

## General Field Trip Information - March 20, 2020

DROP OFF	Destination 1 Carolina Ocean Studies	Destination 2 Kure Beach Pier	PICK UP
5:45 am for Students	9:00am-4:30pm	9:00am-4:30pm	7:30 pm (approximate)
Highcroft Drive Elementary Bus Loop Bus Arrival for TEACHERS ONLY- 5:30 am Depart- 6:00 am	Marina Dock for Island and Sound Program 100 Carl Winner Ave. Carolina Beach, NC 28428 (910) 458-7302  *Parking lots are located next to the marina (Cars are \$10 all day or \$2 an hour)	Pier Location for the Pier Into the Ocean Program 100 Atlantic Ave. Kure Beach, NC 28449 (910) 458-7302  *Parking lot located at Joe Eakes Park at the intersection of K and 7th Street or you can find street parking along the street/pier area.	Highcroft Drive Elementary Bus Loop *Look for an e-mail from your child's teacher with ETA*

TRANSPORTATION	COST
McKenzie L&W Bus Line Inc.- This charter bus company will provide round-trip transportation on 4 motor coaches approved by the Wake County School System.	Student Cost: \$84.00 Chaperone Cost: \$67.00 <b>Payment due: February 7th</b> <b>*Teachers need official confirmation by this date if your child will NOT be attending this trip.</b>

MEALS			
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks
Students must bring a breakfast to eat on the bus.	Students will eat a pizza and lemonade lunch on site. (May pack a lunch if needed)	Students must bring a packed dinner to eat on the bus.	Students may bring snacks to eat on the bus.

<p><b>What to Bring: (everything needs to be labeled and put inside backpack)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Your backpack with the following inside:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Extra pair of shoes</li> <li>○ Extra clothing (t-shirt, shorts)</li> <li>○ Rag to wipe hands with for fishing at the Pier at the Ocean Activities</li> <li>○ One small reusable bag for shoes</li> <li>○ Reusable water bottle (filled)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Your second small bag should have the following inside to stay on the bus:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Something to do on the bus (ex: book, paper and pencil- no electronics)</li> <li>○ 2 small grocery bags for garbage on the bus</li> <li>○ You will need to pack a bagged breakfast, dinner and snacks for the day of the trip. (Please nothing with peanuts as we have students with allergies.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>What to Wear:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Comfortable clothes that can get sandy, wet, or dirty</li> <li>● 4th grade t-shirt</li> <li>● <b>Shoes that are non-skid soles that lace up (tennis, basketball, or deck shoes are required)</b></li> <li>● Apply sunscreen before leaving (students cannot bring these on the trip)</li> <li>● Sunglasses and/or a hat (optional)</li> <li>● Appropriate layers/outerwear for the weather</li> <li>● Raincoat-weather depending</li> </ul>
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**Expectations:**

- Students may not bring any electronic devices with them. (This includes cell phones. All adults will have a cell phone if your child needs to get in touch with you for any reason)
- Students will stay with their group and chaperone throughout the trip
- Students will follow all rules on the bus including facing forward and using their indoor voices
- Students will be respectful and follow all rules given by the tour guides and adults they are with

**ITINERARY**

<b>5:30 am</b>	Buses arrive and begin loading	
<b>6:00 am</b>	Buses depart Highcroft Drive	
<b>7:30 am</b>	Snack on bus	
<b>9:00</b>	Arrive at Carolina Ocean Studies for drop off at Kure Beach Pier and Marina Dock	
	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>
<b>9:00-9:30</b>	Pier Safety Orientation for Pier into the Ocean Program at Kure Beach Pier	Boat Safety Orientation for Island and Sound Exploration Cruise at Dock
	9:30-11:30 Stations at the pier	9:30-12:30 Boat Cruise and activities at Masonboro Island
	11:30-12:15 Pizza and Lemonade Lunch at Pier	12:30 Board bus for activity switch to pier
	12:15 Board Buses for activity switch to dock	1:00 Pier Safety Orientation
	1:00 Boat Safety Orientation at Dock	1:30 Pizza and Lemonade Lunch at Pier
	1:30 Boat Cruise and activities at Masonboro Island	2:15-4:15 Stations at the pier
	Arrive Back to Dock at 4:30 and then board buses	4:15-4:30 Board buses at pier
<b>4:45 pm</b>	Depart for school from the dock and eat the packed dinner on the bus	
<b>7:30 pm</b>	Approximate arrival at HDE. Please look for an e-mail or update from your child's teacher regarding our ETA	

**ATTRACTIONS****Pier Into the Ocean Activities**

Students will explore three learning stations during this two hour program. The stations include fishing, fossil hunting or hunt for mole crabs and do hands-on food web studies at the historic Kure Beach Pier. Students will rotate through 3 different stations with 35 minutes of fun at each station. This program also includes a pizza and lemonade lunch.

