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**2015 - 2016 Science Club**

**Introduction Letter**

We appreciate your interest in Science Club. So what is Science Club you might ask? The Science club will be an opportunity to explore many different science topics through hands on experiences, learn about bridge building concepts and applications, go on mini local field trips, and meet with local engineers and scientists. We are also planning a spring trip to the Rocket Center NASA Center in Huntsville, AL. In short, we will have a lot of fun and learn lifelong lessons while we are doing it!

So what exactly do we do? Below are the major activities and events of our Science club.

* **MDOT Bridge Building Competition** - Students will work in small groups to design and create a functional small scale bridge using only balsa wood and glue. They will be able to take this model to competition and compete against other teams from all over the state and possibly the county. Mississippi is always one of the TOP teams! (ONLY 7th and 8th graders may participate)
  + You will be expected research, prepare, and draft a bridge design.
  + You will be expected to follow dress code for competitions.
  + You will be expected to follow all rules and guidelines and good sportsmanship and teamwork.
    - Do not worry about any of this, it’s easy and Mrs. Morris will help you every step of the way!
* **Monthly Experiments** – The student’s favorite part. We will focus on a different science topic each meeting and do a hands-on experiment to help explore and explain concepts that are being taught in the classroom.
* **Mini Local Field Trips**- Sometimes will may meet at local areas: parks, factories, museums, etc., to learn about the natural resources or science based career fields in the local area. Some of these may be on Saturdays.

* **Rocket Center NASA Field Trip** – In the spring, students are invited to attend an overnight field trip to the NASA center in Huntsville, AL. They will learn more the NASA program, space explorations and advancements, and the life of an astronaut. We have two trip options that I will ask for parent input.
* **Science Banquet**- At the end of the school year, students are invited to attend a special “banquet” to wrap up our exciting year. We will highlight some of the accomplishments and activities during the school year and present some special awards.

**Below are the steps to join the Science club:**

* Attend Introduction meeting on Aug 31st after school in Mrs. Morris’s room (221) from 3 till 3:45.
* Have your parents sign and return the application form on the next page to Mrs. Morris by Friday, Sep.11th. This is required to be eligible for consideration! Science Club members are leaders, as such you are expected to take care of paperwork!
* Give the two recommendation forms to two of your teachers (history, math, science, English). Each student must be recommended by 2 of their current teachers, we will take a maximum of 50 students into next year’s club. Students will be chosen based on teacher recommendations, grades, behavior, etc.
* Students accepted will be notified the end of September of 2015.



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Below is a list of expectations. Failure to meet these expectations will result in you not being able to participate in competition or trips.

**Expectations:**

* You will be expected to participate in all Science Club meetings. Meetings will be in Mrs. Morris’s (221) room or science lab. An announcement will be made and I will send you a reminder if you sign up for Remind. To sign up for remind, text **@HLMSsci** to **81010**. These meetings will last from 3:00 to 4:00 and you must have a ride here to pick you up on time.
* You are a leader! You will be expected to conduct yourself appropriately at all times. Failure to follow rules at school, meetings, or competition will not be tolerated and can result in your dismissal from participating in Science Club.
* You will be expected to maintain a “C” average in all your classes. This is not optional, I can’t justify taking you on a trip during school time if you are failing your classes.
* You will be expected to participate in all fund raising opportunities. Experiments and trips cost money for registration, travel, lodging, etc. The fundraisers are helping to lower YOUR cost!

**Financial obligations:**

* The total cost of the Science Club program:
  + $10 for Club fees-ALL STUDENTS MUST PAY THIS LAB FEE
    - This covers lab materials and experiments that we will be doing
  + NASA trip: (optional)
    - 3 day/2 night $289 or
    - 2 day/1 night $129
    - Plus bus fee
    - Students will only need extra money for souvenirs and one meal on road each way.
  + There will be fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help offset the cost of the trip. Each student will be notified of how much money was raised for their individual portion before final payment.
* You are responsible for making your payments on time. To ease the financial cost, a payment schedule has been established:
  + 1st payment of $10 dollars due by **September 25th ALL STUDENTS MUST PAY THIS LAB FEE**
  + 2nd payment of $50 nonrefundable deposit for NASA trip dollars due by **October 16th**  (Trip is optional)
  + 3rd payment of $100 dollars due by **November 20th**
  + 4th Payment of $100 dollars due by **January 22nd**
  + 5th FINAL payment: Balance DUE **February 19th (depends on trip option and money raised)**

**This is for your records, DO NOT RETURN!**



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TURN IN APPLICATION TO

MRS. MORRIS (ROOM 221)

By Friday September 11, 2015

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**2015 - 2016 Science Club**

**Application Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, would like to be considered for the 2015 and 2016 Science club. I have read over the expectations with my parents and agree to adhere to the guidelines below.

**Expectations:**

* I will participate in all Science club meetings. I understand meetings will be in Mrs. Morris's (221) room or the science lab. Meetings will be announced, posted on the website, and a remind message will be sent.
* I will represent HLMS as a leader and conduct myself appropriately at all times. I understand failure to follow rules at school, meetings, or competitions will not be tolerated and can result in your dismissal from Science club.
* I will maintain a “C” average in all my classes. I understand that a grade below a “C” will result in academic probation with the expectation I improve my score or face dismissal.
* I understand I will be expected to participate in fund raising opportunities.

**Financial obligations:**

* I understand the total cost of the Science club program could be ~$350 dollars and agree to make my payments of said cost by the dates on the payment plan below. I know I am expected to participate in fundraising opportunities to help reduce the cost of my trip.
  + 1st payment of $10 dollars due by **September 25th- ALL STUDENTS MUST PAY THIS FEE**
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**NASA TRIP OPTIONS:**

* We have two possible options for going to space camp at the ROCKET CENTER in Huntsville, AL. I need your input to make this a viable option for as many students as possible since it does require a significant financial obligation. Parents are allowed to attend if they have completed the Desoto County Background chaperone check procedure and they MUST also pay for the fee themselves. We will try to do several fundraiser to help offset the cost.

□ 3 day/2 night $289 plus bus fee (all meals included except 2 meals on bus ride)

□ 2 day/ 1 night $129 plus bus fee (all meals included except 2 meals on bus ride)

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Participation in Youth in Government is completely voluntary and is an extracurricular activity. Mr. Clark reserves the right to **not** allow students to participate in assemblies as well as **dismissal** from Y&G if these expectations are not met.

Student (Print Name) Date Parent Signature Date



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GIVE TO A CURRENT TEACHER

(Math, Science, History, ELA)

***TEACHERS DO NOT GIVE THIS BACK TO STUDENT***

***PLEASE PUT IN MY MAILBOX-J. MORRIS***

***THANK YOU ☺!!!***

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**Teacher Recommendation Form**

**Directions:** Please complete the form below and return to Mrs. Morris by 9/11/2015. You can place it in **my box**. Please **DO NOT** give this form to the student. Your **HONEST** evaluation of each student is very vital to a fair and unbiased decision about each student’s eligibility to join Science Club. This form will be kept **confidential**.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Course:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent), please rate the student on these qualities:

1. Ability to work well with and motivate others: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Dependability: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Leadership: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Trustworthiness: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Work ethic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**BOTTOM LINE:** If you were in my shoes, would **YOU** want to take this child 300 miles from home, trust them to pair up into student groups to see attractions, spend 2 nights in a bunk dorm, and conduct themselves appropriately at all times?

YES OR NO

Why or why not?

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