

8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

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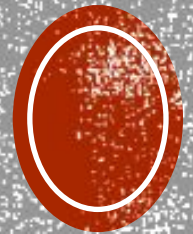
WHY EJRP?

- Serve mission areas of providing recreational experiences and diverse learning opportunities
- Meet community need/desire for programming
- Familiar connection with kids and families
- Open to all, affordable, high quality
- Continuity for future 8th graders
- Community-wide fundraising opportunities
- Scholarships opportunities





WHO CAN GO?



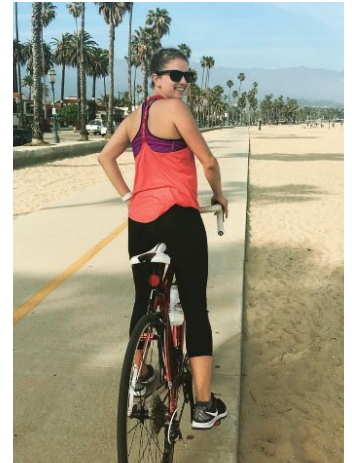
All 8th grade students that attend Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School or live in the City of Essex Junction

CHAPERONES



**Maureen Gillard, School Age Childcare
Director, EJRP
(DC Chaperone 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023)**

**Rosy Gallo, School Age Childcare
Director, EJRP
(DC Chaperone 2019, 2022, 2023)**



**Alyssa Callan, Licensed Childcare
Administrator
(DC Chaperone 2019, 2023)**



CHAPERONES



Brad Luck, Director, EJRP
(DC Chaperone 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023)
& Graham Luck (DC 2019, 2022, 2023)



Lindsey Massucco, Program Director, EJRP
(DC Chaperone 2023)



Additional chaperones to be announced



TRANSPORTATION

Provided by Premier Coach

- 56-passenger bus
- Comfortable seats
- Restroom
- Wifi
- DVD player
- Outlets



ACCOMMODATIONS



Hampton Inn in Sterling, VA

- 3-4 students/room with 2 double beds or king with pullout couch
- 25 miles from downtown DC
- Complimentary hot breakfast daily
- Indoor pool
- Free wifi



DRAFT AGENDA

Note:

- We will attempt to accomplish all of the following
- There are many complicating factors that may impact our itinerary- tour availability, weather, etc.
- We will release a final schedule just prior to departure –which will still be subject to change
- White House and Pentagon Tours were on pause through 2023, and we are hoping to add these back in for 2024



DAY 1: SUNDAY, APRIL 21



- 7am Depart Maple Street Recreation Center. Arrive in DC around 6:30pm.
- Stop occasionally for restroom & stretch breaks
- Bring a bagged lunch
- Dinner at UNO's Pizza
- Private DC Trolley Night Tour in Washington, DC
- 11pm Check into hotel





DAY 2: MONDAY, APRIL 22

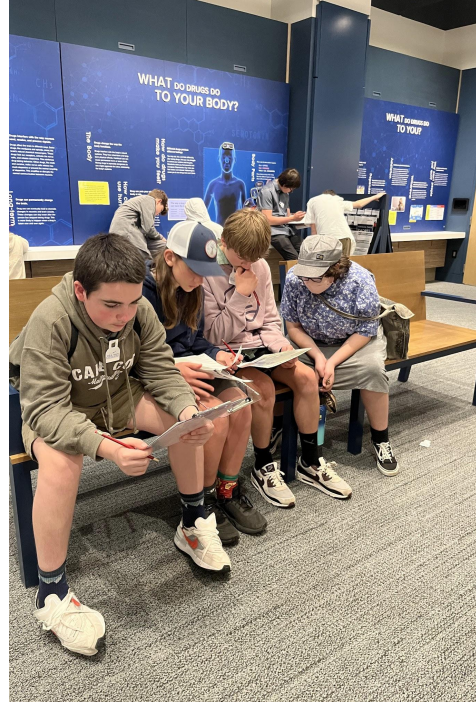
- Breakfast at hotel
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Natural History Museum
- Lunch at Food Trucks
- African American History and Culture Museum
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- FDR and MLK Memorials
- Dinner at Kennedy Center
- Kennedy Center Production of Shear Madness



