

Welcome



8th Grade Trip Parent Meeting

Agenda

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

The
Washington
Monument



Trip Organizers

- Kris Casko (8th grade SS & Study Skills)
- Jennifer Trice (8th grade LA)



November 2022
Chaperones

When & Where



- We will leave Thursday evening on November 2, 2023 and will return early morning on Monday, November 6, 2023.
- 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 48 years.
- Safety is our top concern.
- Focus on Education: Discovery Journals and specially trained Course Leaders



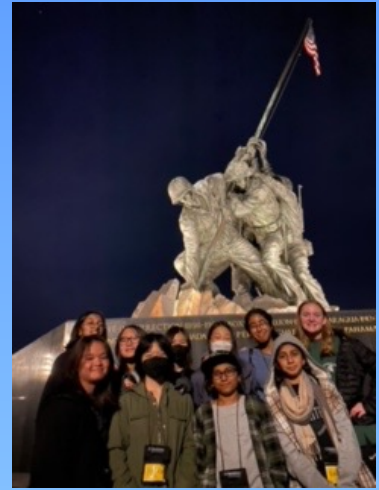
FDR Memorial



Jefferson
Memorial

Key Features

Iwo Jima 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 (Plans for the bus are not finalized at this time)
 - 1 day ride to Charlottesville
 - 1 night ride and we will sleep on the bus as we head back to Troy
 - Kids can bring snacks and water
- Hotel
 - 3 total nights at a Holiday Inn (Hotel can change but we have stayed there many times recently)
 - A gathering room or possible dance and DJ another night
- Souvenir shopping- for reasonably priced items.
- We are on the go from 7AM- 10 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, Red Robin, 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. The 7th grade social studies teachers will share key communications for us and will update when new information is available.
- Information is also located on the Smith website under student information then trips.
- We also send communication through the Knightly News. Be sure to check them out. In the fall, Mrs. Trice will create an email distribution list to share important information about the trip. We use the email that you used to register your child.
- Not only educational but for personal and social growth.



The White House

The Lincoln Memorial



Program Price and Inclusions

- Price is all-inclusive (entry fees to museums, hotel accommodations, meals) all for **\$1,072 for early bird pricing! This is a savings of \$75 price will increase after January 1st**
- Students will want extra spending money for snacks and buying memorabilia we suggest \$50-\$100. This is a personal preference
- Full Refund Program (FRP/Trip Insurance) is already included with the price of the trip. This will protect you in case you need to cancel. You will be able to receive the majority of your money back in case something was to happen. We hope this gives our families some piece of mind.

Wreath Presenters



Arlington National Cemetery



Payment Options

- Register online at <https://worldstrides.com/custom/2023-smith-ms-dc-206975/> or call customer service at 1-800-468-5899.
- All payment is handled through World Strides- not Smith
- Most people utilize the easy pay plan where money is deducted monthly from your checking account.
- Use the trip ID# **206975**
- We will hand out Medical and Behavior forms in the fall of 2023. There is NO paperwork due to Smith at this time.



The Cathedral



Questions



Vietnam
Memorial



Korean Memorial

Register Now

- Use the WorldStrides Smith Trip Website:
<https://worldstrides.com/custom/2023-smith-ms-dc-206975/>
- Trip ID **#206975**
- Early registration deadline is **December 31, 2022**. To hold a spot a deposit of **\$49** must be paid.
- Final Payment is due in **August 2023**.



Mount Vernon

Thanks for Coming!

