

August 28, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardian:

We are planning to take a trip to Huntersville, NC to experience The Carolina Renaissance Festival on **Wednesday, October 14th** (a day for just middle school students). The **total cost is \$45.00** (Breakdown of costs: Tickets are \$9.00 and the rest is to pay for the charter buses.) **All money has to be turned in by Friday, September 18th**. You can now pay online. The link is on the front page of the school website, in the quick links section, or you can use this link <https://osp.osmsinc.com/abss>. You will need to know your student's ID number in order to create an account to pay online.

Students will need money for lunch (\$10.00 to \$15.00), which can be purchased at the Festival. If students plan to play any games or ride rides, they range from \$1 to \$5.

This program was created to highlight the educational aspects of the Festival and to give school groups a chance to join the fun!!! The Carolina Renaissance Festival is a cornucopia of sights, sounds and experiences, bringing to life the ambiance of an early European village celebration. Costumed characters delight audiences with staged presentations, village artisans provide craft demonstrations and living history troops, such as The Queen's Court, bring the 16th Century to life. Nine stages are scheduled with music, dance and comedy acts every half hour. Craft demonstrations are on-going throughout the day. A major Festival feature is the re-creation of jousting tournaments with knights in armor performing on horseback in the King's Tournament Arena. Below is a website to the Festival that has plenty of information that cannot be covered in just this letter.

<http://www.royalfaires.com/carolina/>

Itinerary:

We will depart from Western Middle at 7:15 am (so don't be late). We will be traveling on buses from Holiday Tour. The drive to the Carolina Ren. Festival (located in Huntersville, NC) should take approximately 1 hr. 45 mins., so we should be there by 9:00.

Students will leave the Festival at 2:00pm to return to the buses, then we can all depart at 2:15pm to head back to Western Middle. We should arrive at school by 4:30pm (extra time given for traffic). **Parents need to be at the school to pick his/her student up by 4:30.** If our arrival time changes drastically, then we will have students call you using cell phones.

Yes _____ or No _____ may attend the Renaissance Festival.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Yes _____ I would like to be a chaperone for this trip (must have background check information approved)

****Chaperones are a first come, first serve basis.**