



Dear Parents and Students,

We are so excited about hosting your group for the upcoming trip to the Everglades and Keys! Please read through this information carefully to find out everything you need to know about your adventure.

Please arrive at school at **7:00 AM on March 6th, 2023**. We will be departing promptly at **7:30 AM**. Your trip leaders will meet you at school.

Behavior Contract & Medical Release

- Parents should have received an email from us with a link to your student's account requesting medical information and a signed behavior agreement. If you have not yet completed these forms, please do the following steps:
 - Sign into your account at www.grandclassroom.com
 - Select "My Trips" at the top of the page
 - Click the "Additional Traveler Information" button on your My Trips page.
 - Please click the "Medical Form" and "Behavior Form" buttons and fill in your information.
 - Check the box to confirm your e-signature and hit "Save" on both pages.
 - If your student has dietary restrictions, please fill these out in the provided space with the specifics and we will work to accommodate the student when at all possible.
 - Once completed, please hit "Submit" to complete!

Waivers

- In order to participate in all of the activities, please confirm with your trip leader or [Patricia Woodbury](#) that your child has completed all of the following waivers:

- Captain Hook's Snorkeling
- Florida Bay Outfitters
- John Pennekamp Snorkel
- REEF Explorers
- Turtle Hospital
- The waiver for Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder will be emailed to the email address on file with Grand Classroom. An example of this email is included in the parent packet for your reference. Please be sure to check your email and be on the lookout for this email!

Packing List

- Please read through this carefully to ensure proper clothing for this outdoor adventure.
- *VERY IMPORTANT: When packing your backpack, make sure to include any medications, money and change of clothes you may need during the day. Your luggage will be stored under the bus and you will not have access until you check in at the hotel!*
- We highly recommend that your student leave all valuables at home. Grand Classroom is not responsible for lost or stolen items while on the tour, including money.


Itinerary

- This includes all of your activity, hotel, and emergency contact information.
- Students will be involved in activities throughout most of the days and evenings (please see itinerary). They will be difficult to reach by phone during the day, and you should arrange for them to call you in the evenings if you would like to check in.

Please also refer to the terms and conditions of travel as outlined in the registration brochure and on our website at www.grandclassroom.com. Contact us at 434-975-2629 or email Clare at clare@grandclassroom.com with any questions or concerns. Thank you for traveling with Grand Classroom!



Dolphin Plus has gone paperless with their waiver forms. You will receive an email from info@dolphinplus.com titled “**Dolphin Plus Pre-Check In**”. Please open this email and the body of the message will be similar to the picture below. Please click the red “Pre-Check In” button to see the waiver and use your mouse (or finger on hand held devices) to sign the waiver and hit “Submit”.


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Pre-Check In

Steve Raymond,
steveraymond@grandclassroom.com


You have an upcoming adventure at Dolphins Plus.
First you must complete your Pre-Check In process.

Release Forms
- It is required that each adult person in your party read and sign a release form.
- Minors must have an adult sign for them at the bottom of your adult release form.
- Please have all release forms digitally signed prior to arrival.

Click on this link and complete your pre-check in.

[Pre-Check In](#)

If you have any questions, please call:
Grand Classroom
(434) 975-2629
jennifer@grandclassroom.com


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FLORIDA EVERGLADES AND KEYS PACKING LIST - MARCH

CLOTHING

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| ___ | T-Shirts | ___ | Pajamas |
| ___ | Sweatshirt | ___ | Rain Jacket |
| ___ | Pants/Jeans | ___ | Sun hat |
| ___ | Shorts | ___ | Swimsuit |
| ___ | Underwear | ___ | Towel |
| ___ | Socks | ___ | Sunglasses |
| ___ | Sneakers | ___ | Water shoes with heel strap |

HYGIENE

- ___ Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- ___ Deodorant
- ___ Sunscreen
- ___ Bug Spray
- ___ Lip balm
- ___ Medication
- ___ Hand sanitizer and mask optional

MISCELLANEOUS

- ___ One small suitcase with luggage tag
- ___ Small backpack for day-touring
- ___ Camera
- ___ Water bottle
- ___ Snacks
- ___ Spending money for souvenirs

TRAVEL TIPS

It is wise to leave valuables such as jewelry and electronics at home!

