



January 20, 2012

Dear Parents of HMS Seventh Graders,

The Georgia Aquarium along with the Seventh Grade Science Teachers and Administrators have planned an entertaining, innovative and interactive learning experience using the Aquarium Instructor Led Experience, "Sharks In-Depth" which provides a focused learning opportunity. Students will expand their understanding of aquatic ecosystems, and examine how sharks impact our environment and how humans impact sharks. This educational experience will include some behind-the-scenes and portions of the main aquarium tour, as well as a 4-D movie.

The Georgia Aquarium is a remarkable resource and the programs are designed to meet Georgia Performance Standards. In our science classes, before visiting the aquarium students will:

- Understand predator - prey relationships.
- Have a basic understanding of how scientists classify animals.
- Have a basic understanding of the concept of pollution and its impact on aquatic systems.

The suggested donation is to cover the cost of:

- Admission to the Georgia Aquarium
- 45 minute Aquarium Instructor Led Program
- Admission to the 4-D Theater
- Cost of 11 busses
- Toll and Bus Parking at Aquarium

The school reserves the right to cancel the trip if sufficient funds are not collected. We are aware that some families may be experiencing financial stress at this time. However, it is our intention for all students to have this exciting experience. Assuming sufficient funds will be collected we will have a scholarship fund. Therefore, please return the permission for your child to attend the field trip either way. You may also donate a lesser amount, or if you are interested in adding an additional amount to your donation, we certainly appreciate your generosity.

Lunch is not included. We have reserved a lunch space and will bring sack lunches. However the food court area will be open. More lunch information will be sent home closer to the trip time.

BEST FISHES,

HMS SEVENTH LIFE SCIENCE TEACHERS and ADMINISTRATORS

***See back for the permission form!**

**Seventh Grade Georgia Aquarium/ March 2012
Parent/Guardian Instructional Field Trip Permission Form**

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Dear Seventh Grade Parents:

In connection with the study of **Life Science**, our seventh grade students will take a field trip to the **Georgia Aquarium** which is located in Atlanta. The trip is being sponsored by **HMS Seventh/ Science teachers**. We will be **leaving school at 8:45 a/m** on 3/12/12 or 3/15/12, and **return by approximately 1:00 pm**. We will travel by school buses and will have approximately **15** adult chaperones. The expected ratio is 10 students for every adult. Feel free to contact your child's science teacher if additional information is needed.

A voluntary donation of **\$25.00** would be appreciated to help defray the cost of our trip. All students who are willing to participate will be given the opportunity to do, regardless of receipt of donation. We feel that all students will benefit from this activity; however, attendance is not required and in no way affects the student's instruction or evaluation. We do reserve the right to cancel this field trip if sufficient money is not available to cover all costs. Please complete the bottom of this form and **return it no later than Friday, February 3, 2012.**

Life Science Teacher

Principal

DO NOT DETACH

Please check one:

_____ I give permission for my child _____ to accompany his/her class on the above trip. My donation of \$_____ is attached.

_____ I give permission for my child _____ to accompany his/her class on the above trip. No donation is enclosed.

_____ I do not give my permission for my child _____ to accompany his/her class on the above trip. I understand he/she will be given appropriate school work and placed in another teacher's room until classes return.

Print parent or Guardian name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date