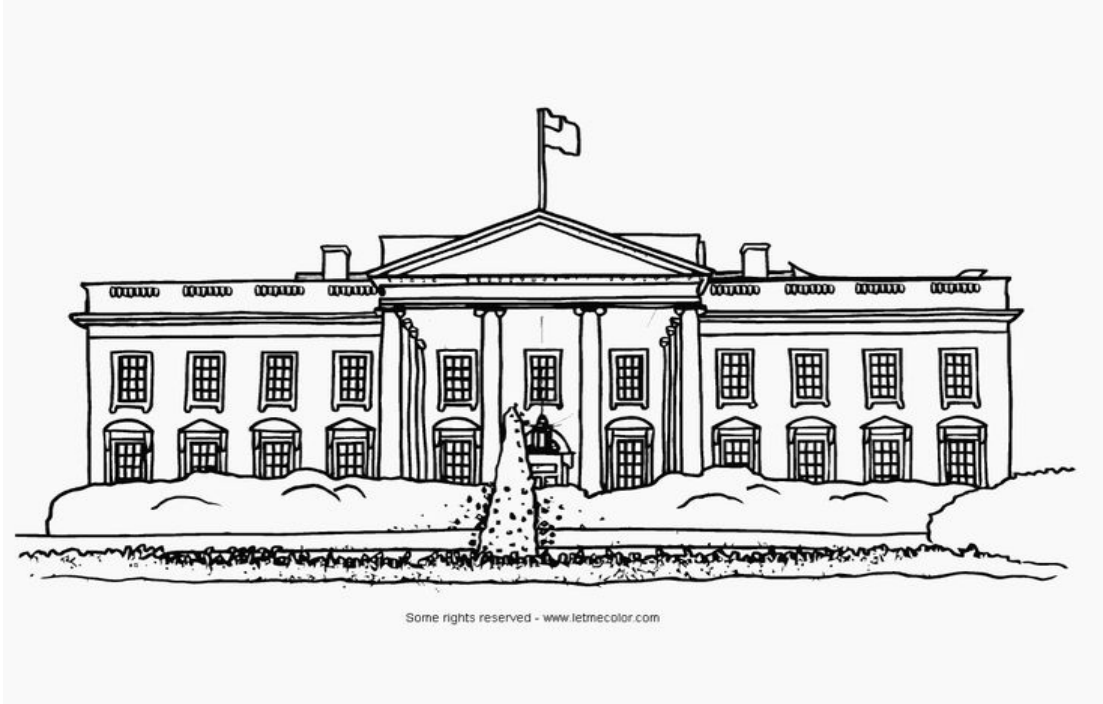


# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip: Washington, D.C.

**May 14 and 15, 2022**

## **Trip Information Packet**



### **Washington, D.C. Calendar of Events**

Monday, February 28th: Parent Meeting – 7:00 (LGI)

Monday, February 28th - Friday, March 4th: Sign up info + \$100 Deposit Due\* (deadline is the 4th)

Friday, March 4th: Fundraiser Order and Money Due\*

Wednesday, March 16th: Distribute Fundraiser and Balance Sheets

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

Monday, April 4th: Roommate Form (distributed during class)

Wednesday, April 13th: Last day for Final Payment (Total cost \$290) and Room Selection Due

Monday, May 9th: Final Parent Meeting – 7:00 (Cafeteria) \*strongly encouraged\*

Saturday, May 14th – Sunday, May 15th: Washington, D.C. Trip!

*\*Sign-up, fundraiser orders, all payments — everything to be submitted on [WWW.LOGANTOURSINC.COM](http://WWW.LOGANTOURSINC.COM)*



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, Capitol Hill, Ford's Theater, the National Archives, various Smithsonian museums, the World War II and Vietnam War Memorials, and much more! Each bus has at least four chaperones (including 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** parking @ 5:30 AM on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** and return Sunday evening. The cost of the trip is \$290 per student, and includes deluxe coach buses, deluxe hotel rooms (4 students per room), all meals, and admission charges.

#### **Getting signed up:**

- Go to [www.logantoursinc.com](http://www.logantoursinc.com) to sign up for the trip (\$100 non-refundable deposit due at time of sign up)
- Registration is open Monday, Feb 28 at 7 am - Friday, March 4 at midnight
- Attend the kick off meeting on **Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the LGI room**

#### **Fundraising Opportunity:**

- To help offset the cost of the tour, students may participate in a **hoagie sale** fundraiser.
- The profit will be \$2.50 per hoagie.
- The sale will run until March 4th, when orders and payment are due online at [www.logantoursinc.com](http://www.logantoursinc.com).
- The hoagies will be distributed in the school cafeteria on March 16th from 2:30-4:30 pm.

#### **Other important information:**

- Final payment (online), and roommate forms (turn in to teachers at school) are due **Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**.
- A second parent meeting will be held in the Middle School Cafeteria on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, **all payments, except the \$100 deposit, will be refunded.**
- After May 13, 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 for students in future years to attend the DC trip.
- **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Discipline Policy

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

When you sign up online you agree to the following statement: *"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."*

## 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.

When you sign up for the trip, you agree to the following statement: *"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"*.