



Washington D.C. & Chicagoland Trips May 8-10, 2024

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Why DC?

The background of the slide is a faded image of the White House in Washington, D.C. In the foreground, there is a large, ornate fountain with water spraying upwards. The scene is set on a green lawn with a row of red flowers in front of the fountain. The sky is clear and blue.

- The trip is thoughtfully connected to the 8th grade government curriculum.
- Students will be given opportunities to demonstrate their learning both on the trip and after they return.
- Students create positive memories with peers during their last year at Maple.

Safety Procedures

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- We travel in a group - never alone
- Pupil/teacher ratio is 12:1 (maximum)
- Overnight supervision/security on duty at hotel
- WorldStrides personnel and “Doctors on Call” are available for emergencies 24/7

Parent & Chaperone Collaboration

- Chaperone Responsibilities
“In loco parentis”
- Communication
“Students need to be present”
- Parent Support

Students are expected to communicate directly with chaperones if any issues or concerns arise on the trip.

Showing Respect in D.C.



- Being respectful to chaperones, guides, and security people is required
- Students must also be respectful to any government personnel or and follow all rules in government buildings
- Cooperation at public restaurants and with hotel personnel is expected
- Specific behavior guidelines for students will be reviewed with chaperones and parents

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Cell Phones, Cameras, Smart Watches

- Students will be allowed to bring a cell phone and camera on trip
- Chaperones will notify students when cell phones may be turned on
- Social media use is not permitted on the trip
- Students need to ask and receive permission before taking pictures/video of each other and/or faculty

Our School Nurse

- Procedures in place for students needing medication
- All medication must be in original packaging with instructions and dosage
- Our nurse reviews all medical forms before trip
- Our nurse completes a list for chaperones indicating students needing medication, allergies and/or dietary needs
- We will have first aid bags for each bus

Roommates

- Select up to three roommates - No more than four students to a room or “No Preference”
- Do not sign off on the roommate request form until you have reviewed all names with your child
- Downplay selection of roommates and emphasize the educational value of the trip
- Rooms will be assigned in groups of four
- If there is an issue, please call Mr. Kurtz, Ms. Lobo or Ms. Norquist

Odds and Ends

The background of the slide is a faded image of the White House in Washington, D.C. The building is white with a prominent portico supported by columns. In the foreground, there is a green lawn with a central fountain spraying water upwards. A red flower bed is visible at the bottom of the frame. An American flag flies on a tall pole in front of the building.

- Students should bring wallets/purses for spending money
- \$50 is sufficient for souvenirs
- Bring cameras, chargers, batteries, etc.
- Wear comfortable shoes
- No need to bring swimsuit - there is no swimming at the hotel

Cost and Important Dates

December 15, 2023	Registration Deadline - First Deposit \$99 (non-refundable)
February 23, 2024	Payment in Full Due
Late February	Students Receive Roommate Packet
Early March	Roommate Packet Due

Total Trip Cost (Quad Occupancy) = \$1573.00

Full Refund Program: \$199.00 Additional Cost for Trip Protection

EZPay: Monthly Installment Option available.

FLAG Financial Assistance: may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to \$85,000.

Registration

Families can register one of three ways,
using **Trip ID: 211944**

1. [WorldStrides sign up](#)
2. Phone by calling 800-468-5899

Chicagoland Trips

- Students not attending the D.C. trip may attend the Chicagoland trips - examples: Navy Pier, Boat Tour, Museums
- There is a different trip scheduled each day leaving Maple at 8:45am and returning at 3:15pm
- A permission form and payment for each trip will be turned into the office

A photograph of the White House in Washington, D.C., featuring a fountain in the foreground and an American flag on a tall pole. The text "Bon voyage!!!!" is overlaid in the center in a bold, italicized black font.

Bon voyage!!!!