

2021 Washington, D.C. Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

We are excited to announce that we will lead a group of Smith Middle School students on a WorldStrides program to Washington, D.C.. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore our nation's most important historical sites and experience incomparable learning moments. This will be a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Standing where Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial
- Discovering the true meaning of sacrifice at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Walking in the footsteps of our great leaders on Capitol Hill
- Exploring numerous Smithsonian Museums, like the National Museum of Natural History and the National Air and Space Museum

We have chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their 50 years of experience, their safety record, and their preventive measures that ensure learning occurs in a safe and fun environment. We will chaperone the program with other teachers as needed, and throughout the program our group will be guided by a WorldStrides-certified Course Leader. **Since this is not a school sponsored trip, we will not be attending as representatives or employees of the school.**

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the media center at Smith Middle School. All parents and students are invited to attend this brief 30-minute meeting where we'll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read the enclosed brochure, check out the sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/signup for more details about WorldStrides and our group's trip. If you have any questions, you can contact Kris Casko via kcasko@troy.k12.mi.us. You can also contact Jennifer Trice via jtrice@troy.k12.mi.us.

We would love for your child to join us on this unforgettable trip!

Sign Up By Thursday, April 2, 2020

Kris Casko and Jennifer Trice
Program Leaders



Washington, D.C. Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive in Washington, D.C.

Washington Monument The world's tallest stone monument, which honors our nation's first president *pic. only*

World War II Memorial Honors the 16 million who served — and 400,000 who died — in the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII, and all who supported the war effort from home

Lunch

Holocaust Museum Get a glimpse of life for the victims of Nazi Germany with a viewing of "Daniel's Story" at this living memorial

Arlington National Cemetery America's most famous military cemetery: Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Gravesites, Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial

Iwo Jima Memorial A tribute to all U.S. Marines based on the famous WWII photo by Joe Rosenthal

Pentagon Memorial Honors the 184 victims of the 9/11 attack at the Pentagon

Dinner

Lincoln Memorial In remembrance of former President Abraham Lincoln and the great nation he fought to preserve during the Civil War

Korean War Veterans Memorial Tribute to the men and women who defended South Korea in the Korean War

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedicated to the more than 58,000 men and women killed or missing in Vietnam

Hotel check-in

DAY 2

Breakfast

Alexandria One of America's oldest and most historic cities

Mount Vernon George Washington's home, plantation, and Education Center, which showcases life during colonial times, 18th-century treasures, and our first president as a farmer and businessman *In the past*

Lunch

Capitol Hill Grounds Tour Capitol Visitor Center: Supreme Court, Library of Congress

White House (picture stop) Home of the U.S. president

Jefferson Memorial Dedicated to our third president and author of the Declaration of Independence

FDR Memorial In remembrance of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

MLK Memorial Honors the famous civil rights activist, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dinner

Return to hotel

DAY 3

Breakfast

Hotel check-out

Ford's Theatre and Petersen House Where President Lincoln was shot and later died on that fateful day

National Archives Home of the original Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence

Lunch

Smithsonian Institution The world's largest museum complex: National Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Museum of American History

Dinner

Depart **Washington, D.C.**, for home

Monticello - Jefferson's Home



Washington, D.C. Details:

TRIP DATES

Trip ID#: 188189

Destination: Washington, D.C., Charlottesville, VA

Departing: Friday, February 12, 2021 **6:30 AM**

Returning: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 **5:30-6 AM**

We will depart on the evening of 2/12/21, via chartered motor coach and arrive in Charlottesville, VA on the following morning of 2/13/21. We will then spend 3 active days learning on location. We will depart Washington, D.C., again via chartered coach, on that evening of 2/15/21. We will arrive back home on the following morning.

TRIP MEETING

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TRIP PRICE

SIGN UP NOW to take advantage of our special early registration discount and Spring 2020 program price!

Prices are based on 35 full-paying participants.

Student: Your discounted price is \$873 quadruple occupancy, which reflects a \$50 discount off the Spring 2020 price for signing up prior to Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Adult: Your discounted price is \$1,011 double occupancy, which reflects a \$50 discount off the Spring 2020 price for signing up prior to Thursday, April 2, 2020.

* Payment can be made in full or spread out into monthly installment payments*. Select EZPay when choosing monthly installment payments and have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account saving you time and potential missed payments.

* Full Refund Program: An additional \$125 covers cancellation (see Terms and Conditions at www.worldstrides.com/ms-terms-conditions).

FLAG financial assistance: FLAG financial assistance may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to \$85,000. See reverse for details.

*Installment amounts may vary in price based on when you sign up and optional inclusions. Your last payment must be made by the final payment deadline and may be larger than your previous installment payments. Your final payment is due on 11/29/2020.

INCLUDES

- Accident/health insurance
- 24-Hour Emergency Support
- Sightseeing transportation
- Round trip transportation
- Opportunity to earn free school credit
- Quality hotel accommodations
- Night chaperones in hotel
- Course Leader
- All Meals
- Evening Activities
- Admission fees
- Field Journals
- Online educational resources

SIGN UP TODAY!

Sign Up By: 04/02/20 – register now and **SAVE!** (Please register as soon as possible)

Deposit Amount: \$49 (non-refundable) – This is a special, reduced deposit amount for signing up prior to 04/02/20.

Sign Up:

- Online at www.worldstrides.com/signup (use Trip ID#188189 to sign up)
- By phone – call WorldStrides' Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899
- By mail – use the registration form on reverse

Sign up today for the trip of a lifetime!



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