

AJ Prep Parent Meeting

*WASHINGTON, D.C.
FIELD TRIP*

March 28 – March 30, 2023

What's Included?

- Travel on Holiday Tours Motor Coach
- Hotel Accommodations for two nights
- Security at hotel
- Tour of all major DC monuments & memorials (Vietnam, Lincoln, JFK, MLK, Korean, Jefferson, WWII, Washington Monument)
- Arlington National Cemetery Walking Tour / Changing of the Guard at Tomb of Unknown Soldier

What's Included?

- Access to all Smithsonian Museums; timed entry passes requested for African American History Museum
- Breakfasts at hotel, cash for lunch, cash for dinner
- Dinner Theater at Medieval Times in Maryland
- Visits to US Capitol and White House
- All meals, activities, and snacks provided

Timeline & Cost

- Total cost of \$450. \$50 deposit due by Friday, September 16th
- Anticipated candy money can not be used as deposit
- Updated balance letter provided in October based on PTA Candy Sales
- Balance of \$400 is payable in installments of \$80 on 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, & 2/3
- Balance may be paid in full for scholars and/or chaperon at anytime prior to these dates
- Balance must be current by 12/2 to maintain seat on trip

Timeline & Cost

- Washington, DC Parent Meeting to be held in early March
- Parents will meet chaperones, receive final itinerary, and make arrangements for any medication or other special needs
- Hotel locations and rooming lists will be shared at this meetings
- Scholars will have opportunity to request specific individuals for touring groups and rooming groups
- All chaperones must complete Volunteer Background Check with GCS

Other Considerations

- Scholars attending the trip must arrive at school prior to tour bus departure at 6:30 AM. Regular school buses will not be an option for March 28th.
- Scholars may bring spending money and phones on the trip. Both are the responsibility of the scholar and devices may be taken if used inappropriately
- Those not attending may report to school as normal. Staff will be on site to provide instruction March 28 – March 30.
- Scholars will return to campus between 7 – 9 PM March 30th and will need transportation home. March 31st is a teacher workday.

Other Considerations

- 5th & 6th grade scholars will have one itinerary. 7th & 8th grade scholars will have another. Groups will be at two separate hotels.
- Scholars who take regular medication will need to have a medical release form signed by primary provider.
- School administrators will administer any prescription medication. Scholars may carry inhalers if medication form on file indicates such.
- All scholars, staff, and chaperones are held to the GCS Code of Conduct while off campus.

Questions?

- Mrs. McDuffie is the trip coordinator and is in the room tonight
- Some questions may not have answers until Holiday Tours finalizes the itinerary
- Use the chat or you can come off mute if you would like to ask a question for the good of the group