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Dear Parents,

It's time to "think spring" and make a few plans for the third graders' overnight field trip to Hannibal, Missouri. Hannibal is one of the cities the students study in Social Studies. This is an excellent learning experience for the children, as they are able to experience firsthand the things they could otherwise only read about.

I have organized the trip for this year's third grade and have, in fact, already made reservations at the hotel and the attractions. We will leave for Hannibal on Friday, May 18 (7:00 AM), and will return Saturday, May 19 (approx. 7:00 PM). This trip requires many parents to accompany us as chaperones and drivers. Our food expenses for the weekend are minimal. We'll bring our own lunch for Friday, have pizza for supper on Friday, breakfast at the hotel, and on your own for lunch on Saturday. Entrance fees for the attractions that we will visit are listed on the next page.

I have reserved a block of rooms at the hotel. The attached note asks you for specific information regarding hotel accommodations (and sightseeing trips) in order to ensure we have enough rooms reserved at the Quality Inn. I need to know if you prefer a room to yourself, if you would like to share a room with someone, or if your child needs to room with someone because you will not be able to attend. Children are allowed to participate even if they do not have a parent attending. In the past we have had some grandparents go along as chaperones, too. The plans I have made with the hotel are preliminary and can be changed. This trip is not a required activity. I will need all money paid to me in advance. The trip is a special time for third graders and their parents and for this reason we only allow third graders to attend. Questions, concerns, or comments are welcome.

***In His Service,
Mrs. Schaefer***



HANNIBAL, MISSOURI May 18-19, 2012

Friday, May 18

6:30 A.M.

Arrive at school

7:00 A.M.

Leave from school

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*Rest stop – McDonald's at McLean –
(Look for the Dixie Truck Stop Sign)
I-55 south of Bloomington*



12:00 Noon

*Arrive in Hannibal
Eat lunch at Huckleberry Park-see map*

1:00 PM

We will stop at Riverview Park. It overlooks the Mississippi and this is where we will find the Mark Twain Statue. From Riverview Park we will go downtown, park at the River Boat Landing, walk up to the lighthouse and then back to explore downtown Hannibal until it is time to meet at Rockcliffe Mansion. Check out the historic district.

2:30 PM

Meet at the Riverboat Landing and proceed to Rockcliffe Mansion. There is sharp right turn in front of the mansion to go up the driveway. If the parking lot is full, park on the street behind the mansion. Gather in pre-arranged groups on the front lawn.

3:00 P.M.

Tour Rockcliffe Mansion. We will all start at the same time, but in different places in the house. The tour is approximately 1 hour in length.

After Mansion Tour

Head up to Lover's Leap.

5:00 PM

Bredeaux Pizza (buffet) – 200 N. Main Hannibal

6:15 PM

Check in at the Quality Inn. Please wait for me. I will get room keys for everyone. Swim.

Saturday, May 19

At the Hotel

Breakfast

8:00 A.M.

Leave for the Mark Twain Cave

8:30 A.M.

*Mark Twain Cave - divide into pre-arranged groups.
(1 hr. and 15 min.)*

After Cave Tour

Time for souvenir shopping or downtown walk before meeting at the boat dock.

10:30 A.M.

*Park at the Riverboat Landing on Center Street.
Board the Mark Twain Riverboat. I will have your tickets.*

11:00 A.M.

Riverboat Excursion (1 hour)

12:00 Noon

Lunch, Shopping, Downtown Stroll, Homeward Bound