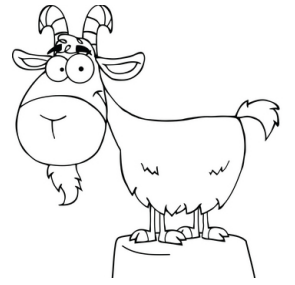


Day in Denver II: "The Scavenger Hunt"



Dear parents of 8th Grade students,

The 8th grade is planning a field trip on **Friday, September 13th** to downtown Denver. The trip has two purposes: (1) it will supplement our study of Colorado history by establishing a foundation for future in-class conversations about the growth of Denver, and (2) it will test the map reading and geographic navigation skills of our students.

In a departure from the traditional, "here's a packet of questions" approach to field trips, this trip will require student teams to engage in a "photographic scavenger hunt" of downtown. In small groups, students will decipher a list of clues leading them to 20 historic or notable sites in downtown. Each team will use one official team smart phone, and an app called **GooseChase** to document the fact that they solved the clues and found the sites.

This field trip is possible only if we have a large number of parents in attendance leading the student teams. Student teams are usually made up of four or five students. That means we'll need approximately 60 adults to go. The number of students and parents per team is entirely up to you.

The teachers who go on the trip usually end up being tasked with transporting student medications, responding to emergencies, coordinating the bus pick-up, and taking over for parents who cancel at the last second. Therefore, there will not be pre-arranged teacher-led teams. Consequently, students who are unable to place themselves on a team with a pre-arranged parent leader will remain at school with the teacher(s) who aren't going. As this is a graded assignment in history class, any student who stays behind at school will complete an alternative online version of the field trip.

Each team will need to supply their own smart phone. We recommend that the team's official phone be owned by one of the team's chaperones since they will be doing most of the picture-taking.

All permission slips must be received by Mr. Cushing by **Tuesday, Sept. 10th**. No late permission slips will be accepted. The two permission slips — one for team captains, one for team members — are located on the table outside rooms 210 and 212, or online at <http://www.mrcushing.net/day-in-denver-ii.html>

The cost of the trip is **\$8.60**. This covers the cost of the busses, the maps of downtown, and our use of the Goose-Chase field trip scavenger hunt app. Payment can be made in one of two ways:

1. face-to-face at the financial office with a **check, cash, or credit card** OR
2. online with a **credit card** through **JeffCo Connect**, the same way student fees are paid.

The field trip charge will be waived for students on free/reduced lunch.

And a few final notes:

- All teams will be responsible for lunch on their own, whether that means bringing a sack lunch or stopping for fast food along the way.
- All school rules — including the dress code — will apply during the trip. Hats however, are OK.

Thank You

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Day in Denver II Student Checklist

- I have talked to my friends about putting together a team.
- My team has discussed possible options for our parent team leader.
- My team has finalized which parent(s) will lead our team.
- If leading a team, I have discussed transportation plans with my parent.
- I have submitted one of the permission slips (deadline: **Tuesday, Sept. 10th**).
- I have completed my payment through the financial office.
- Our team has secured a **smart phone** for the Scavenger Hunt.
- We have one or more Sharpies so we can write on our map during the pre-trip planning session.