

8th Grade Field Trip to Washington D.C.

October 23-25, 2019

I. Overview

From October 23-25, 2019 the 8th grade will embark on a journey to our nation's capital. We are planning a trip to one of the most important cities in the world, Washington, D.C.

This trip will cost approximately **\$670.00** per student. This price includes

- two nights lodging in quads at the Marriott Crystal Gateway (two students per bed- 4 students per room)
- two buffet breakfasts
- two lunches (one with a food voucher at the Reagan Building and one box lunch)
- two dinners (one at the hotel and one at a restaurant)
- luxury Coach bus transportation
- tour guides
- admission to all museums, historical sites and tours
- overnight security
- commemorative 8th grade sweatshirt

We are working with Gerber Tours to develop an itinerary to include Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, many monuments and memorials, Holocaust Museum, African American Museum and Arlington National Cemetery (changing of the guard, tomb of the unknown soldier).

II. Payment Information

Payment is being handled by Gerber Tours directly.

Registration should be sent to Gerber or filled out online.

Syosset permission slips should be returned to your child's

Social Studies teacher.

Here are the dates of payment:

Non Refundable Deposit Submitted by March 3, 2019 \$75.00

2nd Payment Submitted by April 15, 2019

3rd Payment Submitted by May 15, 2019

4th Payment Submitted by July 15, 2019

5th Payment Submitted by August 15, 2019

Final Payment Submitted by September 15, 2019

Total Payment for the Field Trip Approx:

\$ 670.00

III. Frequently Asked Questions

How will the rooms be arranged?

There will be four students per room. Two students will share a bed. There are no exceptions to a maximum of four to a room.

Who will arrange the rooms?

The Washington DC field trip committee will review which students will room together.

How will rooms be determined?

- *Discuss rooming suggestions with those people you would like to room with.*
- *Write the names of **UP TO 3** other people you would feel comfortable rooming with **or** check the “I am willing to room with anyone” box.*
- **FINAL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE WASHINGTON DC TRIP PLANNING COMMITTEE**
- *Rooms and pricing for this trip are based on occupancy of 4 students to a room (2 double beds)*
- *No cots or roll away beds are allowed.*

Should students bring spending money?

Parents can send students with spending money to purchase gifts at museum shops and souvenir stands at the various attractions and snacks.

How much clothing should students bring on the field trip?

Students should pack accordingly for a three-day, two night trip. Since there is a good deal of walking, sneakers are a must. It is important that students have layers of clothing as well in November as the temperature can fluctuate.

** A packing list will be sent home closer to the trip.*

Will parents receive more information on the field trip in the future?

*We will send more forms at a later date once we feel we have most interested students registered. This will include medical information. Another mailing will be sent in September highlighting the final details of the trip, including a suggested packing list and other important information. **We will have a parent meeting in***

the fall. The Syosset website has been updated to include information about the eighth grade endeavor and will be updated regularly with essentials about the field trip. Please visit the South Woods Middle School web page for the latest updates on the Washington D.C. field trip:

www.syossetschools.org