

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip October 23-25, 2024





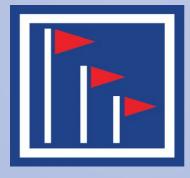




Tour Service Providers

- Scholastica Travel
- Gold Shield Transportation





Scholastica Travel Inc







What's Included??? The price of the trip includes:

- Bus transportation
- Hotel with private night security
- All meals (except packed lunch Wed.)
- Tour guide & professional driver on each bus
- Admission to all sites/events

Students bring packed lunch, snacks. water bottles, and money for souvenirs



Scheduled Itinerary Includes:

 Memorials & monuments: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR, Marine Corps.,
 WWII, Vietnam War, Korean War, & MLK Jr.

• The White House, Capitol tour, Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery,

and Mt. Vernon









Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza in Herndon, VA



- Students choose their roommates (4 students per room)
 - Mr. Keeton/Mrs. Shafer reserve the right to make changes, as needed
- Teacher chaperones on every floor
- Private night security on every floor
- Student cell phones collected at night (kept in Mr. Keeton's room).



Cost: \$607

(possibly lower, depending on #'s)
All payments made online through
Scholastica's site (directions in packet).

- \$150 deposit due April 1
 - This reserves your spot and allows us to ensure we gain entrance to all of the venues. It also lets me plan for enough chaperones (15:1 ratio).
 - Trip is capped at 282 students (then added to a wait list)
- \$150 payment due July 1
- Balance due by September 23
- ALL payment deadlines are firm! Please plan accordingly





Cancellation/Refunds

Calendar Days Before Scheduled Departure Date	Cancellation Policy
30 or more	Scholastica Travel Inc will retain 20% of the trip deposit due at the time of cancellation. Each individual or group will receive an 80% refund of money due to Scholastica at the time of cancellation less any non-refundable prepaid reservations.
14 to 29	Scholastica Travel Inc will retain 25% of the total trip cost. Each individual or group will receive a 75% refund of money due to Scholastica at the time of cancellation less any non-refundable prepaid reservations, contingent on the group or individual being paid in full.
13 or less	Scholastica Travel Inc will retain 50% of the total trip cost. Each individual or group will receive a 50% refund of money due to Scholastica at the time of cancellation less any non-refundable prepaid reservations, contingent on the individual or group being paid in full.



- Optional trip insurance can be purchased through
 Scholastica, if desired. Many families purchased it last year.
 - Be aware of pre-paid costs, when deciding
- If a student cancels or is removed from the trip PRIOR to travel, refunds will be issued by Scholastica based on their refund policy (see above).
- If a student is no longer allowed to participate due to misbehavior DURING the trip, the parents will be notified, the student will have to be picked up (at their own expense), and no refunds will be issued.





Other Info.

- Announcements/reminders regarding the trip will be sent through School Messenger, Group Collect, and Google Classroom.
- Make sure Final Forms are up to date (especially insurance information).
- All medications (prescription and OTC)
 need to be handled though the clinic with
 a medication form for EACH medicine.
 Take care of this in the summer!
 Chaperones carry medication for each
 student (unless the doctor fills out a
 self-carry authorization).









Scholarships

 There is a limited amount of scholarship money for the trip.

If you need a scholarship for the trip, you must first make the \$150 deposit and register, then email Mrs. Shafer to be added to the list (kshafer@kingslocal.net)

 If you are able to help out other families, you can provide scholarship money in 2 ways:

 Add a scholarship donation to your payment when you register online

· Email Mrs. Shafer regarding larger amounts to sponsor all or part of a student's trip

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



This trip is a PRIVILEGE

If a student receives an OSS (2nd semester of 7th grade through departure), they will be ineligible/removed from the trip.

- If a student is demonstrating negative behaviors, the student and parents will have to sign a <u>behavior contract</u>.
- If a student misbehaves on the trip, parents will need to pick them up and will not receive a refund (with follow-up discipline at school when we return).



Next Steps/Timeline

- Register and pay initial deposit of \$150 by April 1 to reserve your spot.
 - Complete all information, especially insurance information. Add 2nd email/account access for blended families
 - Purchase travel insurance, if desired
- Make note of payment dates:
 - \$150 deposit by April 1
 - \$150 payment by July 1
 - Balance due by September 23 (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Final logistical arrangements for the trip will be made in the fall after school starts (roommates, meal choices, t-shirt/hoodie order, etc...)





Signup Link

Click on <u>link</u>: (also in packet)

- https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/v2/go/15635a
- Click register



- You'll need to login for each payment.
- · Fill in ALL information
- All students should register QUAD OCCUPANCY
- Sign the waiver & make the deposit
- After you select your payment method, you have the option of adding another user/email to the account. This is very important for shared parenting families!
- Here is what it looks like when completed



Questions?

