

8th Grade Field Trip: Washington, D.C.

May 16 and 17, 2020

Trip Information Packet



Washington, D.C. Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 25th: Parent Meeting - 7:00 (LGI)

Tuesday, February 25th - Friday, February 28: \$100 Deposit Due (deadline is the 28th)

Tuesday, March 3rd: Fundraiser Orders and Money Due

Tuesday, March 17th: Distribute Fundraiser and Balance Sheets

- Students: Pick-Up at 2:00 PM
- Parents: Pick-Up between 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Monday, April 6th: Roommate Form (distributed during class)

Wednesday, April 15th: Last day for Final Payment (Total cost \$280) and Room Selection Due

Monday, May 11th: Final Parent Meeting - 7:00 (Cafeteria) *strongly encouraged*

Saturday, May 16th - Sunday, May 17th: Washington, D.C. Trip!

KEEP THIS PAPER FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

We are pleased to announce that your child has the opportunity to participate in a much anticipated overnight field trip to Washington DC! During two days of touring, students will visit Arlington National Cemetery, the Capitol Building, Ford's Theatre, the National Archives, various Smithsonian museums, the World War II and Vietnam War Memorials, and much more! Each bus has at least four chaperones (Slippery Rock teachers) that ensure the students have a safe, fun, and educational experience to be remembered for years to come.

We board buses at the **Slippery Rock Middle School** in the upper parking lot @ 5:30 AM on **Saturday, May 16th** and return Sunday evening. The cost of the trip is \$280 per student, and includes deluxe coach busses, deluxe hotel rooms (4 students per room), all meals, and admission charges.

What you need to do first:

Parents should bring the following to the sign up meeting on **Tuesday, February 25th at 7 PM in the LGI room:**

1. Trip Information Packet: This includes all completed forms and necessary signatures.
2. A \$100 **non-refundable** deposit payable to: **LOGAN TOURS, INC** (payment can be made on-line if you wish)

If you cannot attend this meeting, the paperwork and deposit can be sent to school through February 28 and turned in to Mr. Book in room 109 or Mrs. Daugherty in room 114. No paperwork or deposits will be accepted before Tuesday, February 25th! Please note: deposits and all other trip payments can be made electronically directly to the tour company at **logantoursinc.com**

Fundraising Opportunity:

- To help offset the cost of the tour, students may participate in a **hoagie sale** fundraiser. The sale will run from February 25th until March 3rd, when orders and money collected are due. Additionally, orders for the hoagies, as well as payment, can be made on the Logan Tours website at **logantoursinc.com** within that timeframe. The hoagies will be distributed in the school cafeteria on March 17th.
- If you earn more in profit than you owe on the trip, you will be issued a refund. If you sell enough to pay for the trip in full, for example, your \$100 deposit will be refunded.
- The \$100 deposit is required on February 25th to sign up for the trip, regardless of fundraising plans.

Other important information:

- Final payment and roommate forms are due no later than **Wednesday, April 15th**.
- A second parent meeting will be held in the Middle School Cafeteria on **Monday, May 11th at 7 PM**. Roommate and bus lists will be posted at that time. Any changes to medical information should be made at this meeting.
- If your child must drop out of the trip before May 15th, **all payments, except the \$100 deposit, will be refunded**. After May 15, the trip cost is not refundable.
- Written refund requests must be submitted to Mr. Book in room 109 including parent name, phone number, address (for mailing the refund check), and reason for dropping.
- Fundraising profit cannot be refunded, and will be put into a tour scholarship account.
- **School discipline standards will be upheld during the trip, and participation may be denied based upon a student's disciplinary record.**
- A limited scholarship fund is available for deserving students in need of assistance. Interested parties should obtain an application from Mr. Book immediately. **It is due at the February 25th sign up meeting.** **Students must participate in the fundraiser to be eligible for financial aid.** The student's profits from the fundraiser will be matched with scholarship money.

Tentative Itinerary

SATURDAY

- **Depart:** 6:00 am. Slippery Rock Middle School
- **Lunch:** Lunch includes Subway cold cut trio 6" sub, chips, dessert, and water when we arrive in DC.
- **American History Museum:** American treasures such as: the original "Star Spangled Banner" flag, Archie Bunker's chair, Kermit the Frog, and Dorothy's ruby slippers are stored in this interactive & entertaining museum.
- **Capitol Visitor Center and Tour:** Students visit the Capitol Visitor Center including a short video giving an overview of the foundations of our democratic government. Then the group will receive a guided tour of our nation's Capitol Building beginning in the 180 foot high Rotunda in the center of the building, continuing to the impressive Statuary Hall, and ending in the Crypt.
- **The National Archives:** This iconic building houses over 10 billion pieces of paper and 25 million still pictures and graphics; 300,000 reels of motion picture film and 400,000 sound and video recordings; 12 million maps, charts, and architectural and engineering plans; and 24 million aerial photographs! And we will get to view original copies of the Charters of Freedom which include the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution.
- **Lincoln Memorial:** Paying tribute to our ever popular 16th president, this memorial was also the setting for Martin Luther King's great "I Had a Dream" speech – among other historical events.
- **Vietnam Veterans' Memorial:** For many students, this moving exhibit will leave the greatest impression of the entire trip. It is impossible to describe the emotion stirred here as we quietly file past over 58,000 names etched in polished granite of those who lost their lives in this controversial conflict.
- **Korean War Memorial:** This stop will enlighten our students on a war that is often overlooked. It consists of 19 stainless steel statues depicting a typical platoon in the Korean War. The uniforms, terrain, and expressions on the young soldiers' faces speak more than any text can to the horrors of this war. A 164 foot granite wall with images of soldiers, a Pool of Remembrance, and a slab bearing the message "Freedom is Not Free" summarize many the sights we will visit this busy weekend.
- **World War II Memorial:** The newest war memorial commemorates all who supported the fight against tyranny in the defining event of the 20th century. The symbolism and beauty of this special place make it a favorite site to visit.
- **Freedom Aquatic + Fitness Center:** An evening of pizza, swimming, and socializing has been planned for our group. There is an Olympic sized pool, waterslides, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, and more.
- **Hampton Inn, Manassas VA:** At the end of the day, we all retire to clean, comfortable, well appointed rooms equipped with sleeping accommodations for four, cable TV, and a blow dryer. Four students will be assigned per room, and each room of four has either two queen beds or a king bed and a sleeper sofa. A security guard will patrol the halls all night.

SUNDAY

- **Breakfast:** A continental breakfast is provided at the hotel, including a variety of cereals, fruit, yogurt, and hot foods.
- **United States Marine Corps Memorial:** Also known as "Iwo Jima", this famous sculpture of six 32 foot tall figures raising a 60 foot high flag pays tribute to all who have died serving in the marines since its inception in 1775. The inscription on the memorial's black granite base describes those who served on Iwo Jima Island: "Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue."
- **Arlington National Cemetery:** Students will visit the Kennedy gravesites and the Challenger Memorial. We will observe the awe-inspiring Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- **Smithsonian Air and Space Museum:** See the *1903 Wright Flyer*, the *Spirit of St. Louis* that carried Charles Lindberg across the Atlantic Ocean, and touch a piece of moon rock.
- **Gift Shop + lunch:** The group will head to a local gift shop and café for lunch before exploring more of the city.
- **White House:** Photo stop in front of the White House.
- **Ford's Theater:** Time will be allowed for photos outside the building, as well as some shopping at nearby gift shops. We will also tour the room in which Lincoln drew his last breath, and the adjacent museum detailing the manhunt that followed to catch his killer.
- **Dinner:** Chicken tenders, fries, salad bar, dessert at Hoss's restaurant on the way home.
- **Return:** Busses arrive at Slippery Rock Middle School – approximately 10:30 pm.

* *The sites on this schedule are subject to change based on availability, lines, and time constraints.*

STUDENT NAME: _____

MALE or FEMALE

SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER: _____

SLIPPERY ROCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FORM

Destination of trip: **Washington, D.C.**

Dates of trip: **May 16 - 17, 2020**

Purpose of trip: **To enhance the social studies curriculum**

As a parent, we know you want to be sure all of the students have a fun, safe, and educational trip. In order for this to take place, the students must be respectful of themselves and others at all times. One student cannot be permitted to ruin the experience for the remainder of the group.

If behavior is an issue with any student, the chaperones will employ the following procedures:

1. Verbal warning
2. Assigned seat
3. Deny permission to remain with group at itinerary stops (will remain on bus with a chaperone)
4. Phone call to parent
5. Require parent to pick up child and remove from trip

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING THE DISCIPLINE POLICY. IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THIS POLICY, OR CANNOT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD IN THE EVENT HE OR SHE IS DISRUPTIVE, THEN YOU SHOULD NOT SEND THEM ON THIS FIELD TRIP. SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE REMOVED FROM THE TRIP FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS, NO REFUND WILL BE GRANTED.

