

3rd Grade Field Trip

SURFSIDE SAFARI

Spend an awe-inspiring day on a coastal barrier island in Fort Lauderdale! On the secluded and calm waters of the fresh water lagoon students master the skills of **canoeing** and explore the wonders of the barrier island. We'll follow a trail beneath the canopy of a **coastal hammock** and discover the secrets of survival that Native Americans and early settlers alike used to reap the bounty of these forests!

Journals that we provide allow students to become "real" scientists as they record the results of their activities. Working in teams, they **survey the water** samples they have collected and predict what plants and animals live in these ecosystems. Using the data, we'll wonder what impact humans have had on this natural place, looking for evidence of pollutants.

Heading out to the beachfront, we'll follow the footsteps of the Barefoot Mailman and hear the tales of his times. By collecting both natural and human-made items from the beach on our "**scavenger hunt**," students will begin to understand the importance of the coastal systems, the barrier islands, their plants and their animals...and what we must do to preserve them. We'll head back, reviewing our adventures with fascinating stories of the real Florida .

November 6, 2007

Dear Parents,

As a member of the 3rd 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 **Monday, December 3, 2007**.

Aboard an air-conditioned charter coach, students will engage in exciting learning activities while traveling to our destination, Birch State Park. The price of **\$35.00** covers travel fees, supplies, and any attractions. **Students must bring a paper-bag lunch**. There will be no opportunity to purchase any food or drink. 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 Wednesday, November 7, 2007. The total amount of \$35.00 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 Aventura City of Excellence School with your child. **This trip is non-refundable.**

Attached you will find the itinerary for the trip.

The deadline for payment is **Wednesday, November 28, 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 Private Vehicle _____

1. Field trip destination: **Birch State Park, Ft. Lauderdale**

2. Departure Date/time: **Monday, 12/3/07 - 7:15 AM**
Return date/time: **SAME DAY – 2:15 PM**

4. Cost **\$35.00:**

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