

DC Trip Fall Parent Meeting
Attendance 2026



Washington D.C. 2027

Somers Middle School

April 28-30

8th Grade Trip Advisors: Alison Pepe, Laura Pandolas

Why we go to DC

- **Hands-On Learning:** Visit iconic sites and bring history to life
- **Civic Engagement:** Connect with democracy and citizenship
- **Independence:** Practice self-management and responsibility
- **Teamwork:** Build friendships and create lasting memories
- **Personal Growth:** Gain confidence and adapt to new experiences

7th Grade 1973

Our Hotel:

Marriot Tysons Corner

8028 Leesburg Pike

Tysons, VA 22182

(703) 734-3200

- **Rooms are based on groups of 4 students – groups of less than 4 may be combined.**

Students will enjoy a complimentary buffet breakfast each morning.



SAMPLE ITINERARY: DAY 1

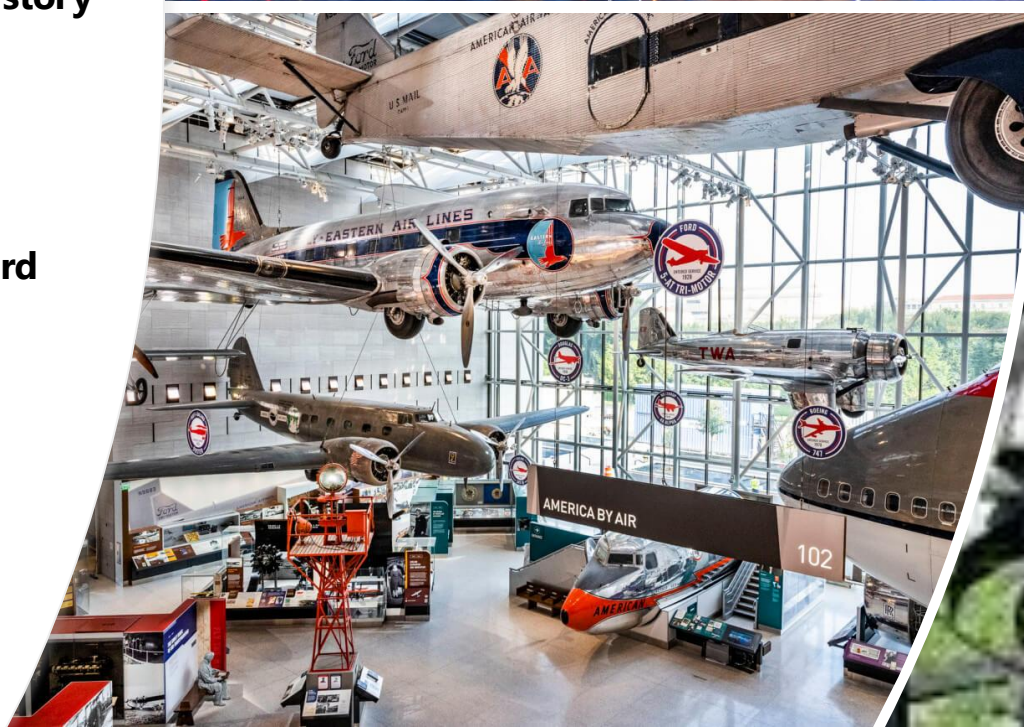
- **5:30am Students Report to School**
 - **Bags will be checked by Chaperones**
 - **Students should bring bagged lunch to eat enroute**
- **Lunch from home en route**
- **Arrive in Washington, DC**
- **Meet Tour Directors & Step on Guides**
- **MLK Jr. Memorial**
- **Jefferson, FDR & MLK Jr, WWII Memorials**
- **U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**
- **Arlington National Cemetery**
- **Iwo Jima**
- **Dinner- Jassby Debit Card**
- **Monuments & Memorials (Pentagon Memorial)**
- **Hotel Check-In**
- **Overnight Security each evening**





- **Day Two –Dress Up Day**
- **6am wake-up**
- **Breakfast at Hotel**
- **U.S. Capitol Group Photo**
- **U.S. Capitol Building Tour**
- **Lunch with Jassby debit card**
- **National Air & Space Museum**
- **National Museum of American History**
- **U.S. National Archives**
- **White House- picture stop**
- **Souvenir Shopping**
- **Dinner and Gaming at Dave & Busters**
- **Return to Hotel**

- **Day Three**
- **6:00 A.M. - Wake Up**
- **Breakfast at Hotel**
- **Lincoln, Vietnam & Korean War Veteran Memorials**
- **National Air & Space Museum**
- **National Museum of American History**
- **Lunch with Jassby debit card**
- **Depart for Home**
- **Rest stop Dinner with a Jassby Card**
- **Trip Returns approximately 7pm**



Safety and Security

- **No wifi enabled electronic devices are permitted. (No gaming systems, cellphones, smart watches, Go-Pro, video cameras etc)**
- **All school rules apply while on this trip as per the SCSD Code of Conduct.**
- **Vetted overnight security guards are provided.**

Safety and Security.....

- **Chaperone/student ratio is approximately 10:1**
- **Chaperones are SMS teachers and staff**
- **Students will have bus/group chaperones and night-time chaperones.**
- **Chaperones will carry pre-paid cell phones which students will use to call their parents each evening when we return to the hotel.**



General info:



DC TRIP IS AN *OPTIONAL*
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE



BEHAVIOR/CELL PHONE
CONTRACT



ACADEMICS/ATTENDANCE

Medication

Trip Nurses: Mrs. Parkin and Mrs. Miness

All Students must have a medical form submitted for this trip, even if they do not take daily medications!

