



September 25, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a member of the 6th grade class, your child will have an opportunity to participate in a unique field experience in a natural Florida environment. We have arranged a two day "environmental experience" to Bone Valley with Florida Safari Adventures, Build-A-Field Trip for February 28th – March 1, 2019.

Aboard an air-conditioned charter coach, students will engage in exciting learning activities while traveling to our destination, Archbold Biological Research Station, Bone Valley. The all-inclusive price of **\$240.00** covers meals, snacks, travel fees, supplies, lodging, and any attractions. The field instructors are experienced educators who work with students of all ages and ability levels. Their educational programs are well known throughout Florida.

Because space is limited, students will be enrolled on a first-come basis. Payment can be made online on our website or with a check or money order. **The total amount of \$240.00 will reserve a spot for your child. Please send in the attached release form and register and pay using the following link ONLY:**

<https://franklinacademysun.wufoo.com/forms/w1a9sjm50v84v74/>

by **November 4th, 2019** . Space is limited and seats will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Field Trips are non-refundable.

We hope your child will be able to join us on this exciting two day "environmental experience." If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: ockman.danielle@franklin-academy.org, or by phone 754-206-0850.

Thank you,

Mrs. Danielle Ockman

Director of School Operations

BONE VALLEY

Florida's Geologic History, Paleontology and Endangered Ecosystems Itinerary Includes:

DAY 1

8:00 a.m. Bus arrives at school, promptly depart. Begin orientation, assignments, and journals while heading toward the Lake Wales Ridge to explore **Archbold Biological Research Station**, a facility dedicated to the preservation of the endangered Florida scrub ecosystem. Following lunch, drive to **Joshua Creek and learn how to hunt for fossils**. Using large screens and shovels, students will learn to work in groups to find shark teeth, prehistoric animal fossils and an occasional Native American artifact! The experience is a re-enactment of the adventures of Captain Lebaron when he discovered fossils and phosphate around the area known as "Bone Valley" in 1881. Early evening arrival at **Camp Cloverleaf, 126 Cloverleaf Rd., Lake Placid, FL 33852**, check in to air-conditioned cabins, stow treasures, prepare for dinner and Campfire that includes Hage'Ota (storyteller), spirit creature game and S'mores.

DAY 2

7:00 a.m. breakfast. Check out of camp - travel through mining country to Arcadia. Put in the canoes after a canoeing skill and safety lesson. Begin our **canoeing adventure on the Peace River**, fossil hunting in sandbars along the river using shovels and screens. Shark teeth, sting ray mandibles, three toed horse teeth, camel teeth, dugong ribs, mastodon molars, and an occasional Native American arrow head are some of the treasures to be found. Stopping at our two favorite locations, snack and continue canoeing to the Canoe Outpost. Following lunch depart home. Along the way identifying our finds, making fossil necklaces (we will provide you with the necessary materials) and sharing stories to remember "Bone Valley". **Arrive at school by 6:00p.m.**

Please note: Due to weather and water levels, the itinerary may change on day 1 to the following comparable activities: Fort Drum Crystal Mine and Highland Hammock State Park.