these non-required field trips typically should be signed by the PTAs, Booster Clubs or individual parents that pay for the trip. In appropriate circumstances, with approval of the Superintendent, CMS can be a party to the travel-related contracts; however, CMS will do so only if the contracts specifically state that any cancellation fees are the responsibility of the individual trip participants, not CMS, even if CMS administration cancels the trip.