



# 8th Grade Washington, D. C. Trip 2011

## *General Trip Information*

Each year, eighth graders at William Annin are invited on a two-day trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring. The trip is an extension of many parts of the middle school curriculum and it is also a special culminating experience for the middle school years.

**The trip dates are Thursday, March 31, 2011 to Friday, April 1, 2011.**

The trip coordinators are Jill Burt (JBurt@bernardsboe.com), Anthony D'Errico (ADerrico@bernardsboe.com), and Jennifer Fowler (JFowler@bernardsboe.com). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at William Annin. Short Hills Tours, Inc. of Short Hills, NJ will be facilitating trip operations.

The chaperone to student ratio will be 1:10 at the maximum. Teachers, administrators, parents, nurses, and Short Hills Tour, Inc. staff will accompany the students.

Our group will be staying at the **Hilton Crystal Gateway** (Arlington, VA), the **Hilton Mark Center** (Alexandria, VA) and the **Hyatt Regency Crystal City** (Arlington, VA) on the night of March 31, 2011. *The trip coordinators will assign students to the hotels.*

# *Tentative Itinerary*

The following is a TENTATIVE itinerary to give you an idea of the schedule and sights planned for the trip. *Please note that the trip itinerary is subject to change!*

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

Meet at Annin at 7:00 AM for check-in and board busses for departure. Arrive in D.C. area at approximately lunchtime to eat and tour the Newseum, the interactive museum of news and the Smithsonian museums. Dinner will be served at Phillip's Restaurant, Bucca Di Beppo, or Bertucci's Restaurant. After dinner, students will have the opportunity to see Arlington National Cemetery (Tomb of the Unknown Soldier/Wreath Laying Ceremony), Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, and the World War II Memorial.

*Friday April 1, 2011*

Students will begin the day at Lafayette Park/White House. Throughout the rest of the day students will also visit their Smithsonian Museum of choice, along with possible visits inside the Capitol, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, and other museums/sites in the vicinity of the Mall (public lines permitting). All students will meet at a pre-determined location prior to departing Washington, D.C. We aim to arrive at Annin at 7:00 PM.

## *Cost/Payment*

**The total cost of the trip is \$260.00.**

This covers transportation, hotel, visitation fees, dinner on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and breakfast and lunch on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that students must bring a bag lunch on March 31<sup>st</sup> and buy their own dinner at a highway dining facility on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Students may want to bring a small amount of spending money for souvenirs or snacks. We suggest approximately \$30.00.

Full payment for the trip is due by **Friday October 29, 2011** and will be collected by **homeroom teachers**. Checks should be made payable to **WILLIAM ANNIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**. If parent/guardian chooses **not** to make a full payment at this time please contact: **Jill Burt (jburt@bernardsboe.com)**.

### **Refund Policy:**

**After February 19, 2010 – No refunds**

- **Barring student being removed by WAM's Administration**

## *Parent Chaperones*

Parents/Guardians interested in chaperoning the trip are welcome. Please **e-mail** your interest to [\*\*Anthony D'Errico \(Aderrico@bernardsboe.com\)\*\*](mailto:Aderrico@bernardsboe.com) and include your name, your child's name, and phone number in the message. Potential chaperones will be contacted in late December with further information. Please note that *parent chaperones will be asked to pay one half of the student rate (\$130)*. Please make the check payable to **William Annin Middle School**. You may send it in with your child in a separate envelope or drop it off in the main office.

## ***Participation Requirements***

This trip is designed to reward students for their commitment to academic success, cooperation with school staff, respect for school rules, and caring attitude to others. We aim to make the trip a successful and rewarding experience for each student, but participation must be earned.

The trip is for students who have met their responsibilities academically, behaviorally, and who are responsible members of our school community. Any student who does not meet these criteria throughout the year may forfeit the privilege of the trip.

In order to assist students who do not qualify based on any of the requirements, building administration has created a plan for students making poor choices. Please, see the separate letter in this mailing which explains the behavior plan in more detail. We hope these measures will enable students to regain the status necessary to participate. Students who fail to improve their record in time will not be able to attend the trip. The final decision concerning a student's attendance lies solely with the Principal.

We are counting on each student to do his/her best to have a rewarding and meaningful school year. We have confidence that the students will be able to meet the expectations for participating in this worthwhile trip.

## ***Timeline/Important Dates***

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| <b>October 29, 2010</b>                | Permission Slips and Payment Due.   |
| <b>December 2010</b>                   | Roommate forms distributed and collected.   |
| <b>January 2011</b>                    | The trip coordinators will attend the January PTO meeting to share information with parents and answer questions.<br>Medical forms distributed and collected. |
| <b>February 2011</b>                   | No refunds will be given after February 19, 2011.   |
| <b>March 2011</b>                      | Trip Coordinators will meet with students in school to review all trip logistics  |
| <b>March 31 – April 1<sup>st</sup></b> | Enjoy our Nation's Capital!   |

# ***To Be Returned by All Students!***

ALL STUDENTS MUST RETURN THIS FORM SIGNED! (Please print)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Permission***

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the enclosed information and would like my son/daughter to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am sorry, but my son/daughter does not wish to participate.

Reason (if possible) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Participation Requirements***

By signing below, we indicate we have read the attached information regarding participation requirements for the 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip and understand the consequences of not meeting the criteria.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_