

# Washington D.C. Trip

Dear Parents, Guardians, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

Parents, thank you for your attendance and support at our meeting. Students, thank you for continuing to behave in a manner that earns you the privilege of traveling with your classmates to Washington D.C. from May 28<sup>th</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup>. The end-of-the-year field trip we offer this year is sure to be a first-class experience to be remembered always. Enclosed you will find instructions to ensure a safe, fun, and educational trip.

Please read all the information contained in this packet. You must refer to it often as the date approaches, so **please save it.**

The cost of the trip this year is **\$598**. This is a non-profit endeavor as all funds collected will be spent on your child. The fee is all-inclusive. To help ease the burden, we have scheduled events that will not require additional expenses in “dress-up” clothing.

If you can pay for the trip in one payment, you can do this. If you need to make smaller payments, that is acceptable if you are consistently making the payments. We have also offered a payment schedule for your convenience. The first payment must be on time to determine the number of final travelers so that final arrangements can be secured. Please note: 45 days outside of the trip you can receive all but the processing fee back, which is usually around \$35, if you decide not to have your child attend. Inside 45 days, 75% of your trip will be lost. I would also consider the insurance offer that would help in case of a late cancellation due to a sickness or behavior in school. You can find more information on this in the Registration Packet which is also online.

Students remember that good, responsible behavior throughout the remainder of this year is required to keep the privilege of going to Washington. A suspension automatically eliminates you from this trip, so make sure you make good choices at Solon Middle School. Do your best to be on your best behavior every day and this exciting excursion will be your reward. Don't the opportunity to travel with your friends and teachers because of inappropriate behavior in school. Parents, we will reinforce this message throughout the school year. Could you please do the same at home? As always, feel free to email Ed Bubonics with your questions or concerns.

With approximately 300 students participating, the recommended form of contact is email. This will help facilitate the answering of questions as soon as possible. All documents will be posted on the SMS Homepage. Please refer to the “Quick Link” section of the website on the right side of the page.

Sincerely,

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## TRANSPORTATION

We will be traveling on clean and modern Anderson buses. For emergencies, restrooms are available on the bus. Students are expected to comply with all bus regulations.

## GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL

1. You may bring phones or other forms of media. We've never completed a trip without someone losing something of value, so you must keep track of these items.
2. Each student is permitted to have one suitcase, which will be loaded under the bus. **You are welcome to bring a snacks to eat on the bus and throughout the trip.**
3. You may pack a small overnight bag for personal articles. It must be small enough to fit under your seat.
4. Pack only what you need for two nights – not one week.
5. All personal belongings should be identified.
6. Be careful with your money. You may want to budget a little extra for these meals. You may also want some extra money for additional food, souvenirs, and other items. We suggest \$50-\$100.

## Suggested Items to Bring On The Trip

Three touring outfits. On the 2nd day a t-shirt will be provided.	1 large bag to be stored under the bus
Comfortable shoes for touring	<b>Umbrella &amp; rain gear</b>
Toiletries	Light jacket
Something to listen to	Snacks (save some for ride home)

## MEDICINES

- Students are not permitted to have medications in their possession at any time, except for EpiPens and asthma inhalers.
  - Chaperones will also be trained in administering these medications.
- All prescription medicines and over-the-counter medicines such as Tylenol, Advil, etc. will be dispensed by the nurse or chaperone with parental permission indicated on the emergency form(s) that you have filled out **prior** to the trip.
- Medicines that are administered in school will be packaged up and given to your child's chaperone prior to the trip.
  - **Any additional medicines must be turned into the nurse by May 10th.**
- Please email Mr. Bubonics for any special Dietary Needs or call the school Nurse to discuss any health concerns.

**Please start contacting the School Nurse in May for any changes in Medications and have them in school by MAY 10th so we can organize all the meds by bus and student.**

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## DRESS CODE

<b>BOYS' CLOTHING</b>	
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<p>Any pair of nice shorts (khaki shorts, plaid, etc.)</p> <p>Khaki pants (any color) or Black jeans <b>Pants are not mandatory.</b></p> <p>Shirts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Collared shirts (i.e., golf shirt, etc.)</li> <li>● Nice t-shirts that may only have the small emblems or are print-free</li> </ul> <p>Comfortable shoes – athletic shoes</p>	<p><b>Blue jeans/ Denim</b></p> <p><b>Gym shorts or Sweats</b></p> <p>Hats are not recommended <b>but allowed</b> if brought in case of the sun.</p> <p>Sandals or flip-flops</p> <p>Printed t-shirts or t-shirts with large emblems</p>
<b>GIRLS' CLOTHING</b>	
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<p>Dress pants, khaki shorts (of appropriate length), capri pants, black jeans, skirts</p> <p>Shirts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any acceptable school top</li> <li>● Print-free t-shirts</li> </ul> <p>Comfortable shoes – athletic shoes</p> <p>*No attractions require skirts or dresses.</p>	<p>Blue jeans /Denim</p> <p>Gym shorts, sweats or Flannel pants</p> <p>Tank tops, spaghetti straps, shirts with bare midriffs</p> <p>Printed t-shirts or t-shirts with large emblems</p> <p>Flip-flops</p>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. We will return to Solon Middle School between 7-9. We will alert you when we start heading home and when we get near.
2. The phone number at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel is (703) 713-1234.

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## **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE 2024 DC TRIP FIELD TRIP CONTRACT**

I understand that this is an educational field trip. I agree to follow the following rules during the trip.

### **Hotel:**

1. I will obey all regular hotel rules.
2. I will not visit any other rooms. Boys are not permitted in girls' rooms and vice versa.
3. I will keep my room door locked and always chained. I understand that we must open our doors should any teacher demand an immediate inspection.
4. I understand that our room must be in neat order at departure.
5. Upon curfew, our door will be taped. If that tape should be broken, parents may be contacted or be required to pick me up immediately from the tour if actions determine removal.
- 6. I will not allow security guards to enter our room at any time.**
7. I am not permitted to go anywhere in the hotel without the permission of my chaperone.
8. I will report any problems to the supervising teacher or chaperone immediately.

### **Cell Phone Use:**

1. Texting is only permitted while riding or on the bus or in hotel rooms. No texting is allowed during tours.
  - a. Please use consideration in using your cell phone!
2. Cell phones can be used to take pictures during appropriate times.

### **Touring:**

1. I understand that before leaving the bus at each tour site, I will be given special instructions and meeting times. I will be attentive and quiet for these instructions.
2. I understand that I must always be attentive when a tour is being conducted, whether while walking or while riding the bus.
3. I must stay with my chaperone at specified times.
4. I will be courteous, patient, and respectful, especially at all memorials.
5. I will always adhere to the dress code.
6. I will not purchase anything illegal during the trip, including body tattoos, knives, lighters, or any form of body piercing.

### **Potential Consequences:**

I know that my behavior must be the very best. I represent one of the finest middle schools in Ohio. Should I not practice good common sense and the rules that are listed above, I might risk one or more of the following things to occur.

1. My parents will be called and told of my poor behavior.
2. If I do something that is a suspendable offense, I understand that my parents will be required to pick me up from the field trip immediately.