Who:  2nd Grade GT Students and Parents

What:  Field Trip to Murfreesboro, AR

When:  Monday, April 8th - 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

7:45 a.m. Depart from: El Dorado Education Complex

501 North Timberlane  (old high school - arboretum side)

El Dorado, AR 71730

4:30 p.m. Return to: El Dorado Education Complex (address same as above)

Where: Crater of Diamonds State Park

209 State Park Road

Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Why:  In celebration of our National Treasures unit, we are digging for diamonds at the only state park in the United States where they have been found!  And, we’re hoping to find a diamond this day!!! (We have actually had a student find one when we went! =))

Cost:  $5.00 fee for each person attending the field trip..  If your child wants to purchase something from the gift shop, they will need extra money.  **\*\*Have a separate envelope labeled GT and put your child’s name on the envelope.  Have a separate envelope for any convenience store money and/or gift shop money. (Always put money in an envelope labeled - i.e., “GT - Susie Que - Gift Shop money”.**If sending early, please send to your child’s school to give to the secretary. (Checks should be written out to GT Trip Fund.)

Important Extra Details:

1. Everyone needs a **sack lunch** for Monday.  Make sure all items are labeled with your child’s name on it and any drinks brought need **screw-top lids**. **Important:  Please make everything disposable.  It makes it so much easier on the teachers when we do not have to worry about lunch boxes making it back to school.**
2. Dress for outside and prepare to get dirty!  Wear closed-toed shoes.
3. You may want to bring gloves and a small bucket.  (GT rents some box screens that should be available.)  You may want to bring your own mining tools or you may rent more.  Rentals are paid separately from the field trip fees so you will be responsible for any personal rental fees.
4. The visit to the gift shop will only occur if time permits. We may stop at convenience stores on the way up and on the way back, but students will ONLY purchase items if time permits.  (If we are running late, we will not purchase items.)
5. If using a credit card or check, you will have to provide identification to the state park officials.
6. Parents attending the trip, we will assign a couple of students to you in order to help monitor the students and to provide the best experience for all attending.
7. Parents, when we stop for bathroom breaks, please allow the teachers and the students to go to the bathroom first because we are on a time table.
8. We are asking for all parents/chaperones to follow the same rules as the students.  If we cannot do something on the bus or at the park, please do not override the teachers by allowing your child to do what we told them not to do.   For instance, bringing your child snacks from the gas station on the bus when the teachers determined there was no time for purchasing items.

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ My child has my permission to attend the field trip on Monday, April 8, 2019 to Murfreesboro, AR to the Crater of Diamonds State Park.

Number of people attending the field trip:

Please list all of the people attending the trip below.  Include the $5 fee for every person attending the trip.

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Phone numbers where you may be reached and an emergency contact:

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Parent’s/Guardian’s signature Date

\*\*If you are attending the field trip you are not returning directly home and would like your child to ride home with you, this permission slip must be signed by the school principal before we leave on the trip.  Please make sure you ask the principal to sign the slip.

I am aware this parent is taking their child with them after the field trip.

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Principal’s Signature

Once the bus list is turned in, we cannot make alterations. All children ride the bus to and from the Crater of Diamonds State Park.

Form and money due April 2, 2019

\*\*Return this document and the $5.00 fee (per person) for the trip in an envelope labeled, i.e., “GT - Johnny Doe - School Name” and give it to the secretary at your child’s school.  We will go by and pick them up from the secretaries at each school.

- Thank you,

Beth Jones - GT Coordinator

GT Facilitators – Susan Lawrence, Katie King, Brooke Bagwell, Brooke Bonsall