

SpaceCamp2020



Sixth Grade Parents,

Once again we are planning an exciting class trip to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama and Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. This 3-day trip, scheduled for May 6-8, will be an extension of our course of study and an exciting culminating activity for our units on Astronomy and Space Travel. It is also a great relationship-building time for the kids, and they learn lots in the process!

Here is a summary of the tentative schedule:

- Wednesday, May 6** Leave school at about 7:30 am and drive to Cave City, Kentucky. Take a 2-hour hike in the cave, do a brief tour of the grounds above, then drive to Nashville, Tennessee for supper. From there we will drive to Huntsville, Alabama, arriving around 8 pm where we will stay in the Doubletree by Hilton.
- Thursday, May 7** After breakfast at the hotel, we will spend the entire day at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. We will have dinner at a shopping center that has several food options, then go to the Brahan Springs Natatorium to swim. We will have the entire facility to ourselves for the evening.
- Friday, May 8** After breakfast we will head back to Columbus, stopping for lunch in Louisville, Kentucky.

The cost for the trip is \$250. This includes EVERYTHING – bus, hotel, food, snacks, entry fees, etc. Hopefully, by giving you and your 6th grader lots of advance notice, you will be able to plan for this expense. You might consider having your 6th grader earn part of the cost himself – to assume some “ownership” of the expense.

Money will be collected in four installments, according to the following schedule:

October 4	\$62.50	February 7	\$62.50
November 11	\$62.50	March 6	\$62.50

To make a payment: Log into your Renweb Home account and click on FACTS. Next click on the box labeled “Incidental Billing” and make your payment.

A note about chaperones:

In addition to staff members, we will use several parents as chaperones who will act as both tour guides at the Space Center and as group leaders the rest of the time. This is a “heavy-duty” job that involves having a group of kids with you 24/7 for the three days of the trip, acting as their learning facilitator at the Space Center, and taking an active role in helping to keep an eye on all of the kids. A ratio of 4 students to each chaperone will be maintained. Chaperone applications will be available on the WCMS announcements page. To find and print the application you need to go to Worthingtonchristian.com, click on “Quick Links” tab and then choose “Announcements (WCMS).” Applications will need to be returned to me by October 21. There is usually a lot of interest from parents, and I will not be able to take all of you who want to go. I apologize in advance for this – just realize that my priority is planning a great trip for your kids.

This is a really fun trip and the intimate, extended time the kids have together as a group is priceless (they learn a lot too!). It is our hope that all the 6th graders will go with us, as they have the last few years.

I recognize that it is a bit frightening for some of you to let your young person go on a three-day trip three states away. Rest assured that this is a well-organized trip and your children will be watched constantly – there is never a time when any child is unsupervised. Seek out parents whose kids have gone in past years and ask them about their child’s experience. I believe their comments will put your mind at ease.

In April, I will have a special parent meeting to give you all the details you will want to have. Until then, feel free to email me with questions or concerns – rbeschta@worthingtonchristian.com.

I’m excited about experiencing this trip with your middle-schoolers!

Ruth Beschta

