

## Senior Class Trip "THE GREAT ESCAPE"

### Day 1: SCHOOL'S OUT

- For the outdoor sports enthusiast, there's no place better than the **U.S. National Whitewater Center**. The 300-acre recreational facility draws Olympic-caliber athletes and novices alike with rafting and kayaking on class III-IV rapids, hiking and biking trails, rock climbing, and an 1,100 ft. Mega Zip line. Discounted pricing and scheduling is available for groups. [usnwc.org](http://usnwc.org)
- Hope you've been saving up – the shopping at **SouthPark Mall** is too good to pass up. From Kate Spade to American Apparel, Pottery Barn to Louis Vuitton, this shopping mecca has everything you could ask for, from high-end to affordable. Get some fresh air with alfresco shopping in the South Park area at **Phillips Place** or **Morrison**, where shopping and dining combine. Or stop at **Chezelle**, **Scout & Molly's** or one of many other specialty boutiques for something unique. [southparkmall.com](http://southparkmall.com); [phillipsplace.info](http://phillipsplace.info); [morrisonssouthpark.com](http://morrisonssouthpark.com)
- Spend the evening enjoying one of the many professional sports in the Queen City. Enjoy America's favorite pastime with the **AA Charlotte Knights** or head to **Bojangles Coliseum** to cheer on the **AHL Charlotte Checkers**. Catch all the hoops action with the **Charlotte Hornets**, owned by NBA legend Michael Jordan. All venues offer group ticketing, with incentives including discounts, preferred block seating, free souvenirs, and other customizable options. [charlotteknights.com](http://charlotteknights.com); [hornets.com](http://hornets.com); [gocheckers.com](http://gocheckers.com)

### Day 2: TIME OF YOUR LIFE

- Get back to nature with a visit to **Latta Plantation**, a nature preserve in north Charlotte on 1,343 acres of beautiful North Carolina land. Educational programs inform visitors about native animals, flora and fauna. The adjacent **Carolina Raptor Center** offers a close-up look at impressive birds of prey, and groups of 15 or more enjoy discounted admission. Hop in the saddle at the equestrian center for a guided ride on one of several trails winding through the woods. [lattaplantation.org](http://lattaplantation.org); [carolinaraptorcenter.org](http://carolinaraptorcenter.org)
- Rev your engines at **Dirt Track Racing School**, where you can test the track in four different types of racecars. Let loose and make the most of your track time 'Dukes of Hazard' style – it's not likely you'll get this opportunity anywhere else. A customized experience, including team building and celebrity driver appearances, can be created for groups from four to 30. [driveondirt.com](http://driveondirt.com)
- Take a walk on the wild side with an afternoon at **Carowinds**, a theme park straddling the North and South Carolina border with 112 fun-filled acres and more than 50 world-class rides, shows and attractions. Groups can take advantage of discounted group and twilight tickets to enjoy a myriad of entertainment options, from the park's 13 roller coasters to Boomerang Bay water park or concerts in the Paladium Amphitheatre. Varying discount and educational packages are available. [carowinds.com](http://carowinds.com)

### Day 3: THE BEST DAYS OF OUR LIVES

- You're guaranteed to leave **Concord Mills** with at least one purchase in hand. Consistently one of the top attractions in the state, this massive outlet mall has something for everyone, and is easy on the wallet to boot! Call ahead to order complimentary coupon books for your group. [concordmills.com](http://concordmills.com)
- Slip on your bowling shoes for an afternoon at **StrikeCity** and challenge your friends to a ten pin showdown at this chic bowling lounge with food worthy of a taste test. Part of the bustling **EpiCentre** complex chock full of restaurants and nightlife in the heart of Center City, there's much to explore as the sun goes down. [strikecitycharlotte.com](http://strikecitycharlotte.com)
- There's no shortage of entertainment options in the Queen City. Take in a Broadway musical at **Oven's Auditorium**, a concert at **Bojangles' Coliseum**, or a performance at the **NC Blumenthal Performing Arts**

**Center.** Whatever your taste, you're sure to enjoy an evening of culture and leisure. All venues offer group ticketing, with luxuries including discounts, penalty-free adjustment of ticket quantity, free tickets for group leaders, and prepaid parking. [ovensauditorium.com](http://ovensauditorium.com); [bojanglescoliseum.com](http://bojanglescoliseum.com); [blumenthalarts.org](http://blumenthalarts.org)