

BONE VALLEY IMAGES

Florida's Geologic History, Paleontology and Endangered Ecosystems

Trip Itinerary Includes:

DAY 1

Pick up at school at 7:00 a.m. by air-conditioned charter bus. Begin orientation, assignments, and journals. Depart for Lake Wales Ridge to explore **Archbold Biological Research Station**, a facility dedicated to the preservation of the endangered Florida scrub ecosystem. Following lunch, drive to Arcadia and hunt for Native American Artifacts in **Joshua Creek**. This creek runs next to a Calusa Indian mound and it is not uncommon to find beads and an occasional arrowhead here. Each student will be able to keep the fossils found during this exciting adventure! The experience is a re-enactment of the adventures of Captain Lebaron when he discovered fossils and phosphate around the area known as "Bone Valley" in 1881. Early evening arrival at **Camp Sparta**, check in to air-conditioned cabins, stow treasures, prepare for dinner and Campfire that includes Hage'Ota (storyteller) and spirit creature game.

DAY 2

7:00 a.m. breakfast. Check out of camp - travel through mining country to Wauchula. Put in the canoes after a canoeing skill and safety lesson. Begin our canoeing adventure on the **Peace River**, fossil hunting in sandbars along the river using shovels and screens. Shark teeth, sting ray mandibles, three toed horse teeth, camel teeth, dugong ribs, mastodon molars, and an occasional Native American arrow head are some of the treasures to be found. Stopping at our two favorite locations, snack and continue canoeing to Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs. Following lunch depart home. Along the way identifying our finds, making fossil necklaces (we will provide you with the necessary materials) and sharing stories to remember "Bone Valley". Arrive at school by 6:00p.m.



November 12, 2007

Dear Parents,

As a member of the 6th grade class, your child will have an opportunity to participate in a unique field experience in a natural Florida environment. We have arranged a two day “environmental experience” with Florida Safari Adventures, Build-A-Field Trip for **December 13 and 14, 2007**

Aboard an air-conditioned charter coach, students will engage in exciting learning activities while traveling to our destination, Archbold Biological Research Station, Bone Valley. The all-inclusive price of **\$170.00** covers lunch, snacks, travel fees, supplies, and any attractions. The field instructors are experienced educators who work with students of all ages and ability levels. Their educational programs are well known throughout Florida.

Because space is limited, students will be enrolled on a first-come basis beginning, November 14, 2007. The total amount of \$170.00 will reserve a spot for your child.

We hope your child will be able to join us on this exciting two day “environmental experience.”

Please send in the enclosed permission slip and check, payable to the City of Aventura with your child to their Homeroom teacher. Attached you will find the itinerary for the trip.

The deadline for payment is **Monday, December 3, 2007.**

Aventura City of Excellence School
Field Trip Permission Form

Student's Name _____ Telephone _____

I authorize my child to utilize the type of transportation identified below for this field trip

School Bus _____ Charter Bus **X** Private Vehicle _____

1. Field trip destination: **Bone Valley**

2. Departure Date/time: **Thursday, 12/13/07**

3. Return date/time: **Friday, 12/14/07**

4. Cost **\$170.00**

Emergency Contact

In case of an emergency, I may be reached at:

Telephone/Beeper/Cell _____

In the event I cannot be reached, please contact:

Name of Establishment/Person _____ Telephone: _____

Health/Accident Insurance

My child is covered by twenty- four (24) hour students' accident insurance or family insurance:

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____ **or** I have attached a photocopy of my insurance identification card.

_____ I do not have insurance; however, I will pay any and all medical bills for emergency care of my child.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date