

Welcome



8th Grade Trip Parent Meeting

Agenda

- Introductions to trip organizers
- Introduction to World Strides
- Discuss Program Price and Inclusions
- Showcase Program Experience
- Registration Information
- Questions

The Mall &
Washington
Monument



Trip Organizers

- Kris Casko (8th grade SS & HS 10th Virtual)
- Jennifer Trice (8th grade LA)



When & Where



- We will leave Friday morning on February 18, 2022 and will return early morning on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. This will result in students missing school on Friday. The rest will be during mid-winter break. We will all return to school on Wednesday.
- We will visit many memorials, the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, and more.

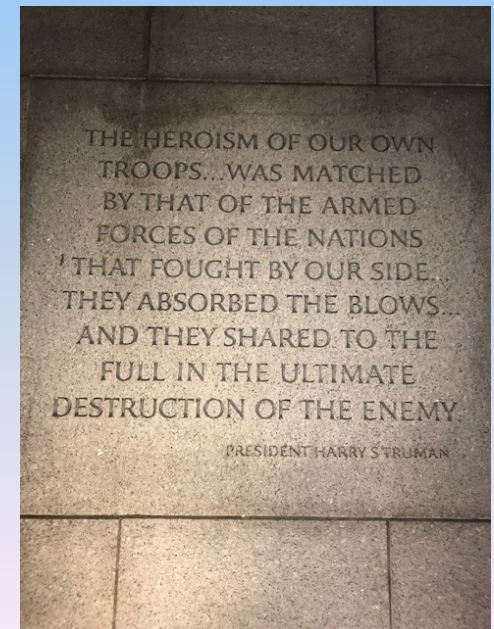
MLK Jr. Memorial

World Strides

- An industry leader and premier provider of student educational travel. World Strides is the largest student touring company in the nation with 50 years of experience.
- Smith has had a relationship with them for over 46 years.
- Safety is our top concern.
- Focus on Education: Discovery Journals and specially trained Course Leaders



WWII Memorial



Key Features

Pentagon 9/11 Memorial



- Teacher Chaperones- many who have done this trip for 10+ years.
- We travel by motor coach. Thank goodness not on a school bus! 😊
- Course leaders who guide us through the city. They engage the kids in activities and share lots of facts. We pick them up each day.
- Tour Central- 24-hour service for support if needed.
- Name Tags- World Strides 1-800 number on the back for extra security.
- World Strides On-site coordinators at the hotel to assist.
- Night chaperones- are on the floor at bedtime- no one goes in or leaves. They have our number in case of an emergency.
- Doctors on Call service is available through George Washington Department of Medicine.

Possible Sites

- War Memorials: WWII, Iwo Jima, Vietnam and Korean. Also, Air Force and Pentagon 9/11
- Memorials: MLK King Jr., Jefferson, Lincoln, and FDR
- National Zoo and National Cathedral
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Mount Vernon
- Capitol Hill
- White House (picture stop)
- Smithsonian Museums
- National Archives
- ETC...



Other Tidbits



- Bus ride
 - 1 morning and afternoon ride to DC and hotel that evening
 - 1 night we sleep on the bus on the way home
 - Kids can bring snacks and water
- Hotel
 - 3 total nights at a Crowne Plaza (Hotel can change but we have stayed there a few times recently)
 - A pool is sometimes available/Gathering Room
 - Dance and DJ another night
- Souvenir shopping- for reasonably priced items.
- We are on the go from 7AM- 8 PM each day. There is so much to see. We encourage eating well and getting rest when they can!

Meals



- Places vary year to year but we take great pride in offering meals that are fueling and tasty. Kids are encouraged to bring snacks and water for the bus ride.
- We try to find places that are kid-friendly and can also accommodate large groups.
- Some places we have done in the past for dinner: Pizzeria Uno, Chevy's (Tex Mex), Italian restaurants, Champps, etc.
- Some places we have done in the past for lunch: Food court at Union Station or Regan International Trade Center, and Roy Rogers.
- Breakfast will be a buffet at the hotel in a banquet room.

Medicine & Procedures

- We will send home a medical form that must be completed from World Strides. The more detailed you are-the better. Students have many different allergies, but their effects vary greatly.
- Also, it is important to have a conversation with your child about how to communicate their allergy or health issues. They will need to be able to select food on their own and make choices that won't harm them. They need to independently handle their allergy/medical issue.
- We also will have a form to complete if your child takes medicine. We will ask that you complete the form and submit it along with your child meds in snack baggies labeled per day and time to take. Then place all of the snack baggies in a sandwich bag. This makes it easy to carry and to distribute.
- Students must carry their own EpiPen and inhalers.
- A chaperone on each bus takes charge of all meds for the bus. They should know and see that person at breakfast or other times they need the medicine.
- We have nut free busses. However, we do not inspect what students bring.

Showcase the Program Experience

- Registration Information- will be shared via Schoology to all students through their social studies classes.
- Information is also located on the Smith website under trips. As we get new information it is also updated. Keep in mind we will start sharing information about the Fall 2022 trip for current 7th graders in November. Be sure to read information for Feb. 2022.
- We also send communication through the Knightly News and e-blast. Be sure to check them out.
- Not only educational but for personal and social growth.



The Capitol



Program Price and Inclusions

- Price is all-inclusive (entry fees to museums, hotel accommodations, meals) all for \$948.00
- Students will want extra spending money for snacks and buying memorabilia we suggest \$50-\$100. This is a personal preference
- Full Refund Program- option to enroll. This is available for \$125.
- Standard Cancellation Policy- please read if you do not take up the full refund program.



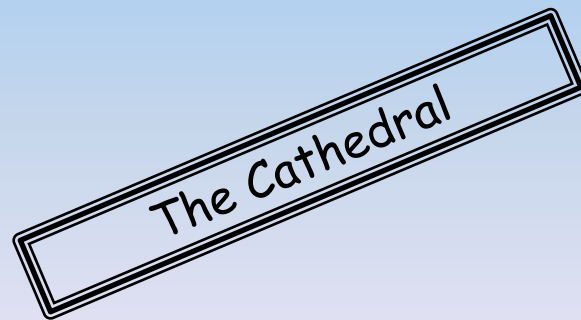
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Arlington National Cemetery



Payment Options

- Register online at www.worldstrides.org using the trip ID **194705**, P.O. Box 9033, Charlottesville, VA 22906-9033
- Contact World Strides' Customer Service Representative at 1-800-468-5899
- Mail in form is available on the last page for the registration letter.
- We will hand out Medical and Behavior forms in the fall of 2021. There is NO paperwork due to Smith at this time.
- All payment is handled through World Strides- not Smith



Register Now

- Use the My Trip website at www.worldstrides.org. My Trip is at the bottom of the page. Enter an e-mail address and the trip ID # 194705
- Early registration deadline was March 1, 2021. To hold a spot a deposit of \$99 must be paid.
- Final Payment is due by December 5, 2021.



Mount Vernon

Questions



Vietnam Memorial



National Cathedral

Thanks for Coming!

