Atlanta Overnight Trip

FAQ’s

**Who can attend the field trip?**

Third grade gifted (SPOTLIGHT) students at HHES and his/her chaperone.

**Can my other children attend?**

No. This trip is only for 3rd grade gifted students at HHES.

**Does my child have to have a chaperone?**

Yes, every child must have a chaperone.

**Will the chaperone need a background check?**

Yes, per DCS policy every chaperone must have a background check to participate.

**How can I get a background check?**

View [BIB Checks - Desoto County School District (desotocountyschools.org)](https://www.desotocountyschools.org/BIB) to complete the online background check. https://www.desotocountyschools.org/BIB

**Where are you going?**

We will be traveling to Atlanta, GA to visit LEGO Discovery Center, Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca Cola, and SlooMoo Institute.

**How will we get there?**

Students and chaperones will be traveling round trip in a chartered bus with restroom, DVD-monitors, complimentary wi-fi, and device adapters.

**Where will we stay?**

Students and chaperones will stay at Hampton Inn Buckhead (tentative).

**Whom will I room with?**

There are three options to choose from: Double, Triple, or Quad occupancy.

**What meals are included?**

Day 1: a box lunch at Georgia Aquarium, dinner: Pizza Party at the hotel

Day 2: breakfast at the Hotel; Lunch @ World of Coca Cola

**What about breakfast on day 1 and dinner on day 2?**

A breakfast stop will be scheduled on our way to Atlanta. This will be an additional cost.

A dinner stop will be scheduled upon return to Hernando. This will be an additional cost.

**When is the field trip?**

Thursday, January 18-Friday, January 19.

**What is the cost of the field trip?**

The cost of the field trip is $445-$395 per person.

**Why is there a difference in the price?**

The cost of the field trip depends on the number of passengers and hotel occupancy.

**Is there any additional cost?**

Yes, chaperones will need to add $20 for the Aquarium, have money for breakfast on the way to Atlanta, and money for dinner on the way home to Hernando. Souvenir money is at the discretion of the chaperone.

**When is the money due?**

A deposit of $100 is due September 30th

A second payment is due October 30th this will be half of what you owe after paying the deposit.

The balance must be paid by November 30th.

**Example: Trip total for chaperone and student is $850.**

**Deposit of $100 due 9/30; $750 remaining**

**½ of remaining balance due 10/30 - $375**

**Balance due 11/30 - $375**

**Can I get a refund if I’m unable to attend?**

No, unfortunately the travel agency does not offer refunds. Please be sure that you are available for these dates when making your deposit.

**Why are you offering this overnight fieldtrip?**

Students will be completing a unit on the LEGO company. As a way to end out the unit, students will have the opportunity to visit the LEGO Discovery Center to apply and demonstrate objectives of the third grade gifted outcomes by learning more about LEGO (information literacy), get creative with design and build (creativity), and to identify occupational areas of interest (success), demonstrate initiative in accepting and successfully meeting challenges in a variety of situations (success), and recognize contributions and achievements of various cultures (affective). In addition, students will get exposure to other fun learning environments while in Atlanta, GA.