




August 30, 2007

Dear Parents,

As a member of the 5th grade class, your child will have an opportunity to participate in a unique field experience in a natural Florida environment. We have arranged a one day “environmental experience” with Florida Safari Adventures, Build-A-Field Trip for **Tuesday, September 25, 2007** and **Wednesday, September 26, 2007**. Two fifth grade classes will travel on Tuesday, and the other two on Wednesday. 

Aboard an air-conditioned charter coach, students will engage in exciting learning activities while traveling to our destination, Jonathan Dickinson State Park. The all-inclusive price of **\$65.00** 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 Friday, August 31, 2007. The total amount of \$65.00 will reserve a spot for your child.

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

Please send in the enclosed permission slip and check, payable to the City of Aventura with your child.

Attached you will find the itinerary for the trip.

The deadline for payment is Friday, September 14, 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: **Jonathan Dickinson State Park**
Hobe Sound, Florida
2. Departure Date/time: **September 25, 2007 - 7:30 AM**
OR
September 26, 2007 - 7:30 AM
- Return date/time: **SAME DAY – 6:00 PM**
4. Cost **\$65.00:**

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

DAY AT DICKINSON
Comparative Ecosystems and Marine Biology

Itinerary includes:

- 8:00am** Departure from school.
Travel north to **Jonathan Dickinson State Park**, a whole new environmental experience, a place to compare a variety of ecosystems.
- 9:30am** Arrive, explore the Scrub ecosystem nature trails and observe specific plant adaptations. Discuss first settlers including Native Americans that inhabited the area and continue ecosystem exploration focusing on ecotones.
- 10:30am** **Canoe the scenic Loxahatchee river** exploring the mangroves and discovering human impact upon this fragile ecosystem.
- 1:30pm** Lunch.
- 2:00pm** Depart the park for the explosive **Blowing Rocks Preserve**. Here we experience the sights of blowholes and hear the wracking sounds of water as it escapes through these very unusual rock formations. Climbing down to the tidal pools, at low tide, we examine the varied organisms making the intertidal zone their home. Leaving this great place for an encounter with some **Sea Turtles at the Marine Life Center on Juno Beach**. Here we have an opportunity to observe these otherwise elusive endangered marine animals on their way to rehabilitation and eventually release.
- 4:00pm** Depart for school playing games and reflecting along the way.
- 6:00pm** Arrive back at school.