



Rockridge Secondary School Orlando Science and Business Trip 2019

May 2018,

Dear Students and Parents:

Over the past seven years Rockridge students have taken part in 5 amazing educational science and business field trips to Orlando, Florida. The Rockridge Science and Business Departments are seeking to determine the level of interest to go back to Orlando, Florida in April 2019. This week-long trip will take place April 12th to 20th. This trip is an excellent opportunity for students to gain hands-on, practical experiences in science and business based sessions that support the B.C. curriculum. Each day will focus on a different branch of science or business, and will include an educational program followed by free time to explore and enjoy the facilities of that venue. The exact itinerary is yet to be decided, but the activities below will be included:

Business & Leadership Excellence

Energy and waves

Managing your Personal Brand

Exploring Careers in Zoological Sciences

Roller Coaster Physics and Engineering

Business Development: People, Process, Product

Aerospace Science

The importance of theming

– Epcot

– Disney's Magic Kingdom

– Disney's Hollywood Studios

– Disney's Animal Kingdom

– Islands of Adventure

– Universal Studios

– Kennedy Space Center (NASA)

– Universal Studios Volcano Bay

The cost of this trip is **\$3000 Canadian** plus any personal expenses.

This price includes all of the following:

- return air (including baggage fees), Vancouver to Orlando
- trip cancellation insurance and extended medical insurance while in the USA
- all transfers in Orlando via chartered air-conditioned coach
- accommodation in an all-suite hotel including daily hot buffet breakfast
- admission to all parks on the itinerary
- all educational programs selected by the head teacher
- replacement teachers for days of instruction missed by teacher-chaperones
- Several group dinners

Students will need to provide their own money for any lunches or dinners not included on the itinerary, and for snacks and any souvenirs or personal purchases.



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Student eligibility for this program requires meeting the following criteria:

- Date application and deposit are submitted
- Students must be in grade 10 or 11.
- A demonstrated interest and ability in their science or business classes.
- Satisfactory overall academic progress in all subjects continuing up to the date of travel.
- Excellent school citizenship, and a demonstrated responsible and cooperative attitude in all classes.
- Good overall school attendance record.
- Approval from the school board, school administration and sponsor-teacher chaperones.

If you are interested in being considered for inclusion in our 2019 Orlando EDventure, please complete the **application form** and bring it with your deposit to the parent/guardian meeting on **Tuesday, June 5th, 2018**.

We are expecting substantial interest in the trip again this year, so **students will be evaluated using the criteria for inclusion on this trip in the order that applications are received.** At this time, we are considering a maximum of 30 students.

All interested students and their parents must attend an information meeting, on **Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30 pm in the Library**. Following the meeting, you will be asked to confirm your interest with a **\$500 cheque** (please make your cheque payable to "Rockridge Secondary School"). In the case of high demand, students will be accepted based on a 'first come, first serve' basis and if all other eligibility conditions are met. Students selected for the trip will be informed of their acceptance no later than **Friday, June 15th**. Upon acceptance, informed consent forms and the remaining cost of the trip will be collected immediately by Mr. Dickinson or Mrs. Towers in the Careers Office by post-dated cheques payable for **October 15th, 2018 (\$900), November 15th 2018 (\$800), January 15th, 2019 (\$800). An alternative is school cash online - further details will be provided on June 15th.**

Students selected for this trip will be required to attend a series of approximately 8 lunchtime sessions to cover trip expectations, logistics and educational pre-trip preparation. These meetings will take place starting in January 2019.

The previous trips were very successful in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017 and many students claimed that this trip was one of the best experiences of their entire school life. We hope that your child will agree with them as they join us on our 2019 Orlando "EDventure"!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Towers, Mr. Dickinson, and Ms. Kashani