DAY 3: TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- Breakfast at hotel
- Korean Memorial, WWII Memorial, Washington Monument
- National Archives
- Lunch at Ulysses Grant Memorial Fountain
- U.S. Capitol Tour
- House and Senate Galleries
- Botanical Gardens
- Holocaust Museum
- Paddle boats at Tidal Basin
- Dinner at Crystal City Sports Pub





DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- Breakfast at hotel
- Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum
- Lunch at Pentagon City Mall
- DEA Museum Tour
- International Spy Museum
- Dinner at near hotel at different restaurants



DAY 5: THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- Breakfast at hotel
- Load bags onto bus
- Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials
- National American History Museum
- Lunch at International Street Food Vendors
- National Zoo
- 3:30pm Depart DC for Vermont
- Arrive back at EJRP at 1am on Friday



FINANCIALS

- \$900 if registered by October 20
- \$950 from October 21-November 17
- \$1000 after November 18 until trip is filled
- \$200 non-refundable deposit due at registration
- 50% of balance due by December 1
- Remaining balance due by February 2
- Non-refundable unless we are able to fill your spot
- Not included in price: Travel Insurance, Lunch on Sunday, Optional Shopping, Snacks, Souvenirs





TRAVEL INSURANCE (OPTIONAL)

- What It Covers:
 - Trip cancellation, interruption, or delay
 - Lost or damaged luggage
 - Emergency medical expenses/accidents/evacuations

- Contact them directly:

800-228-9792



REGISTRATION

- Registration will open tomorrow September 21st
- Complete registration and student information form online at https://web1.myvscloud.com/wbwsc/vte_ssexjctwt.wsc/search.html?module=AR&primarycode=240300
- Note: Minimum of 40 students needed for trip. Max of 48 students on the first bus. After 48 registrations we will begin a waitlist (no fee). Need 80 registrations for a second bus.
- Please note, if you register after October 29, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to enter the White House, Capitol, or Pentagon. For security reasons, we must submit our roster in advance and have been told that any late additions will not be guaranteed approval, though we will of course try.



COVID MEASURES

- COVID protocols will be determined and shared at the pre-trip meeting in April. Known measures at this time may include any of the following
 - Masks optional/required/needed only if required by venue
 - Proof of vaccination emailed to chaperones and on phone
 - Testing leading up to departure day



SCHOLARSHIPS



- Limited partial scholarships are available
- Students/families must complete a separate scholarship application
- Awards will be determined by October 11



FUNDRAISING

Opportunities are up to you!
Here are some ideas:

- Ask neighbors and family members if they need help with raking leaves, washing cars, mowing lawns, shoveling snow, babysitting, carrying groceries, or dog walking
- Put money aside from birthdays, holidays, or allowances
- Set up a yard sale, bake sale, or lemonade stand
- Take advantage of sites like GoFundMe
- Start a change jar





We will be dressing up each day.

Is: khaki/dress pants, dresses, skirts, collared shirts
Is not: jeans, shorts, sweatpants, joggers, shirts w/out a collar, tank tops



We will take roommate requests and assign roommates prior to the trip, however, not all requests can be honored.



We will assign chaperone groups for you to have a primary chaperone to check in with throughout each day.



We will be walking.....a lot! Wearing comfortable footwear is important, along with being able to walk many miles a day for multiple days in a row.



We will have a pre-trip meeting in April to review plans and further details.

MISCELLANEOUS



STUDENT CONDUCT

- Listen and follow instructions from chaperones, bus driver, tour guides, security, hotel management, etc.
- No exiting rooms between lights out and breakfast
- Call chaperone in case of emergency
- Be flexible- plans can change due to weather or tour availability

Choices should be:

- Respectful
- Responsible
 - Caring
 - Honest
 - Safe
 - Legal



WHAT TO BRING

- Bagged lunch for Sunday
- Comfortable clothes for the bus ride (there and back)
- Four business casual outfits
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Jacket/sweatshirt
- Umbrella or raincoat
- Pajamas
- Undergarments
- Toiletries
- Any needed medications
- Small bag to bring with you each day
- Reusable water bottle



WHAT TO BRING (OPTIONAL)

- Bathing suit and sandals for hotel indoor pool
- Entertainment for bus ride and hotel
- Cell phone and charger
- Camera and batteries/charger
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Watch
- Any snacks you may want (there are refrigerators in rooms)
- Spending money
- Postcard stamps, pens, notepad

You are responsible for bringing, carrying, and securing the items you will need for the duration of the trip!



QUESTIONS?

