

GREAT LAKES EDUCATION PROGRAM

FIELD TRIP DETAILS

Dear Parents and Students,

Here is some information about our boat trip **Tuesday**. We are all very excited about having the opportunity to go on this terrific trip. This should be a WONDERFUL experience as long as we are all prepared for the day.

Schedule: We **MUST** leave the school at 8:00 a.m. Therefore, you will need to make arrangements to be at school **between 7:45 and 7:50 a.m.** The classes begin at 9:00 a.m. at Elizabeth Park Marina, so the bus must leave on time. Half the day is spent doing landside activities, and half the day is spent on the boat, which will travel up the Detroit River alongside Lake Erie, doing a variety of fun activities along the way. We leave the park at approximately 2:30 p.m. and will arrive back in time for bus students to catch the bus home.

Clothing: Please check the weather report, and **dress appropriately**. The water temperature at this time of year is less than 55 degrees. Everyone should layer clothing, as the temperature can be **much** cooler out on the water, and the boat is covered with a canopy so we won't be in the sunlight. We can store extra clothing on the boat if necessary, but we can do very little for cold people. We cannot emphasize this enough - one year we had a beautiful warm, sunny day; yet while on the boat we all wore jackets and some students still complained of feeling cold! If it rains, you should bring rain gear. Unless the water is extremely choppy or there is lightning, the boat ride will continue! Everyone should wear rubber-soled shoes that fit snugly on the feet and won't slide off (the boat deck can be slippery).

To Bring: Everyone must bring a bag lunch and a beverage labeled with his/her name (chaperones too!). There are **NO** food or beverages available for purchase. If you get seasick or carsick you may wish to bring some Dramamine. Don't forget sunscreen! You may wish to bring cameras as well

Last, But Not Least: Come ready to learn and have a **GREAT** time!

Sincerely,

Lisa Smalley and Erin Higgins