Students needing medication must bring it to our school nurse, Mrs. Bernardi, to take on the trip.

There will be 3 dates (TBD) for parents to bring both the medical form and medication. These forms will be distributed at the parent meeting in February.

Medical forms are needed for all medication including, TYLENOL, ADVIL, TUMS, etc.....

Some OTC medications will be provided by SCSD – more info at the Jan. meeting.

Students with medical needs (peanut allergies, epi-pen etc.) will be travelling on bus with nurse.

NO ROOM GROUPS OR BUS ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE UNTIL MEDICAL FORMS ARE RECEIVED.

ANY STUDENT WITH DIETARY NEEDS...please send Mrs. Pepe and Mrs. Pandolas an email so we can make the appropriate arrangements.

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All Inclusive

- ✓ Deluxe Round Trip Motorcoach
- ✓ Hotel accommodations (4/room)
- ✓ All meals Included
- ✓ Full-time, Professional Tour Managers
- ✓ Private hotel security each evening
- ✓ All tickets & admissions to planned activities
- ✓ All tips and gratuities
- ✓ GL Travel Lanyard ID Badges & String Bags
- ✓ Ground Support from GL Travel Washington DC
- ✓ 24/7 Emergency Hotline
- ✓ DC Tshirt
- ✓ **An unforgettable educational experience!**



Price & Payment Plan

- ✓ \$1,215 Student (130 students/4 buses/4 students per room)
- ✓ \$199 non refundable deposit
- ✓ **Registration closes October 23th**
 - **Any student registered after this date will be WAITLISTED**
- ✓ Options:
 - Pay in full
 - Deposit + equal monthly payments

Financial Aid

- Limited scholarship money available
- NO FULL SCHOLARSHIPS
- Deposit required even if financial assistance is requested
- Accepting donations on the SMS registration form on Omella!
- **PLEASE CONTACT MRS. KNUDSEN FOR MORE INFORMATION: JKnudsen@somersschools.org**

Cancellation & Travel Protection Policy

Travel Protection Plus

*****Already included in tour cost*****

- ✓ Cancel for any reason, up to 24 hours before departure + Coverage while on tour (trip delay, trip interruptions, lost bags)
- ✓ Cancel and receive a refund of payments made, less the cost of the trip deposit (\$99) & cost of Travel Protection Plus plan (\$100)



8th Grade Fundraiser!

- Snap Raise! is an online digital fundraising platform built specifically for high schools, youth sports teams, clubs, and group activities.
- No products to sell
- Guardian led outreach to friends/family through email/text.
- **All funds raised will go to the 8th grade account for all events (not just DC)**
- **Target Launch Date: October 5th.**
- **....More info will be posted in Parent Square/Schoology**



REGISTRATION

There are **STRICT registration deadlines**

Buses, Dave & Busters and museum tickets will be reserved based on student registration numbers.

Tickets need to be reserved for Holocaust, Capitol Tour, National Archives and National Air and Space Museum

Steps to register for the trip:

- **Register with GL Travel** using the DC Trip Flyer instructions
- **SMS registration/Emergency Release form** must be filled out completely and submitted on Omella
- **Behavior and electronics agreement** submitted on Omella
- **Medications form will be given at the January/February parent meeting Date TBD**

**STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH BOTH
GL Travel AND SMS INCLUDING A DEPOSIT
BY OCTOBER 23rd**



WASHINGTON, D.C.

SOMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

3-Day Washington, D.C. Trip for 8th Grade Students

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING

PRICING IS BASED ON 130 PAYING TRAVELERS

TRIP DATES: APRIL 28 - 30, 2027

STUDENT QUAD

\$1,215

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE

PACKAGE INCLUDES

Onsite Tour Director | Motorcoach Transportation | Hotel Accommodations
All Gratuities | Overnight Security | Meals per Itinerary | All Activities | Trip Protection

REGISTER FOR THE TRIP

[HTTPS://ENROLL.GLTRAVELCO.COM](https://enroll.gltravelco.com)

Trip ID: 40472
Passcode: 2027-139

gltravelco.com



info@gltravelco.com



DC TRIP REGISTRATION

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO REGISTER FOR DC TRIP 2027
ALL 3 MUST BE COMPLETE FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND THE TRIP

1. **Complete GL Travel registraion and pay the deposit.**
Your child is NOT registered unless you **PAY!**
2. **Complete the SMS Registration: QR Code below**
3. **Complete the Behavior/Electronics Contract: QR Code below**

Scan me



SMS Registration- DC Trip
2027

omella.com/v9dmq

Scan me



8th Grade Trips - Behavior
and Electronics Contract

omella.com/xz0j8



- Mandatory Parent meeting in Jan/Feb
- Rooming information
- Medication forms distributed
- More detailed trip info
- No rooms will be formed until medication forms are returned.

Student Response about Cell Phones...

#3.
One thing that really influenced me as a
Somers student was the D.C. trip. The trip
allowed us to bond and form relationships
that are irreplaceable. Likewise, in an age
where everyone is so worried about their
phones, it was good to see that there is
a world without them and it's not that bad.



We are looking forward to a great trip!!!!

Don't forget to sign in ----->

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