Dear Parents, Guardians, and 8th 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. on May 29th – May 31st. 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 of the information contained in this packet. You will need to refer to it often as the date approaches so please save it. Pages 5 and 6 need to be signed and returned to Mr. Bubonics by January 12. Note that we require the signature of both the student and the parent/guardian. The signature on page 5 is a requirement from Solon Middle School. The form on page 6 is a requirement from Discovery Tours.

The cost of the trip this year is $505. This is, of course, 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 have the ability to pay for the trip in one payment, please do so. If you need to make smaller payments, that is acceptable as well as long as you are consistently making the payments. We have also offered a payment schedule for your convenience. It is imperative that the first payment be on time in order to determine the number of final travelers so that final arrangements can be secured. Please note: There is little we can do about refunds at the events we attend. No refunds will be offered after May 1st.

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 lose 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 350 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 links to the right side of the page.

Sincerely,

Ed Bubonics
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440-349-7757 ext.5551
Scott Hatteberg
shatteberg@solonboe.org
440-349-3848
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. Bring a sack lunch for the first day.
3. Each student is permitted one suitcase, which will be loaded under the bus. If you want to bring a snack to eat on the bus, put it in your lunch bag.
4. You may pack a small overnight bag for personal articles. It must be small enough to fit under your seat.
5. Pack only what you need for two nights – not one week.
6. All personal belongings should be identified.
7. Be careful with your money. You may want to budget a little extra for these meals. You may also want some extra money for vending machines, snacks, souvenirs, and other items. We suggest $50-$100.

Suggested Items To Bring On The Trip

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<th>Three touring outfits</th>
<th>1 large bag to be stored under the bus</th>
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<td>Comfortable shoes for touring</td>
<td><strong>Umbrella &amp; rain gear</strong></td>
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<td>Toiletries</td>
<td>Light jacket</td>
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<td>Something to listen to</td>
<td>Snacks (save some for ride home)</td>
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# DRESS CODE

## BOYS’ CLOTHING

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<td>Any pair of nice shorts (khaki shorts, plaid, etc.)</td>
<td>Blue jeans</td>
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<td>Khaki pants (any color) or Black jeans</td>
<td>Gym shorts</td>
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<td>Pants are not mandatory.</td>
<td>Hats</td>
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<td>Shirts:</td>
<td>Sandals or flip-flops</td>
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<td>• Collared shirts (i.e. golf shirt or button down)</td>
<td>Printed t-shirts or t-shirts with large emblems</td>
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<td>• Nice t-shirts that may only have the small emblems or are print-free</td>
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## GIRLS’ CLOTHING

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<td>Dress pants, khaki shorts (of appropriate length), capri pants, black jeans, skirts</td>
<td>Blue jeans</td>
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<td>Shirts:</td>
<td>Gym shorts</td>
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<td>• Any acceptable school top</td>
<td>Tank tops, spaghetti straps, shirts with bare midriffs</td>
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<td>• Print-free t-shirts</td>
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<td>Comfortable shoes – athletic shoes</td>
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<td>*No attractions require skirts or dresses.</td>
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. We will return to Solon Middle School between 7-9. We will alert you when we start heading home.
2. The phone number at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel is (703) 713.1234
3. In case of an emergency contact Joe Cipolletti at (216) 531-8884.

## MEDICINES

Students are not permitted to have medications in their possession at any time, except for epipens and asthma inhalers. 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. Medicines that are administered in school will be packaged up and given to your child’s chaperone prior to the trip. Please email Mr. Bubonics to discuss any health concerns or special dietary needs.
8th GRADE 2018 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 chained at all times. I understand that we must open our door should any teacher demand an immediate inspection.
4. I may not use the phone in our rooms unless I need to call my chaperone in case of emergency.
5. I understand that our room must be in neat order at departure.
6. Upon curfew, our door will be taped. If that tape should be broken, parents may be required to pick me up immediately from the tour.
7. I will not allow security guards to enter our room at any time.
8. I am not permitted to go anywhere in the hotel without the permission of my chaperone.
9. I will report any problems to the supervising teacher or chaperone immediately.
10. I will watch appropriate tv programs. Premium movie stations such as HBO, etc. should be blocked by the front desk.

Cell Phone Use:
1. Cell phone calls can only made from hotel rooms or during an emergency.
2. Texting is only permitted while riding or bus or in hotel rooms. No texting is allowed during tours.
3. 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. I will be attentive and quiet for these instructions.
2. I understand that I must be attentive at all times 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. On the bus, I understand that girls will sit in the back while boys sit in the front.
6. I will adhere to the dress code at all times.
7. 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. I may eat all of my meals and take all of my tours in the company of my teachers.
3. 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.
SMS PERMISSION SLIP FOR 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON TRIP

(Student’s name-print) (Team)

I have read the preceding pages with my child and we both understand all the rules and procedures. I give my child permission to attend the 8th grade trip. Further, I realize that I am responsible and liable for the actions of my child even when she/he is under the supervision of Solon Middle School.

*(Parent/Guardian Signature)* (Cell Phone Number)

Does the student require an epipen? Yes_____No_____  
Does the student require an inhaler? Yes_____No_____  
Does the student have allergies? Yes_____No_____  
If so, please explain_____________________________________________

Is the student prone to bus sickness? Yes_____No_____  
Does the student have any physical problems that might impair traveling? Yes_____No_____  If yes, please explain________________________________________

Will the student be on medication that should be handled by the teacher? Yes_____No_____  If yes, please explain________________________________________

Do you give permission for SMS to dispense over-the-counter medication? Yes_____No_____  If yes, what types (Tylenol, Advil, Midol, etc.)

Other important health-related notes:

________________________________________
# TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION & MEDICAL TREATMENT OF MINORS

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<th>NAME OF MINOR</th>
<th>BIRTHDATE</th>
<th>SOCIAL SECURITY # (not necessary)</th>
<th>ALLERGIES, MEDICATIONS, ETC.</th>
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I/We, being the parent(s) or legal guardian of the above named minor, do hereby allow travel to: and appoint:

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<td>Mr. Scott Hatteberg</td>
<td>SMS</td>
<td>440.349.7398</td>
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NAME (PRINT)

ADDRESS

HOME TELEPHONE

WORK TELEPHONE

SIGNATURE

DATE

If your child needs medical, dental, health or hospital services, you as a parent/legal guardian must give permission. IT'S THE LAW.

A child may be treated without consent when a physician determines a true emergency exists. This means a doctor may determine that the child needs immediate medical care, and that an attempt to obtain consent would result in a delay which would increase the risk to the child's life or health. However, unless such a true emergency exists, care may only be given to a child with the permission of the parent/legal guardian.

By signing and having this form witnessed, you give the above name adult(s) permission to have your child treated if unexpected care is needed and you cannot be reached.

Have your signature witnessed by an adult different from the person you are making responsible for your child. After this form is completed, give it to the adult(s) you have named above to act on your behalf. The information on this form is STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.