

Do you like to hunt for hidden treasures?  
Do you like to use technology?  
**Join the Geocaching Club!**



**What is Geocaching?**

Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game using handheld GPS devices. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a GPS unit, visit places that you would otherwise never go, and find hidden treasures!

The word “geocaching” broken down is “GEO-“ for geography, and “-CACHING” for the process of hiding a cache. (A “cache” in computer terms is information usually stored in memory to make it faster to retrieve, but the term is also used in hiking/camping as a hiding place for concealing and preserving provisions.)

(Adapted from [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com))

Another fun aspect of geocaching is creating and sending out travelbugs, items that you can place in a cache for someone else to pick up and take to another cache! Choosing a travelbug’s destination and tracking it as it makes its way is very fun!

For more information, check out the official geocaching website at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)!

Here is some information about **The Geocaching Club** at Crowders Creek Middle School:

**Leader:** Kimberly Terry, 5th grade teacher and experienced geocacher

**Participants:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents, and teachers from Crowders Creek Middle School

**Activities:**

- Join **Crowders Creek & Seek**, our geocaching team
- Edit profile for our team on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)
- Learn how to use handheld GPS devices
- Find and hide geocaches on our school campus
- Send out and track travel bugs
- Find and hide geocaches in the Clover area
- Find geocaches in other areas of our state!
- Create a website of our experiences



**Cost:** There will be no cost to participate in the

at Crowders Creek Middle School. Participation in the field trips may require a minimal cost to cover transportation.

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**Funding:** Ms. Terry applied for and received a grant sponsored by the South Carolina Geographic Alliance. The grant funded the purchase of several GPS devices and other geocaching supplies to get the Geocaching Club started. Ms. Terry has also received grants through Clover LEAF and [www.donorschoose.org](http://www.donorschoose.org), and Crowders Creek Middle School and/or the PTA may also fund the purchase of additional GPS devices. Any donations to help purchase additional devices would be greatly appreciated!

**Meeting Times:**

The Geocaching Club will meet from 2:30-3:45ish on Monday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday afternoons (specific dates to be announced later). Rides must be prompt or student will not be allowed to continue participation in the club. Field Trip information will be sent out later and will most likely take place on weekday afternoons between 2:30-5:00.

## Geocaching Club Permission Slip

We, \_\_\_\_\_,  
*Child's name and Parent's name (please print neatly)*

have read and understand the activities of the Geocaching Club.

- ☐ My child has permission to participate in the Geocaching Club. I understand that I must have a ride available to pick up my child at the designated times or my child will not be able to participate in the club.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student's signature*

- ☐ Additionally, I give permission to Ms. Terry to use images of my child on the school website, the club's profile page, and the geocaching.com website. *(not required for participation)*

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*Parent's signature*

Child's Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_