

## Savannah Trip- Student Expectations

### Arrival Expectations-Thursday, March 21, 2019

1. Doors will not open before 5:30 AM on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> as chaperones need time to prepare for your arrival.
2. Arrive on **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> by 5:35 AM dressed for the school day—and wearing the Savannah T-Shirt.** **DRESS CODE** is in effect for the trip. (Pajamas or pajama like gym pants are not permitted. Students are expected to adhere to the DRESS CODE for all activities and events; a student will be required to change if his/her attire is not school appropriate. Clothes will be provided as necessary.)
3. If you have allergies or asthma, please make sure your SS teacher has been notified. You should bag your meds in a Ziploc bag and include your name and directions; give the bag your bus chaperone on Thursday morning when you check in at **5:35 AM**. All medicine must be in its original bottle with a note from parents; the note must include directions for administering the medicine. If you take meds in the morning, please take it before you come to school on Thursday.

### Travel Expectations

1. Students must remain with their chaperone groups at all times.
2. Students must always respond to directions given by any chaperone, not just the one assigned to your group—all chaperones are responsible for your safety.
3. Please bring enough of your own snacks to cover you for the entire trip as students are **not permitted to visit any vending machines at the rest stop or at the hotel**. For the safety of students with allergies and asthma: **Nuts, gum, or chocolate** is NOT permitted on the bus during the entire trip. Drinks must have a screw top (no cans allowed). NO perfume/cologne should be sprayed on bus. You are responsible for keeping your area of the bus clean at all times.
4. Males and females are not allowed to sit together on the bus. Your bus chaperones will provide you specific details on how the bus will be organized.
5. Cell phone calls/texting/social media usage is only permitted on bus and in the hotel room. Phone calls/texting are NOT permitted at sites/venues. Cell phones are only allowed for pictures at sites. If you are caught using your phone inappropriately, it will be taken and given to Anderson or Crotsley. Buses may not have charging ports, so monitor your battery level.
6. Only small, hand-held electronic games or small electronic reading devices are permitted on bus and in hotel rooms. (Devices that connect to television are NOT permitted on the trip.)
7. Dress attire for the dance includes jeans/ school appropriate attire. **Closed-toed shoes** must be worn because of the terrain- flip-flops, slides, or open-toed shoes are not permitted for travel. A sweatshirt/light jacket is recommended. **Be prepared for rain and wind.**
8. Additional needs: bug spray and layered clothes for some activities and extra cash (not too much...) for additional snacks/food or souvenirs you might like to purchase on River Street. Students are responsible for handling/safe-keeping their own money.
9. You are expected to purchase appropriate items at stores while on River Street -chaperones will check. **NO** toy guns, shot glasses, t-shirts with suggestive sayings or anything inappropriate. If you purchase an item like this, you will be escorted back to the shop and will have to return it or it may be confiscated-no refund available.
10. Students are expected to remain in their designated hotel room while at the hotel. **Students are not permitted to visit other students' rooms.** Chaperones will give you further instructions when they check/secure your rooms on Thursday night. Students are expected to remain in the hotel room until a chaperone comes to the hotel door on Friday morning to check the door and provide students with directions for the day. Proper behavior must be maintained in the hotel-no running, loud noises, or in-room gymnastics allowed; no room service or pay TV.

## Expected Behavior from RTMS Students

### 1. ESSENTIALS:

- Wear your emergency bracelet at all times-it's your number to call in case of emergency.
- Add Anderson's RTMS cell number to your phone as a backup. 470.488.8107
- Always have a buddy and stay with the larger group.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.

### 2. ON THE BUS:

- Listen for directions; Stay in your seat.
- Keep up with your belongings.
- Use earbuds anytime you are listening to any sound on any device.
- Talk at a conversational level.

### 3. ON TOURS:

- Stay with the group.
- Refrain from using your phone unless you are taking pictures.
- Be respectful and listen to tour guides.

### 4. AT RESTAURANTS OR LOCATIONS WHERE YOU EAT:

- Get a clean plate every time you visit the buffet line.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Listen for directions.
- Talk at conversational levels and be aware of people around you.

### 5. IN THE HOTEL:

- Listen for directions.
- Always be aware of other people.
- Move and speak quietly; be respectful and talk at conversational levels.
- Only use hotel phone to call your chaperone with a question or in case of an emergency.
- Once the door is "taped," do not open it for anyone besides your chaperone unless instructed to do otherwise by an administrator or in case of an emergency.

### 6. ON YOUR OWN:

- Always be with someone-you can never be alone. Be safe.
- Listen for directions.
- Be on time.
- Always be aware of other people.

## HOTEL- INFORMATION.

You will be in one of the hotels below. They are next door to each other and share a common parking lot.

Hilton Garden Inn – 5711 Abercorn Street (912.652.9300)

Hampton Inn - 20 Johnston St (912.721.3700)

**GENERAL PACKING LIST:** comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes, clothing for 2 days (school appropriate), light jacket, rain jacket/poncho/umbrella, hat/sunglasses, toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant), small pillow/blanket, earbuds, phone/charger, book-bag for personal belongings on bus, snacks for bus and snacks for hotel room (No Chocolate/Nuts, screw-top drinks), insect repellent/sunscreen, spending \$40 for souvenirs: 1 suitcase & 1 book-bag carry-on for use on bus to store your belongings. Reminder-You will not have access to the suitcase/bag under the bus until we offload at hotels, so keep snacks, some \$, other stuff you need in bookbag on bus.