

September 25, 2006

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This year, the eighth grade students will be visiting the historic city of Charleston, South Carolina, for an exciting education filled day. South Carolina history is being taught in the classroom all year, and this trip will provide students with first-hand experience of South Carolina's role in the shaping of America.

The trip is scheduled for March 2nd, 2007. The cost of the trip is \$100.00 for students and chaperones. This price includes transportation, meals, the Harbor Boat Tour (featuring Fort Moultrie, Fort Sumter, the new Cooper River Bridge, and interesting facts about the coastal homes and the shipping area), and the Old Market Square. We will also be going on a carriage ride through the historic district, where our guide will regale us with Charleston folklore and "insider" stories. We will see major landmarks including the Battery, Rainbow Row, and other interesting places. We will also take a riding tour through the campus of The Citadel and be joined by a Citadel cadet who will explain the history of the school as we ride through the historic campus.

The trip can be paid for in full or in installments. We will be collecting money on **October 13th, November 10th, and January 12th, with the final payment due on February 2nd.** **A total of \$25.00 MUST be paid by October 13th to ensure your child a place.** Students will receive a receipt after each collection. **Please keep the receipts for your records.** Please mark the payment dates on your calendar. **January 12th is the deadline for canceling and having your money refunded. No money can be refunded after January 12th.**

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. Your cost will also be \$100.00. **Parental help is needed and is very much welcomed!!!**

Please return the bottom portion of this form to your child's homeroom teacher!
We are looking forward to a fun and exciting Charleston trip this year!

_____ Please check here to indicate your commitment that your child will go on the Charleston trip.

_____ Please check here to indicate that your child will NOT go to Charleston

_____ Please check here if you would like to be a chaperone.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature