

8th Grade Washington DC Trip 2024

Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2023

Basic Information

Trip Dates – Wednesday, May 15, 2024– Saturday, May 18, 2024

Trip Cost – \$785

Trip Registration Deadline- Friday, December 1, 2023

Payment Schedule: \$200 deposit at time of registration

\$290.00 December 1st, 2023

\$295.00 March 15, 2024

Final payment due 60 days before departure.

Questions about payments should be directed to Martin School Travel via email, info@martinschooltravel.com.

Martin School Travel has been willing to work with people if you need to adjust the payment schedule.

Trip Protection- Trip protection is an additional \$89. Without purchasing trip protection, you can cancel 61 days prior without penalty. With trip protection you can cancel up until the morning of the trip.

- Martin School Travel needs to ensure that people who sign-up are committed to paying in a timely fashion and sets due dates to help with this. Specific payment questions may be brought to the attention of Taylor Martin at tmartin@martinschooltravel.com or (859) 519-0122. Questions not related to payment should be addressed to Mr. Creviston by email, randy.creviston@gmail.org
- **All financial agreements are between you and Martin School Travel and are subject to terms you agree to at the time of registration.**

Questions

1. How do I register my child for this trip?

- You can register online at <https://tri.ps/JFC61> by clicking on the menu and selecting Make a Payment and complete the information. Further information can be found on the last page of this packet.

2. What does the cost include?

The trip cost includes everything except the first meal on the way (probably at a fast food restaurant) and souvenirs. On the way home students will receive \$10 to eat at a food court or travel mall. This will be close to the amount needed to get a typical meal at these restaurants, so students might want a little extra just in case. I would think that \$30 or so would cover it. Breakfast will be all you can eat at the hotel all three mornings.

What are some of the activities included in the trip?

You will find the 2024 trip itinerary attached to this handout. This itinerary is subject to change.

3. Supervision?

Mr. Creviston and Mr. Young will be chaperoning, along with additional staff members to be determined at a later time. We will also have at least one Trip Advisor from Martin School Travel to help with tickets and logistics as needed, who will travel with us. Also, a Licensed Washington D.C. tour guide will be provided where appropriate to provide information about tour stops. A security guard will be present on the hotel floor from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am both nights.

4. Please contact me if your child has food allergies so we create a plan.

5. DISCIPLINARY ACTION: One of the most important traits education should teach is self-discipline. It does not appear as a subject, but it is the foundation for the whole structure of the school, as well as society. Excessive detentions or other discipline issues may cause a student to be excluded from school activities, such as dances, field trips, sporting events, etc. This will be at the discretion of the principal.

***Areas of concern are drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, theft, insubordination.**

6. If I have questions, who do I contact?

Please contact Mr. Creviston by email. His e-mail is randy.creviston@gmail.org. If you are unable to e-mail him, you can call the main office at 740-756-9231 and leave a message.

Washington D.C. Itinerary (Subject to change.)

Wednesday May 15, 2024

1:00pm Buses Arrive at School

1:30 pm Depart for Washington DC

4:30-5:30pm Dinner Stop at KFC/McDonalds (student expense)-I 70 E Exit 43

865 Rostraver Road Belle Vernon PA 724-929-4148

9:15pm Approximate Arrival to Hotel

11:00 pm Night Security

Thursday May 16, 2024

6:45am Breakfast at Hotel

7:15am Depart for Arlington National Cemetery (Pending Arrival Time Night Before)

8:00am Arlington National Cemetery; Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy

Gravesite- Iwo Jima Memorial Licensed DC Guide

9:15am Wreath Laying Ceremony (subject to availability)

10:30am Ford's Theatre (One Destiny, Petersen House and Visitor Center)

11:40am 12:40pm Lunch at Reagan Building (\$10)

1:30-3:00pm Smithsonian Institute: Natural History or American History

3:00pm National Archives; Holds records for the United States Federal Government

3:30-6:00pm Licensed DC Guided Tour: Washington Monument, WWII, Lincoln, Korea and Vietnam Memorials, Kennedy Center-Terrace View

6:15pm September 11th Pentagon Memorial

7:30-8:30pm Dinner at Fish Market Old Town Alexandria

8:30pm Return to Hotel – Night Security

Friday May 17, 2024

7:00am Breakfast at the Hotel

8:00am Depart for Washington D.C.