**4th Grade Standards:**

Fishing-Animal Adaptions 4.L.1 Understand the effects of environmental changes, adaptations and behaviors that enable animals (including humans) to survive in changing habitats.  
 Fossil Hunt-Earth's change over time 4.E.2 Understand the use of fossils and changes in the surface of the earth as evidence of the history of Earth and its changing life forms.  
 Food web-Predator/Prey-4.L.1 Understand the effects of environmental changes, adaptations and behaviors that enable animals (including humans) to survive in changing habitats.

**Island and Sound exploration Cruise at Masonboro Island**

Students will take the "Winner Cruise Queen" vessel on a thirty minute ride to the beaches of Masonboro Island. Along the way students will learn about estuaries and their inhabitants. The stations will include the "tidal creek" station with crabbing, the "marsh" station with investigating the life found in a salt marsh and the "beach front" station with shelling.

**4th Grade Standards:**

Marsh station-Animal Adaptions 4.L.1  
 Crab Fishing-Animal Adaptions 4.L.1  
 Island Walk-Shell classification & Erosion 4.P.2 Understand the composition and properties of matter before and after they undergo a change or interaction.

**Highcroft Drive Safety Plan for Carolina Ocean Studies Field Trip****Overall Safety:**

Orientation and all activities are supervised by a guide who has trained in related subjects, such as biology, marine biology etc. at college or university. All guides and HDE chaperones must pass a background check. Students receive safety orientation by guides upon arrival at each site. Students are counted regularly at transition times. Teachers bring WCPSS red safety bags and list of parent contacts. Students are assigned to groups with consideration of behavioral issues. A chaperone plan is in place (see attached plan). The entire

field trip and plan has been reviewed and approved by at least 6 individuals from WCPSS Central Services prior to approval which was granted. Dr. Gamble or Mr. Thomas will attend.

**Bus Safety:**

Students are expected to follow WCPSS bus rules. Teachers are with students on the bus to supervise. Only bus companies that have been approved by WCPSS drive our students.

**Medical Safety:**

Medications are kept and administered by school staff. There is always a parent with a car for emergencies. Although we have never needed to use these facilities, here are emergency facilities:

- New Hanover Regional Medical Center - 911 from site if needed

2131 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 343-7000

**Activity Safety:**

Chaperones accompany students from one activity to another. School staff members (6 teachers and 1 administrator) are present and available at all times. Guides provide instruction for proper ways to engage in each activity. Students are supervised at all times. An adult always accompanies a student to the restroom.

**Boat/Water Safety:** Students will wade marshland areas and participate in learning stations at the Kure Beach Pier and on the beach at Masonboro Island. They will not be in water above their knees. They will be carefully monitored by several WCPSS approved chaperones, teachers, and the background cleared Carolina Ocean Studies staff. The "Winner Cruise Queen", a 65' vessel is U.S. Coast Guard inspected and certified.

**Chaperone Responsibilities**

- Each parent chaperone will be assigned small groups of students to assist
- Chaperones will help students load and unload the bus
- At Carolina Ocean Studies, chaperones will accompany students to all program activities and assist in their supervision
- All chaperones must have a green star clearance (be a WCPSS approved volunteer)

**Additional Information, FAQ's**

- **Parents who are chaperoning may not bring any other children with them on this trip**
- Each class will be able to provide bus transportation for up to six parents.
- The cost of parent chaperones is \$67 whether or not the parent rides the bus or drives separately
- Any parents who drive separately have the option to sign their child out at the end of the field trip- their child may ride home with them in their own vehicle
- Students may not drive to the field trip with their parents who are driving separate (all students must be on the bus on the way there)
- If your child has any dietary needs, please let your teacher know. Children may pack lunch if they do not eat pizza or have a dietary need.