

Waunakee Community High School Field Trip Request

TO: Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown

FROM: Brian Borowski

DATE: March 26, 2026

RE: Physics Lab Trip to Great America
Ms. Tammy Rademacher, HS Science Instructor
Mr. Andrew Nelson, HS Science Instructor

Ms. Rademacher and Mr. Nelson are again seeking permission to take students from the Physics classes at Waunakee Community High School to Great America Amusement Park in Gurnee, IL, for Physics Day. This year, the Physics Day will be held on **Friday, May 15, 2026**. The purpose of Physics Day is to provide students with an opportunity to conduct experiments developed by physic teachers and engineers that help the students learn about physics by experiencing physics in action. Attached is the request from Ms. Rademacher and Mr. Nelson which provides a general overview of what students who participate in Physics Day will be involved in if this request is approved.

I am respectfully requesting that you review the request from Ms. Rademacher and Mr. Nelson and support this field trip. In previous years, Physics Day field trips to Great America have proven to be very educational for the students that have participated. In addition, the students represented themselves, Waunakee High School, and the Waunakee School district in a positive manner. Therefore, I approve their request to repeat this trip and would ask that you do so as well.

The cost of this trip is approximately \$85.00 per student that includes admission to Great American and bus services. Students needing financial assistance to participate in the trip will be accommodated.

Thank you.

TO: MR. BOROWSKI

FROM: DREW NELSON & TAMMY RADEMACHER

DATE: March 23, 2026

RE: PHYSICS LAB TRIP TO GREAT AMERICA

We would like our students to have the opportunity to go to Great America for Physics Day on Friday, May 15, 2026. We would leave Waunakee High School at 8:00 a.m. and return to Waunakee by approximately 6:30 p.m.

In previous years over 24,000 students had the opportunity to "experience physics" at Great America. As you realize, physics is used everywhere, but, at Great America physics teachers and engineers have developed numerous practical experiments for the students to conduct. The students meet with engineers and experience behind-the-scenes activities that no one else can experience. Our students take lab materials along to conduct experiments on that day--on no other day will the park allow this to be done. Students get very excited about this opportunity. This is physics in action and is a highly motivated activity that ties together many of the areas of their physics learning.

The total cost to students is approximately \$85 depending on the number of students who attend. The price includes the tickets to get into Great America and the per student portion to rent a bus to get there. If some of the students elect NOT to go for various reasons, then they stay in school and watch a video on the "Physics of Roller Coasters" plus complete some activities at a playground area with a swings, merry-go-round, etc.

This is an EXTREMELY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE for our students, not just a fun day for them. There are numerous experiments that students must do while there, other activities on the bus going & coming back, and there are write-ups to be done when students get back to Waunakee High School. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.