

Cedar Point 2008

Permission Forms and \$60.00 Payment

Due March 27, 2008



Dear 8th Grade Parent(s):

We are pleased to announce our annual 8th grade science field trip to Cedar Point is scheduled for **Monday, May 19**. Students participating in the trip will be conducting a series of physics experiments by observing and riding the park's roller coasters. Students will be placed in groups of 6-8 with a parent chaperone. This field trip will be the culminating activity of an 8th grade science unit pertaining to physics. It should be a very special day!

In light of heightened safety and security concerns regarding student travel, the DeWitt Board of Education now requires all groups planning out-of-state field trips to host a mandatory parent meeting. The purpose of this parent meeting is to inform parents of the steps being taken to assure the safety of their students on the trip, discuss emergency communication procedures, and address any concerns parents may have. The parent meeting for the Cedar Point field trip is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high auditorium (This is immediately following the parent meeting). No student may participate in this field trip unless a parent has signed the attendance form at the meeting, or signed a form indicating they have read and reviewed the information summarizing the meeting. This form will be sent home with students who were not represented. Please contact the junior high office if you have any questions regarding this meeting.

Listed below is the trip itinerary and the necessary medical emergency forms and permission slips are attached. **In order for us to purchase discounted tickets and avoid a late bus fee, we are requesting the \$60 per child fee to be paid and permission slips returned by March 27, 2008.** If family finances do not allow full payment at this time, please indicate this on the form and what payment plan would work for your family. Scholarships may also be available to those who cannot afford the entire \$60. If you have any questions about this physics trip, please give me a call at 668-3200.

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Monday, May 19, 2008:

6:00 AM: Arrive at DJH. Check in with parent chaperone and place sack dinner in appropriate cooler.

6:10 AM: Board buses and prepare for departure from DJH.

6:15 AM: Depart DJH for Cedar Point.

9:30 AM: Arrive at Cedar Point.

9:30 – 12:00 PM: Conduct Physics experiments and observations completing workbook and other requirements. Completed packets will be reviewed and turned in at the check-in time.

12:00 – 1:00 PM: All students must check in at this time and be seen by Ms. Woodworth, Ms. Foreback, Ms. Hodges, or Mrs. Webb. Mrs. Webb or another staff member will be stationed the entire day at a picnic table near the Pretzel Time eatery and Scrambler. Students will be checked off as they

check in. Students who fail to check in will be addressed upon our return. Lunch/Free time follow. Students should purchase lunch during this time if not sooner. Fifteen dollars (\$15) is suggested for food and drink.

1:00 – 5:45 PM: Students are free to use this time to enjoy the park. Parent chaperones will be in contact with students throughout this time.

5:45 PM: Students must report to buses and be checked off for departure.

5:45 – 6:00 PM: The food will be available at the buses for student to pick up as they board for the ride home. All students will want to bring something to drink and snack. A full dinner may not be necessary depending on what they have had to eat in the park; however each student should make their own decision.

6:00 PM: Depart Cedar Point for return trip to DJHS.

9:15 PM: Arrive at DJH parking lot. Parents should plan to pick up their students at this time.

What to Bring:

- A pencil with which to complete the Science packet.
- Items to entertain you on the bus (Books, Magazines, MP3 players, Video games). The buses will be locked while we are in the park, but we cannot insure the security of any valuables. Lockers are available in the park.
- Rain gear (watch the Weather Channel so you'll know)
- Sunscreen
- Good walking shoes (extra socks-good idea)
- Money for lunch and snacks (\$15 suggested)
- Sack dinner (for evening meal)
- A pleasant disposition (no grouches on this trip)

Student Expectations:

- Participate fully in physics investigations and cooperate with team members.
- Complete and turn in packet.
- Remain in contact with chaperone at all times.
- Cooperate fully and immediately with all requests and instructions given by school staff, chaperones, bus drivers, and Cedar Point representatives.
- Adhere to the school dress code as directed.
- Report to Mrs. Webb or other school staff at the assigned times.
- Behave in a safe, responsible, polite manner at all times as to represent yourselves, your school, and your community with pride and class.
- Seek ways to assure that your classmates and chaperones have a good time as well as yourself.
- Assure that the busses are left as clean as they were when we boarded them.
- Learn and have fun!!

Sincerely,

Lori Webb, Principal
DeWitt Junior High School