9:00am White House Photo Stop and Free Time at Lafayette Park

10:00am Smithsonian Institute: Natural History or American History

12:15-1:15pm Lunch at Capitol Café (\$15)

1:30pm U.S. Capitol Tour

2:10pm US Supreme Court, Library of Congress

2:45pm Holocaust Museum: Permanent Exhibition

6:15pm Dinner at Hard Rock Café

7:00pm- 8:30pm Licensed DC Guided Tour: Jefferson, MLK and FDR Memorials

8:30pm Return to Hotel

Saturday May 18, 2024

6:30am Breakfast at the Hotel

7:15am Load luggage on the bus

7:30am Depart from the Hotel

8:00- 10:45am George Washington's Mount Vernon: Free Time on Grounds.

8:45am Mansion Tour

11:30pm Lunch at Reagan Building of International Trade (\$10)

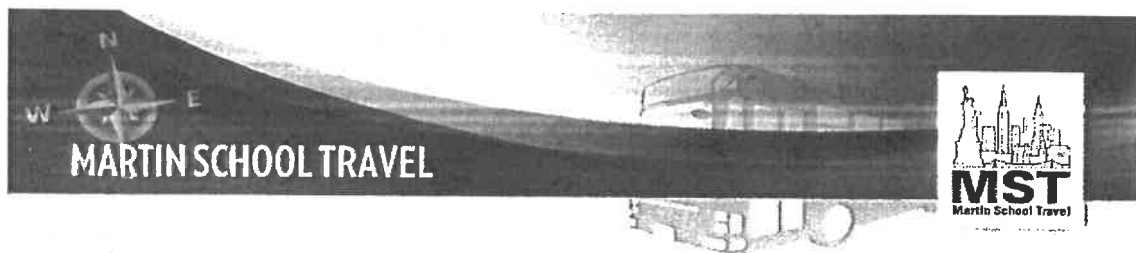
12:45pm Smithsonian of African American History and Culture

3:00pm Depart for Home

6:30-7:30pm Dinner Stop at New Stanton, PA Subway, Wendy's and McDonalds (\$10)

210 N Center Ave, New Stanton PA 15672/ 724-925-8515

10:00pm Arrive at School



Dear Bloom Carroll 8th Grade Parents,

We are beginning to plan the annual 2024 Washington DC trip. We will be using a student travel company that has been working with school groups for over 30 years, Martin School Travel. They are committed to providing an affordable, fun, safe and educational trip for your students.

You can register and pay your required deposit online at <https://tri.ps/JFC61>

- Capitalization matters when typing in the link above (type it exactly as it reads)

Please read the entire page and review the deposit information. We recommend you add the Trip Protection to your package. This will guarantee you can receive a full refund up until the morning of departure should anything change that requires you to remove your child from the trip.

Choose a Package: You will select the student package; you can pay the first non-refundable deposit or pay the entire trip amount during the initial payment. If you would like to add the Trip Protection, then just select the box to add it to Your Booking.

Add Participant Info: Fill out all of the fields requesting passenger information. Check the box to make an account to easily make future payments. Provide an email that you have access to and save your password!

Complete Payment: There are two payment options, US Checking Account "E-Check" and Credit/Debit Card. The "E Check" option is the most cost efficient and there are no processing fees to credit card companies. If you chose the "E Check" you will save 2.9% at checkout. All payments that are collected are secure payments.

Once you make your initial payment then you will receive an email receipt confirming your payment. You will receive a reminder email before your next payments 7 days prior, 3 days prior and the day the payment is due. If you would like to check the amount you owe or pay the balance before the next payment is due then visit this link to manage your account https://www.wetravel.com/user/my_trips

If you have any questions about payment you can contact info@martinschooltravel.com

Trip Cost: **\$785**

Trip Dates: **May 15-18, 2024**

Payment 1: **\$200**

Deposit Date: **November 15, 2023**

Payment 2: **\$290**

Deadline Date: **December 1, 2023**

Payment 3: **\$295**

Deadline Date: **March 15, 2024**