

October 16, 2009

Dear Students & Parents,

Ms. Whitt's Earth Space Science classes will be taking a trip to the Everglades National Park at Shark Valley in Miami, Florida. We can only take 60 students and chaperone per day because the charter bus only holds 59 people and Shark Valley-Everglades National Park limits student groups to 60 students per day. If there is enough interest, we may schedule an additional day for the field trip so more students can attend. We will leave FPCHS at 6:00am and return to FPCHS at 9:00pm.

The date of the first trip is Thursday, November 5, 2009 and the tentative second date is Friday, November 6, 2009 if there is enough interest and we can sell all the charter bus seats. Consider if you have obligations such as band, football game, etc before you commit to attend a specific date.

Shark Valley requires a 10:1 student to chaperone ratio; this means we will actually be taking 53 students and 6 chaperones per day. So it is important we have parents attend the field trip.

The cost of the trip will be \$60.00 (tentatively if we fill all the seats on the charter bus). This includes a tram tour at Shark Valley, airboat ride at Coopertown Airboats, and the charter bus. The cost is the same for chaperones. When payment is required, please pay in cash. No checks accepted.

If you want to attend the trip, but cannot afford the cost-we can hold a carwash fundraiser to help you earn the money if there is enough interest. For example, students can SELL (12) "advance sell tickets" at \$5.00 each and WORK at a carwash for 2 hours on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at location to be determined. We would only have the carwash if there are enough people who want to earn money this way. I am open to other fundraising ideas, but it needs to be a quick project that will earn \$60/student.

You will need to bring bagged breakfast and bagged lunch. For dinner, please bring money for fast food restaurant. Also, wear old shoes as your shoes may get wet.

This letter is due by Tuesday, October 20, 2009 so I can determine the number of students & chaperones interested. I need this info to finalize the cost, days of field trip, and fundraiser. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY AT THIS TIME.

Student Name: _____

_____ I am committing to the Everglades field trip on: 11/5 _____ 11/6 _____ Either date _____

Cost: \$60.00

_____ My parent can chaperone-Parent Name _____

Parent contact information: _____

11/5 _____ 11/6 _____ Either date _____ Cost: \$60.00

_____ I plan to participate in the fundraiser and will SELL (12) advance sell carwash tickets by Thursday, October 29, 2009 and WORK at the carwash on Saturday, October 31, 2009.