WEATHER

Average temperatures for March:
High: 82 Low: 60

HAVE A GREAT TRIP



Everglades and Keys Trip Itinerary

Trip Information			
School	The Pine School Keys	Dates	March 6th, 2023 - March 10th, 2023
Lead Teacher	Brian Hildebrand	Travelers	48 total, 44 students, 4 adults
Emergency #	(434) 973-8431 (866) 211-7399	Tour Guide(s)	Tim Ernspiker

Hotel Information			
Date	Hotel	Phone #	Address
Mar 06 - Mar 07	Hampton Inn Homestead FL	305-257-7000	2855 NE 9th St, Homestead, FL 33033
Mar 07 - Mar 10	Faro Blanco Marathon	305-743-1234	1996 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050

Trip Itinerary				
Monday, March 6	Tuesday, March 7	Wednesday, March 8	Thursday, March 9	Friday, March 10
<p>7:00 AM Students arrive at school</p> <p>Motor Coach meets group at the school</p> <p>Guide will meet group at school</p> <p>7:30 AM Depart for The Everglades National Park</p> <p>11:00 AM Enjoy an airboat ride and wild life show in the Everglades</p> <p>Gator and Wildlife Show</p> <p>12:30 PM Box lunch picnic</p> <p>1:30 PM Enter Everglades National Park at Shark Valley</p> <p>2:00 PM Shark Valley Tram Tour</p> <p>4:30 PM Depart for dinner</p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner at Cracker Barrel</p> <p>8:00 PM Check in to hotel</p> <p>Hampton Inn Homestead FL</p> <p>Hotel Security</p>	<p>Hampton Inn Homestead FL</p> <p>8:00 AM Hotel breakfast and check out</p> <p>9:00 AM Depart for Everglades National Park</p> <p>9:30 AM Visit the Ernest Coe Visitor Center</p> <p>10:00 AM Hike the Anhinga Trail at Royal Palm</p> <p>12:30 PM Lunch in the everglades at Royal Palm</p> <p>2:00 PM Depart for John Pennekamp State Park</p> <p>2:30 PM Snorkel practice at Cannon Beach</p> <p>4:00 PM Reef Environmental Education Program</p> <p>5:30 PM Dinner at Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill</p> <p>6:30 PM Depart for Marathon Key</p> <p>8:00 PM Check into hotel</p> <p>Faro Blanco Marathon</p> <p>Hotel Security</p>	<p>6:45 AM Hotel breakfast</p> <p>7:45 AM Depart for snorkel trip</p> <p>8:00 AM Snorkel the coral reef off Marathon Key</p> <p>Enjoy free time at the beach</p> <p>12:30 PM Lunch picnic at the beach</p> <p>1:30 PM Dip netting and seagrass ecology</p> <p>3:30 PM Depart for Robbie's</p> <p>Feed the Tarpon at Robbie's Dock</p> <p>5:30 PM Dinner at the Hungry Tarpon</p> <p>7:00 PM Return to hotel</p> <p>Faro Blanco Marathon</p> <p>Hotel Security</p>	<p>7:30 AM Hotel breakfast</p> <p>9:00 AM Depart for the Turtle Hospital</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Visit the Turtle Hospital</p> <p>12:00 PM Box Lunch by the pool</p> <p>1:00 PM Depart for Key West</p> <p>Key West Bus Drop-Off</p> <p>2:30 PM Enjoy the Key West Conch Train</p> <p>Free time and shopping on Duval Street</p> <p>5:30 PM Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe</p> <p>Sunset Celebration in Mallory Square (6:30 pm)</p> <p>8:30 PM Return to hotel</p> <p>Faro Blanco Marathon</p> <p>Hotel Security</p>	<p>Faro Blanco Marathon</p> <p>6:30 AM Hotel breakfast</p> <p>Check out of hotel</p> <p>7:00 AM Depart for Key Largo</p> <p>8:30 AM Swim with the dolphins</p> <p>12:00 PM Depart for John Pennekamp State Park</p> <p>12:30 PM Box Lunch</p> <p>1:30 PM Kayak the Mangroves at John Pennekamp State Park</p> <p>Shower and change at Pennekamp State Park before departure</p> <p>4:30 PM Depart for The Pine School</p> <p>Dinner en route</p> <p>9:00 PM Arrive at The Pine School</p>