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## 2025 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Informational Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024



# Tour Overview

- **School Tours of America**
- **4 days/3 nights**
  - **June 9-12, 2024 (Monday-Thursday)**
- **Included in package**
  - **Trip Liaison**
  - **Bus Drivers**
  - **Tour Guides**
  - **Night Guards for Hotel**
  - **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
  - **Admission to tour sites**
  - **Hotel**
  - **Airfare**



## Trip Logistics

- Depart early Monday morning
  - Meet at Prep; take school busses to airport
  - Coach busses and tour liaison meet us at airport in D.C.
- Will return late on Thursday, June 12th
  - School busses back to Prep



# Tentative Itinerary

- “Iwo Jima” Memorial
- Arlington National Cemetery and Wreath Laying Ceremony
- Pentagon Memorial
- Ford’s Theatre
- Museum of African American History and Culture
- Jefferson, FDR, and MLK Memorials
- U.S. Capitol Tour
- Smithsonian Museum on National Mall
  - American History
  - Natural History
  - Air and Space
- Holocaust Museum
- World War II Memorial
- Ghost Tour in Alexandria, Virginia
- Mount Vernon Estate
- Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean Veterans Memorials
- Spring Hill Recreation Center or Dave and Busters
- Washington National Cathedral
- Air Force Memorial
- National Portrait Gallery and American Art Museum

## Sample Itinerary

| Tuesday, June 4  | Wednesday, June 5  | Thursday, June 6  | Friday, June 7   |
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| <p><b>2:30 AM</b> - Meet at Prep to load buses and take <u>group</u> photo</p> <p><b>2:45 AM</b> - Bus leaves Prep</p> <p><b>5:30 AM</b> - Flight leaves MSP Terminal 2 (Southwest #4314)</p> <p><b>8:55 AM</b> - Arrive at BWI (Baltimore)</p> <p>Air and Space Museum</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> - Lunch at @America's Table at American History Museum (\$20)</p> <p>American History Museum</p> <p><b>3:45-5:30 PM</b> - Museum of African American History and Culture</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> - Dinner at Hill Country BBQ in D.C.</p> <p>MLK Memorial<br/>FDR Memorial<br/>Jefferson Memorial</p> <p><b>9:30 PM</b> - Check in at Hotel Westin Arlington Gateway<br/>801 North Glebe Road<br/>Arlington, VA<br/>703-717-6200</p> <p><b>10:30 PM</b> - Lights out</p> | <p><b>6:15 AM</b> - Wake up</p> <p><b>6:45-7:15 AM</b> - breakfast at <u>hotel</u></p> <p><b>7:30 AM</b> - Load bus for day</p> <p>White House photo stop</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> - Portrait Gallery</p> <p><b>10:30-12:30</b> - Holocaust Museum</p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b> - Lunch @ L'Enfant Plaza (\$20)</p> <p><b>3:15 PM</b> - National Cathedral</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> - Dinner @ Crystal City Sports Pub</p> <p><b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> - Twilight Tattoo Military Pageant @ Joint Base Myer-Henderson</p> <p>Iwo Jima Memorial</p> <p><b>9:00 PM</b> - Dropped off at <u>hotel</u></p> <p><b>10:30 PM</b> - Lights Out</p> | <p><b>6:15 AM</b> - Wake up<br/><i>* Wear your uniform; pack clothes to change into</i></p> <p><b>6:45-7:15 AM</b> - breakfast at <u>hotel</u></p> <p><b>7:30 AM</b> - Load bus for day</p> <p>WWII Memorial<br/>Korean Memorial<br/>Lincoln Memorial<br/>Vietnam Veterans Memorial</p> <p><b>9:40 AM</b> - Photo at Grant Memorial</p> <p><i>* Change out of uniforms</i></p> <p>Capitol Hill<br/>Supreme Court (view)<br/>Library of Congress (view)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> - U.S Capitol Tour</p> <p><b>12:15 PM</b> - Lunch @ Capitol Cafe (\$20)</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> - Mount Vernon Mansion time - 3:35</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> - Buggy's Pizza</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> - Ghost and Graveyard Tour in Old Town Alexandria</p> <p><b>9:00 PM</b> - Dropped off at <u>hotel</u><br/><i>*Pack bags for Friday morning hotel check-out</i></p> <p><b>10:30 PM</b> - Lights Out</p> | <p><b>6:30 AM</b> - Wake up</p> <p><b>7:30-8:00 AM</b> - Breakfast at hotel</p> <p><b>8:00-8:30 AM</b> - final room sweep<br/>Bring all belongings to <u>bus</u> for hotel checkout</p> <p><i>* If you are participating in the Wreath Laying Ceremony, make sure your dress clothes are kept out of your luggage</i></p> <p>Arlington National Cemetery</p> <p><b>10:45 AM</b> - Arrive at Tomb of the Unknowns</p> <p><b>11:15 AM</b> - SPCA Wreath laying ceremony</p> <p><b>12:15 PM</b> - Lunch at Rhodeside Mexican Buffet in Arlington, VA</p> <p>Natural History Museum</p> <p><b>3:30 PM</b> - National Archives</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> - Drop off at BWI airport<br/>\$20 for dinner at the airport</p> <p><b>8:10 PM</b> - Flight to MSP departs (Southwest #451)</p> <p><b>9:45 PM</b> - Arrive at MSP</p> <p><b>10:15 PM</b> - Load buses to return to MSP</p> |

# Chaperones and Guides

- Chaperoned by Prep staff
- 1:10 chaperone/student ratio
- bus(es) and driver(s)
- Step-on Guide for each bus



# Hotel

- Typically either in D.C. or right outside of D.C.
  - Examples: Crystal City; Pentagon City
- Night guards on duty
- Typically 4 students per room
- Hotel rules
  - Can't wander around
  - Need to stay in assigned room
  - Chaperones will check rooms each night
  - Tape on door
  - Report from night guards each morning
- Students will fill out roommate request form in the spring



## What Do I Wear?

- Non-uniform
  - Hot weather
  - Rain
- Uniform required for group photo
  - top and bottom
  - will change as soon as we are done with picture
- Comfortable shoes
  - Not a bad idea to have an extra pair
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen



## Fundraising Opportunities

Concert Café/Pizza Dinner - Oct-May (\$2,068)

Butter Braids - Nov-Dec (\$1,512)

Poinsettias - Nov (\$455)

Heggies Pizzas - Jan/Feb (\$1,996)

SCRIP Cards - all year long (\$500)

Gertens Plants - Mar-May(\$1,822)

- My Tour Fund

## Academics, Character, Leadership

From the SCPA Student Handbook:

“A student’s conduct, participation/effort and academic grades below a C- may impact a student’s participation in middle school events and activities such as...educational travel opportunities including Washington, D.C.”

## Cost and Registration

- \$1899 (includes everything but souvenirs and extra money for snacks)
- Register by Monday, October 21, 2024
- [www.SchoolToursofAmerica.com](http://www.SchoolToursofAmerica.com)
- Trip #A888; Departure Date 6/09/25

QR Code for  
Registration



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