

2026

7th Grade East Tennessee Trip

Dear Students and Parents,

RNR is excited to announce plans for the 7th Grade East Tennessee Trip! The trip will take place on May 6 - 8, 2026. Tentative places we will visit include the Chattanooga Zoo, The Museum of Appalachia, the Tennessee Aquarium/IMAX, Rock City, Lookout Mountain, Point Park Battlefield, the Lost Sea and Dollywood! The trip will also include a Dinner/Dance Cruise on the Tennessee River and Dinner/Shopping at the Hamilton Place Mall. This will be an exciting trip that students will remember for a long time!

The cost of the trip is \$550.00. The first payment, along with all registration forms, will be due on September 26, 2025. If paying in two payments, the second payment will be due on January 23, 2026. If you need different payment options, please contact Mr. Brian Shaver at cbshaver@k12k.com. Students will also need an additional \$150 - \$200.00 for spending money.

Please read all information carefully. In order to be fair to all students, discipline and academic requirements will be strictly followed. Please fill out all forms completely. Forms and payment must be submitted together. Students will register themselves on the morning of September 26 – **parents are not to accompany their child.** The trip, while educational and fun, is designed for students to learn personal responsibility, and registration is the first step. Students will be given instructions on how to register closer to the deadline. **NOTE:** Due to limited hotel rooms, spots on this trip are limited to 160 students. If the 160 slots are filled, all others will be placed on a waiting list in the order they register. As spots become available, those on the waiting list will be worked in if possible. Payment is not required if you are on the waiting list.

If you have any questions concerning the trip, please do not hesitate to email me at cbshaver@k12k.com.

Sincerely,

Mr. C. Brian Shaver, Trip Sponsor/Coordinator

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*If your child is planning to register for the Trip, it will be very important that you and your child sign up for notifications through the **Team Reach app**. Log into the app and join our group using code is **RNR7thTrip***

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does the trip *really* cost?

The amount you pay the school is **\$550.00**. This covers all transportation expenses, lodging, breakfast each morning, and dinner cruise. We estimate that **\$150 - \$200** is a comfortable amount for spending money.

When is the trip?

The trip is scheduled May 6-8, 2026.

How well supervised will my child be?

We plan a ratio of approximately 20:1. There are typically two to three chaperones on each bus.

What about the hotels?

The hotel is located in a well-developed area of Chattanooga. Students are housed four per room and are given the opportunity to choose their own roommates later in the year.

Do students share rooms with adults?

No.

My child has special medical or dietary needs. How are these needs met?

If there are any special dietary requirements for your child, we will do everything possible to accommodate these needs.

How can I communicate with my child during the trip?

Your child may call you using a cell phone anytime we are at a hotel. They will not be able to use a cell phone during the day unless there is a true emergency. If you need to get in touch with your child during the day, you may call the school and leave a message. They will, in turn, contact one of the chaperones, the message will be given to your child, and they will be allowed to call if necessary. Long distance calls may not be made from the hotel phone.

What about a payment schedule?

You may choose to pay the entire **\$550** on the morning of September 26. You may also pay **half** on this date (**\$275**) and **half** (**\$275**) on January 23. **YOU MUST** turn in **all required forms** on registration day to reserve a spot on the trip. If you have questions regarding an alternate payment schedule other than the one listed, please contact Mr. Shaver at cbshaver@k12k.com. We are currently planning for 160 students for this trip. All others interested in going will be placed on a waiting list. There is no guarantee a spot will be available for those on the waiting list.

Who is eligible to go?

All students enrolled in the seventh grade at Robinson who meet discipline, academic, and attendance policies are eligible to participate.

May I choose a chaperone for my child?

No. You may request that your child **not** be placed with a particular chaperone, but tour group assignments are at the discretion of the trip coordinator.

Who chooses my child's roommates?

Later in the year, your child will be given the opportunity to choose her / his own roommates. Students who do not choose roommates will have roommates assigned by the trip coordinator. Students will be lodged four per room. The school administration reserves the right to change any roommate requests. Students who choose their own roommates must have their parents' approval of their choices.

May students swim at the hotel?

No.

May parents/guardians go?

It is understood that this may be the first trip many students have made without a parent or grandparent. That alone makes the trip a personal growth opportunity and helps many of the students grow in maturity and confidence that will assist them later in life. We do not use parent chaperones due to liability and other issues. We will have a medical professional accompany us for health care needs, but this person is not assigned tour groups nor chaperone duties. Shadowing the trip is highly discouraged for the previously stated reasons.