

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Keys

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to go on the St. Luke's Episcopal School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade trip by charter bus in May 2012.

I understand that by signing this letter that I am declaring that my child **will be going** on the Seventh Grade Trip and that **the initial deposit of \$300** must be turned in **on or before November 1st to secure my child's spot**. The deposit will not be billed to your account. The cost of the trip is based on the number of students participating. This year's cost is **approximately \$1050** based on 30 students participating. The remainder of the trip can be billed in four monthly installments of \$200 (with the final balance payable on the last payment) or the balance paid in a lump payment by January 1, 2012. Total payment is required before the trip.

Please contact the business office if you have any concerns regarding payment arrangements as stated above as they will be happy to work with you in any way possible. St. Luke's is requesting the deposit upfront due to the increased amount of deposit required by the bus company to secure the date.

**Please be advised that student accounts must be current in order for the student to be eligible to participate.**

**I understand after I have committed to the trip that should I have to cancel for any reason, I will be financially responsible for the full amount of the trip.**

**I further understand that if my child is sent home for any reason, I will be financially responsible for the trip home.**

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I have attached my nonrefundable \$300 deposit and want the balance to be billed in four installments on January 1<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I want to be billed the remainder of the amount on my January statement.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **My child \_\_\_\_\_ will not be participating**

**Please sign and return this form to Mrs. Jeannie Austin by November 15, 2011.**

(St. Luke's will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss of property however occasioned. My signature constitutes an agreement not to hold St. Luke's Episcopal School or its representatives responsible for personal injury or loss. In the event of an injury to my son or daughter, I hereby give my permission for the chaperones to take necessary steps to obtain medical care for my son/daughter. I also understand that any medical attention given will be my financial responsibility.)

October 17, 2011

Dear Parents,

It is a go! We have clearance to begin making preparations for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Florida Keys trip. This trip is a wonderful educational journey to the magnificent Florida Keys. Students will study in a lab setting about the life in and around the coral reefs. After class they venture into the water to experience first hand their new knowledge. Marine Lab is a marine education center where students learn more through directly experiencing and observing the underwater world. They will experience seagrasses, mangroves, and the coral reefs of nearshore Key Largo. It is an incredible experience!

Another interesting component of the trip is the experience of Key West. Students travel via bus down Highway 1 observing the gorgeous scenery to the southern most point of the USA. They spend the day learning the history of Key West and tour the famous Hemmingway home. With time permitting they are able to visit some of the local shops.

The basic cost of the trip per child is \$1050. The final cost is determined on the number of students attending and can not be determined until each family notifies us. Basically, the more students who attend lower the cost of the bus per student. We have based the cost on 30 students attending. Final payment will be determined after the beginning of the year and when we have a final head count. Please get your deposit checks in as soon as possible.

Attached you will find example itineraries for the trip and the SeaLab. You can check further, if you wish, by visiting [www.marinelab.org](http://www.marinelab.org). We will have a detailed meeting in early spring to review every aspect of the trip. Students will also have a combined English/Science project to complete before the trip. The project is beneficial to everyone whether or not they attend the trip.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip, please feel free to contact me, [jaustin@stlukesmobile.com](mailto:jaustin@stlukesmobile.com) or 251-666-2991. If your child is planning to participate, I will need the following information filled out and turned in: permission slip along with your deposit.

I am looking forward to going with your child.

Jeannie Austin