

TO: Parents and Guardians of Eighth Grade Students

RE: Cityside Eighth Grade Mackinac Island Trip

We, the eighth grade staff, are happy to announce the plans for our 2017 overnight trip to Mackinac Island. This is always an exciting year-end experience, during which students have the opportunity to make several connections with our history curriculum--and to have some fun. In addition, this trip provides a unique opportunity for both students and teachers, one that is undoubtedly a highlight of the school year and entire middle school experience.

When: Thursday and Friday, May 25-26, 2017

Cost: Approximately \$195. We are waiting for vendors to finalize the 2017 prices. You can view the average costs below. (Some rates may be discounted for us.)

Includes: Bus: Chartered Transportation (\$60/student)
Ferryboat: Starline Round-Trip Fee (\$26/student)
Hotel: The Murry/Inn on Mackinac (\$220 per room/night with 2 or 4 students each)
Food: FRI Breakfast, FRI Lunch, THURS/FRI Dinners (\$50/student for all 4 meals)
Horse-Drawn Tour: Mackinac Island Carriages (\$28/student for town/state park)
Bike Rental: Ryba's (\$5 per hour/student)
Tour: Mackinac Island Fort Entrance Fee (\$12/student)
Tour: Historic Mill Creek Entrance Fee (\$8/student)

NOTE: We realize the expense of this trip may be a financial burden for some. If so, please email Mrs. Huizenga (shuizeng@zps.org) BY OCTOBER 28 to request the scholarship amount needed by your family. We would love every student to attend, helping those who need it, but we do need to secure the necessary scholarship money from outside sources/donations. (School funds cannot be used for these purposes.) Whatever amount you are able to contribute will first be applied to the deposit due on October 28. Any remaining funds of yours--and the scholarship money--will be applied to the balance, which is due on January 27.

Timeline: The following dates are firm. We have vendors to pay by specific dates. Any exceptions must be requested BEFORE these deadline dates.

- Friday, September 30, 2016: Interest Form due
- Friday, October 28, 2016: Non-refundable \$50 deposit due
- Friday, October 28, 2016: Scholarship Requests due
- Friday, January 27, 2017: Balance due

FIND THE MACKINAC INFO/FORMS/DOCs via the internet--on the Cityside home page. (cityside.zps.org).