



# PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

It is our aim to provide an opportunity whenever possible for the students to acquire direct experience with places and objects about which they are studying. We are therefore, planning a field trip to:

Field Trip Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time from school: \_\_\_\_\_

Return time to school: \_\_\_\_\_

School District Policy requires that you give written permission for your child to participate in this field trip. Although every precaution will be taken to safeguard the students on this trip, it is important for the parents/guardians to understand the risks involved. During this field trip the conduct of the students will be governed by the rules and regulations governing student conduct as contained in the written policies of the Ringgold School District and the Student Handbook, as well as the rules and regulations governing field trips. These written policies include, but are not limited to, absolutely no possession, consumption or use of any alcohol or non-prescription drugs.\* Violations of the rules and regulations may result in immediate dismissal from the field trip. In that event, the students will be sent home on the most convenient and accessible means of public transportation, at your sole expense.

The School District will assume the costs of this field trip with the exception of the following items:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### OR

You will be responsible to assume the following costs associated with the field trip:

Total cost to student for field trip: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(The total cost is subject to change)

Permission slip / payment due date: \_\_\_\_\_

The total cost to the student to participate in this field trip is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (This cost is subject to change.) The Ringgold School District is not responsible for this amount or any payments toward this trip, and failure of the student to pay such costs may result in the student being prohibited from participation in the field trip.

Travel insurance is available and an option for this field trip. If a parent/guardian chooses not to purchase travel insurance and the field trip is cancelled for any reason, the Ringgold School District shall not be responsible for reimbursing any costs or expenses incurred by the parent/guardian or student which may have been paid at any time prior to the cancellation of this field trip. Any such reimbursement shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the company issuing the travel insurance.

Travel insurance is not available as an option for this field trip.

## **THIS FIELD TRIP IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this field trip sponsored by the Ringgold School District and any related events and activities, and intending to be legally bound, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s):

1. Agrees that the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor child participating in the field trip that he/she should immediately advise his or her chaperone if he/she believes any situation in which the child finds himself/herself in is any way unsafe, and that he/she should refuse to engage in any activity that he/she believes to be unsafe.
2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant in the field trip will be traveling and will be exposed to all risks associated with traveling, including serious injury, which might result not only from their own actions, inactions or negligence, but the actions, inactions or negligence of others during not only the time when the participant is traveling, but also at any other time during the field trip. Further, it is acknowledged that there may be other risks not known to the Ringgold School District or the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Assumes all the foregoing risk and accepts personal responsibility for the damages following and including any injury, permanent disability or death sustained by the minor child participating in the field trip.
4. Releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the Ringgold School District, its agents and employees, all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "Releases" from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and the next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releases or otherwise.

**I/WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE  
GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.**

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\* Student's requiring medication shall be subject to School District Policy #210, with the administration of prescribed medications applying beyond the school day to all times during the field trip. Only students who are determined to have the ability to self-medicate shall be permitted to use prescription medications on the field trip. The Chaperones shall be responsible for maintaining possession of the prescription medications. Only students who are determined to have the ability of self-medication shall be permitted to bring prescription medications on the field trip.

## **Student Code of Conduct for Field Trips**

School-sponsored field trips are planned with an educational objective. The success of these field trips depends upon the conduct of all students who participate.

Participation in a district/school-sanctioned field trip is a privilege. It should be noted that attendance is voluntary, not mandatory, and, as such, the student agrees to abide by the rules and regulations or forfeit his/her personal rights to participate in the field trip. In order that everyone receives maximum benefit from their participation on this field trip, the "Student Code of Conduct" must be adhered to at all times. There are standards for behavior that students are expected to uphold at all times. These include:

1. Respecting public and private property at all times.
2. Obeying all school rules and policies of the Ringgold School District in effect for the duration of the field trip.
3. Conducting oneself in a courteous and respectful manner at all times.
4. Remaining in the presence of adult supervision at all times, unless explicit consent has been given by an adult supervisor.
5. Following directions and instructions of chaperones without fail.
6. Refraining from bringing, consuming, or being in the presence of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs. Understanding that choosing to bring, consume, or be in the presence of others who are consuming will lead to suspension and/or expulsion, as well as immediate termination of the field trip privilege. Consequences will be applied regardless of whether the student has brought or consumed alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, or has associated with, or is in the presence of others who are consuming alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
7. Acquiring a physician's written orders to carry and take any prescription medication.
8. Adhering to the field trip dress code.
9. Abiding by the curfew established.
10. Spending each night in the assigned room: (a) after lights are out, no student may leave his/her room for any reason without a chaperone's permission and presence. The only exception to this rule is when all hotel guests are to respond immediately to a fire alarm or other emergency situation. (b) No student shall be in another student's room when the other student is of the opposite gender, unless a chaperone is present.
11. Consenting to a luggage check by appropriate school sponsors, or Ringgold police, prior to leaving for the field trip, and also upon return.
12. Allowing to a search of the room and personal belongings at any time deemed necessary by the appropriate school sponsors.

I agree that if for any reason I am in violation of the rules and regulations of the field trip, I may be brought before the appropriate school personnel for disciplinary action. I further agree to accept the penalty imposed on me, with the understanding that all such actions will be explained to me. I further realize that the severity of the penalty may increase with the severity of the violation, even to the extent of being sent home immediately at my own expense or being arrested by law enforcement officers.

Rule violations will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. The teacher/sponsor will take immediate action for any rule violation.
2. The teacher/sponsor will notify the principal and superintendent of the violation and the action taken and make a recommendation for disciplinary action.
3. Violators will have the opportunity to state their version of the incident to the principal.
4. The principal, in cooperation with the superintendent, will make the formal decision as to the penalty imposed based on all evidence presented.
5. The penalties may include the following: (a) Reprimand, (b) Probationary period, (c) Disqualification from future activities, (d) Being sent home at own expense, (e) Suspension and/or recommendation for expulsion from school.
6. All appropriate personnel will be notified.

If you are willing for your child to participate in this field trip under the conditions stated in these documents, please sign and return the form below.

**I/WE HAVE READ THIS LETTER AND HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD TRIP UNDER THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I understand the behavior expectations and the consequences of violating the Student Code of Conduct. I have read this code and agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations, as outlined by the teacher / sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Student*

- I understand and support the behavior expectations and the consequences if my child violates the Student Code of Conduct. My child has read this form and will comply with all of the rules and regulations as outlined by the teacher / sponsor and the Ringgold School District.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address of Parent/Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Phone Number of Parent/Guardian*

- The above Student Code of Conduct has been explained to the field trip participant. I have notified the participants as to the rules and regulations of this field trip. I will serve as the appropriate teacher / sponsor during the field trip by signing below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Teacher/Sponsor*

**\*\*Students not returning these papers by the deadline will not be permitted to attend the trip\*\***