I, the undersigned parent(s) of _____, a minor, do hereby give permission for our child to participate in the trip described above. I understand the chaperones are to have jurisdiction over my child's behavior at all times. If my child's behavior is disruptive and the first four steps do not resolve the issue, I will make plans to pick him/her up wherever the group may be at that time.

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Acceptable Usage Policy: Cellular and Electronic Devices

Students may possess cell phones and other electronic devices while on the trip to Washington, D.C. All device usage must be kept in accordance with the following policy. Failure to comply with the policy and outlined stipulations will result in disciplinary action which may include removal from the trip. The electronic policy is as follows:

1. All students are responsible for their own devices. Slippery Rock Area School District and Logan Tour Company are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property.
2. Devices should be used in a manner that does not inhibit the educational value of this trip. With that being stated, phone calls, texting, or disruptive picture/video recording during a presentation, tour, or program are prohibited.
3. Electronic devices, such as MP3 players, iPods, or gaming devices, must be reserved for leisure time. The use of these devices outside of designated time allotment will result in confiscation.
4. Cell phones may be used for limited communication, but should be done so during appropriate times. For example, if a student needs to make a call, they should do so during their leisure time, not in a whole group setting. Continual texting and social media usage is unnecessary, and it will take away from the educational value of the trip.
5. All phones and communication devices will be shut off upon return to the hotel Saturday night. Chaperones will check devices when students are checked in before bedtime. For the safety and security of all students, it is necessary to keep all phones off until morning. In the event of an emergency at home, all students may be reached by contacting a designated chaperone.
6. Any pictures and/or videos taken during the trip must be school appropriate and reflect the school in a positive, respectful manner. Any photographs or videos taken that display vulgar, rude, offensive, suggestive, or inappropriate behaviors will be viewed as a disciplinary concern and addressed immediately.

By signing below, I am confirming that I have read and fully understand the cell phone and electronic usage policy. I also understand that all behaviors will be left up to the discretion of the Slippery Rock School District and Logan Tour Company employees. If, in the event, it is felt that my (or my child's) cell phone or electronic usage is not in compliance with expected behaviors, I understand that disciplinary action, including removal from the trip, may be taken.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

CONSENT TO TREAT

I, the undersigned parent(s) of _____, a minor, do hereby authorize *any Slippery Rock Area School District Approved Trip Chaperone* to make emergency medical decisions regarding my son or daughter.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific medical diagnosis or emergency medical situation, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of our aforesaid representative to give specific consent to any and all necessary emergency medical treatment and hospital care which a physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem necessary.

It is understood that the parent / guardian will be responsible for payment of any such medical treatment, including transportation, provided to their child.

Please list below any and all contact information that may be helpful should an issue or emergency arise:

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ CELL #: _____

MOTHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ OTHER: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ CELL #: _____

FATHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ OTHER: _____

In the event school personnel cannot get a hold of a parent or guardian, please list two relatives or friends that would have the authority to advise us regarding your child:

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #: _____

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION

My child has permission to take the following if needed during the field trip. If he/she needs any of the following medications, he/she must ask a sponsoring teacher, and will be given the medication under a chaperone's supervision.

(Place an "X" by any medications you allow your child to take if needed)

_____ Acetaminophen

_____ Ibuprofen

_____ Benadryl

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME _____

DATE _____

STUDENT BIRTHDATE: _____

AGE AS OF MAY 18, 2019: _____

IS THE STUDENT CURRENTLY UNDER MEDICAL TREATMENT? _____ YES

_____ NO

IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE NATURE OF THE TREATMENT ALONG WITH DOCTOR'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IF OTHER THAN THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN:

IS THE STUDENT CURRENTLY TAKING ANY MEDICATION? _____ YES

_____ NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE THE NAME OF THE MEDICATION AND THE REASON IT IS GIVEN, ALONG WITH THE DOCTOR'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IF OTHER THAN THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN:

PLEASE LIST ANY AILMENTS OF YOUR CHILD OF WHICH THE CHAPERONE OR MEDICAL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE MADE AWARE (EXAMPLE: EPILEPSY, HEART CONDITION, DIABETES, ALLERGIES, ETC.)

FAMILY PHYSICIAN: _____

PHONE: _____

INSURANCE

COMPANY: _____

GROUP

NUMBER / ID#: _____

POLICY NUMBER / Member ID #: _____

NAME OF PARENT / GUARDIAN WHO CARRIES INSURANCE: _____

EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: _____