

# MCA Gradventure 2025

## IMPORTANT FACTS

May 2, 2025, From 1:30 pm – 2:30 am  
Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure

### JOIN THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHOOLGY GROUP FOR INFORMATION ABOUT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EVENTS:

#### **NG6X-HPXX-SJD4R**

1. **The cost for the field trip is \$230.** The price includes admission to Gradventure (both Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios), one meal at the parks, 8<sup>th</sup> grade T-Shirt and a charter bus.
2. All students must have the signed last page of this information form, permission slip and completed medical form turned in to their 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher and their payment made in School Pay by Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, **no forms will be accepted after Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and School Pay will be closed and no refunds will be issued.**
3. Wait List: After February 21<sup>st</sup>, you may bring in your permission forms and payment in the form of a check to Mrs. Ottosen in the glass lounge, where they will be held, and you will be placed on a waitlist in case we need additional students to fill the buses.
4. **YOU MUST BE AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, OR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FIELD TRIP!!!!** **Students in ISS or OSS on the day of the trip will not be eligible to attend.**
5. We will be leaving MCA at 1:30 pm. To leave on time, we will start loading busses shortly before 1:00 pm.
  - a. We will spend time at Universal Studios until approximately 7:00 pm., when all guests who are not part of Gradventure (Gradventure is only for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students) will be required to exit the park.
  - b. Once both parks are locked down for Gradventure, the walkway connecting Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure will be open for students so that you may enjoy both parks.
  - c. Once the parks are in lock down mode, no one may enter or exit the parks until midnight departure time.
6. Dress Code:
  - a. Students **MUST** wear their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirts and jeans or shorts, which must be within school dress code. (T-shirts are part of the cost of this trip)
  - b. You **MUST** always wear your 8th Grade t-shirt.
  - c. Flip flops and slides are **NOT** allowed per Universal.
7. You must always stay in your groups of three or more while at the parks.
8. You **MUST** check in with your assigned chaperone **by 8:30 pm. (We will be at the check-in point by 8:00 pm.)** **The check in spot will be outside of Sues Landing, in Islands of Adventure.**
  - a. **You must check in yourself; you cannot have another student or a teacher check you in at the designated time.**
  - b. **You may not use a cell phone to call one of the teachers as a check in. WE must see your face!**
  - c. **Do NOT be late. If you are late or do not check in, you will have to spend the rest of the trip with school personnel.**
9. You will need to bring some spending money for any snacks or souvenirs you may want to purchase
10. You will get a dinner ticket, which is included in your fieldtrip fee.
11. Bring a beach towel, in case you go on a water ride, or it rains. You will need this towel for the bus.

12. **Only drawstring** bags are allowed at the park. If you bring a regular backpack to school that day, it will be stored in the bottom of the Charter Bus during the duration of the field trip.
13. Students need to meet at 11:30 pm. at stage area (grassy area by Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit ready to leave.
14. Parents need to be ready to pick you up around 2:30am at Publix at Parkway Village of St. Augustine (170 Vlg Comns Dr.). (Students will call their parents thirty minutes from the school to let them know where we are and our estimated time of arrival.)
15. Students need to pack up for the weekend and place everything under the bus. For example: homework, band instruments, etc. need to be with your belongings as you will not get to go back to campus.
16. Anything carried on the bus itself must be taken with the student into the park and is the responsibility of the student (for example: cell phones, ear buds/headphones, etc.)
17. Only twist cap bottles are allowed on the bus. There is absolutely **NO** gum/food on the bus. This can result in a **\$500 fine** for our school which **you will be responsible for**.

#### Early Dismissal from Park

Universal Studios has strict procedures for early dismissal from the park. Administration must fax a form to Universal on Friday, March 28 listing all students who will be checked out early. The list must include the person who will be checking out the student, the check out time of 11 pm., and the reason for the early check-out. Early check-out is through the guest services building, by school personnel, at the gates of Islands of Adventure. Students must be escorted to the guest services building and the person picking up MUST have their photo id. The only time that students will be checked out is **11 pm.** If your child needs to be checked out at 11 pm. **you MUST send Mrs. Ottosen an email before Monday, March 24 with the appropriate information.** Parents must also determine how the student's belongings will be picked up from MCA Friday afternoon, since the student will not have access to the bus if dismissed early.

#### Chaperones

We have a limited number of seats available on the bus; therefore, chaperones will only be used if we do not fill the bus with students. The cost for chaperones will be the same as the cost for students. Please indicate if you like to be put on a wait list for chaperones. (DO NOT send money in for chaperoning unless notified.)

**Any disciplinary actions will result in immediate park removal and parents/guardians will be responsible for picking up their student before the park's closing time.**