

## SEVENTH GRADE PARENTS' MEETING

### 7TH GRADE SPRING TRIP

Thursday, April 21, 2016  
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

6:30 pm in the SRC

Chaperones: The 7th grade trip is headed by James Broetzmann and Jenny Cobb. Molly Lofquist-Johnson, Fletcher Paulsen, and Hilary Rinke will also chaperone.

Electronic Information - Please read thoroughly all information you received electronically, including this letter, a trip overview, a Permissions/Expectations form, (which should be completed and submitted by Wednesday, May 25th), and health information. Remember, any medications being sent on the trip need to be delivered to the Health Office by Wednesday, May 25th with proper documentation.

Departure - We will leave Prairie at **6:00 a.m. sharp** on Monday, May 31st. Please drop off your child **no later than 5:15 a.m.** that morning as we need to have plenty of time to check luggage (see the next page). We will be traveling in Discovery Lines coach buses throughout the duration of trip.

Arrival home - We will arrive back at Prairie at approximately **3:00 p.m. on Saturday**, June 4th. Please make arrangements to pick up your child at that time. In case of a late arrival, we will have your child call you with the estimated time of arrival.

Cost - Students should bring \$150.00 minimum for food. Additional money should be provided for souvenirs if your child wishes to purchase them. We have found that prepaid debit cards along with a number of small bills works best.

### Items to bring

- jacket or sweatshirts
- nice jeans or khakis
- casual dress (shirts, pants, shorts)
- baseball style hats are fine
- two pairs of walking shoes
- swimming suit and towel
- rain wear or poncho
- nut-free snacks are fine for the bus
- iPad to work on trip assignment
- iPod/MP3 with head phones
- books, games, magazines for the bus
- blanket and pillow for the bus
- writing utensils
- sunscreen and lip balm

Luggage inspection - in compliance with school policy to safeguard against misbehavior during student trips, each student's luggage will be searched before it is loaded onto the coaches on Monday morning. In particular, we will be checking your child's toiletry case closely, so please make sure it is readily accessible.

Cell phones - Students may bring cell phones on the trip, but they will be responsible for them at all times. Each student signed the acceptable use policy at the beginning of the school year, and will be responsible to follow the same rules and expectations they follow during the school day. Students may NOT use their cell phones during any learning portion of the trip. Appropriate times to use their cell phones would be on the bus, during a meal, while we are walking from one place to another, and in the evening when we are back in the hotel. The students know that the chaperones will confiscate the phones if they are not using them appropriately. If possible, we do ask that the students bring separate chargers for their iPad and cell phone, so both may charge at the same time. We will be asking the students to hold off on calling parents until the evening, after we have finished all of our academic activities for the day.

Trip Pictures - A website has been created at Tumblr entitled “*The Prairie School 7th Grade Trip 2016*”. Throughout each day, chaperones will upload pictures to the site so you may see what your child is experiencing. The URL is [7thgradetrip.tumblr.com](http://7thgradetrip.tumblr.com).

Emergencies - If a child needs to be contacted in the case of an emergency, please call James Broetzmann’s cell phone at (262) 930-9367 or Jennifer Cobb’s cell phone at (262) 496-0774. One of them will notify your child and relay messages accordingly.

Behavior - If, after several warnings, a student’s behavior proves to be impossible to control, or the student violates the school’s policies pertaining to the use of tobacco, non-prescribed or illegal drugs, or alcohol, a chaperone will notify the child’s parents and the child will be sent home immediately. If this occurs, airfare for the trip home will be the parent’s responsibility.

