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## 2023 Fall Washington, D.C. Trip

Dear Parents & Students,

We are excited to announce details for the 2023 Washington, DC trip, which will take place this Fall for the current 7<sup>th</sup> grade class of **both Avon Middle School North and Avon Middle School South** students. At the time of the trip, the students will be 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2023-2024 school year. This year, we have partnered up with Appian Tours, a local company that specializes in educational tours, especially for Washington, DC.

Student travel is a fundamental part of the educational process and is essential to a complete education. We are pleased to offer this unique opportunity to the students of Avon, and it is our firm belief that the trip is an enrichment activity that will benefit all students who attend. Avon teaching staff will be chaperoning the group but will not be attending as representatives of the school as this is not a school-sponsored trip.

The cost of the trip this year is **\$895 per student**, which is an all-inclusive price for everything needed on the trip. Please take a look at the attached trip information sheet to see all of the inclusions and the exciting experiences that your child will remember on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure! Registration is open NOW, so make sure to go online to register and save your child a seat on the bus! To register, visit <https://bit.ly/AVONDC2023>. The link is case sensitive, so make sure it is in all CAPS.

For the DC trip this year, **school staff members will be the only adults attending as chaperones.** Although parents have been permitted to attend in the past, this decision has been made to allow as many students as possible to have the opportunity to visit the nation's capital.

If you have any questions about the trip, you can email me at [gdrodgers@avon-schools.org](mailto:gdrodgers@avon-schools.org) or Appian Tours at [info@appiantours.com](mailto:info@appiantours.com).

**There will be a Trip information meeting to discuss the trip and answer any questions that you may have. This meeting will be at Avon Middle School South in the Auditorium. Please enter Door #13.**

- Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30pm

We look forward to seeing you at the trip information meeting and having your child join us in DC!

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Avon Middle School  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, DC & Gettysburg Tour**  
**Friday, October 6 – Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

**Friday, October 6**

Depart Avon Middle School South at 7:00pm to begin our travels to Gettysburg and Washington, DC. There will be rest stops as needed. Travel through the night (drivers will change in Breezewood, PA).

**Saturday, October 7**

Arrive for a breakfast buffet at the historic **Dobbin House** in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Following breakfast, watch the sunrise on the battlefield, as we embark on a **2-hour tour** through historic sites of Gettysburg with licensed Gettysburg guides. Visit the **National Park Visitor Center**, viewing the **Cyclorama and Museum**. Then enjoy a full lunch buffet at **The Cellar at the Barn**, the new location of General Pickett's. Next, make our way towards Washington, DC and visit the **Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum** at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. Get up close and personal with the Space Shuttle *Discovery*, the Enola Gay, a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and hundreds of other historic and modern aircraft. Have dinner at the **Dulles Town Center Food Court** and then travel into downtown DC. Meet up with our licensed DC guides to embark on an **evening illumination tour** of the monuments and memorials. Following the tour, travel to the **hotel**, our accommodations for the next 2 nights.

**Sunday, October 8**

Enjoy a **hot breakfast buffet** at the hotel this morning and then travel to **George Washington's Mt. Vernon**. Visit his mansion and explore the estate of our first President. Then enjoy a box lunch on the way into downtown DC for a visit to **Arlington National Cemetery**. Meet up with our DC guides again for a guided tour and viewing of the **Changing of the Guard Ceremony** at the Tomb of Unknown Soldier. After the ceremony, visit the **United States Holocaust Museum** with special ticketing into the Permanent Exhibition. After a full day of learning and exploring, enjoy an exciting night of pizza and entertainment at **Bobby McKey's**. Located in beautiful National Harbor, our private event includes a **pizza buffet** and a show of **dueling pianos!** Playing by request, the pianists put on a show, including the hard-working Avon staff! See how many teachers you can get on stage! After the dinner event, explore the National Harbor waterfront and take a ride on the **Capital Wheel**, soaring 180 feet above the Potomac River. Get a bird's eye view of National Harbor and the Washington Monument! Following the evening of fun, return to our hotel.

**Monday, October 9**

A **hot breakfast buffet** at the hotel starts the day before checking out of our hotel and traveling into downtown Washington, DC. Meet up with our licensed DC tour guide for a **Capitol Hill Grounds Tour**, including the **Library of Congress**. Then, travel like a local, and take the **METRO** over to the **Smithsonian Metro Station**. Walk over to the **National Archives** together to view the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence. For lunch, everyone will get a **\$20 per diem** to use at a food truck or within one of the museums. This afternoon, enjoy a few hours to explore a couple of the museums of your choice, including the **Natural History Museum**, the **American History Museum**, and have timed entry to the **National Museum of African American History & Culture**. Dinner this evening is at the Pentagon City Mall Food Court. Following dinner, visit the **remaining monuments and memorials** not yet visited. After visiting the memorials, we say farewell to Washington, DC and travel back to Avon through the night. There will be a driver change and rest stops en route.

**Tuesday, October 10**

Arrive at Avon Middle School South at approximately 7:00am.

**Travel Package Includes:**

- Round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation.
- Nine meals as outlined in the itinerary
- 2 nights hotel accommodations at a local DC hotel with private security
- All admissions outlined in the itinerary above
- One METRO ride
- One private event at Bobby McKey's
- Licensed DC guides during portions of the trip & Appian Tours representatives to be with the group for the entire trip
- All taxes and gratuities for items on the itinerary

**COST OF THIS TOUR: \$895 per student (quad occupancy – 4 per room)**  
**\$995 per student (double occupancy – 2 per room)**

**Payment Schedule:**

Friday, March 3, 2023	\$100 non-refundable Deposit Due
Friday, August 18, 2023	Final Payment Due

Cancel-For-Any Reason Insurance available for **\$63** per person (quad); **\$70** per person (double).  
Insurance payment due at time of sign-up through your registration.

**Register online at [bit.ly/AVONDC2023](https://bit.ly/AVONDC2023) (link is case-sensitive)**

**Cancellation Policy**

*Cancellation policy is in effect when a student's trip is cancelled for all reasons, including behavior or academic reasons, regardless of whether the school or the parent initiates trip cancellation. CFAR Insurance claims will pay 75% of non-refundable fees.*

*Cancellation prior to 8/18/23 - \$100 cancellation fee*

*Cancellation from 8/19/23 to 9/15/23 - 50% cancellation fee*

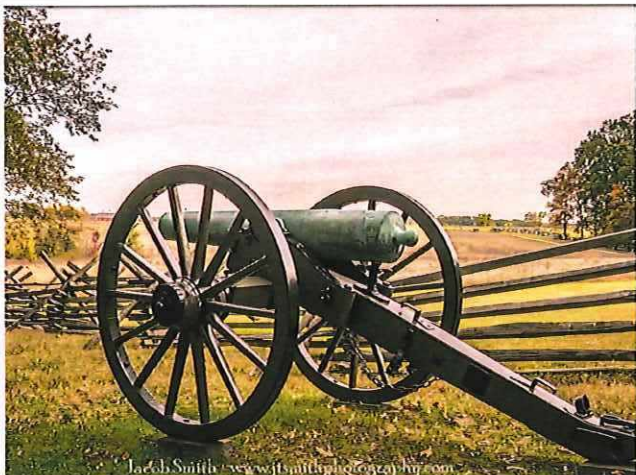
*Cancellation from 9/16/23 to 10/6/23 – 100% cancellation fee*

**Questions? [info@appiantours.com](mailto:info@appiantours.com) OR (317) 903-2959**

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