

8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

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When is it? what's included?

- June 5-6, 2025
- Depart CMS at 7 AM on June 5
- Return to CMS 10 PM June 6

What's Included?

- 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, & 2 dinners (All food is pre-paid for! Students will be getting a pre-paid debit card)
- Museum entry fees
- Security guards on watch from 10 PM- 6AM

What to bring on the trip

- Chargers
- Cellphones
- Toiletries in appropriate bottle to avoid leaks
 - (The hotel supplies soap, shampoo, and conditioner)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- T-shirts will be provided in June
- Pillows and blankets are **NOT** allowed on the trip
- Snacks
- Money (food/mall/souvenirs)

What to Bring on the Trip cont.

- Trip is rain or shine & we walk everywhere. **STUDENTS CAN NOT STAY ON THE BUS!!**
 - Check the weather and pack extra clothing/shoes if needed and an umbrella.
- Overnight bags & snack bags will be dropped off at the school Wednesday morning (June 4). **NO BAGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON TRIP IF BROUGHT THURSDAY TO SCHOOL (including food bags)!!**
 - Bags will be inspected before we depart.

Itinerary Day 1

Day 1	June 5, 2025
7AM	Leave CMS breakfast will be provided
11:30 AM	Arrive in D.C. Meet tour guides. Go to Lunch (\$20 cash provided by the tour company)
1:00 PM	Visit Air & Space Museum
4 PM	Visit National Archives
5-7 PM	Opportunity to shop and eat dinner at the Pentagon City Mall (\$20 cash provided by the tour company) Visit Lincoln, Vietnam Veterans, Korean Memorials.
9 PM	Check into hotel

Itinerary Day 2

Day 2	June 6, 2025
7 AM	Breakfast and check out of hotel
8:30 AM	Visit Arlington National Cemetery, MLK, Jr., WWII memorials
11:30 AM	Lunch (\$20 cash provided by the tour company)
1:10 PM	Tour of Capitol Hill (including the U.S Capitol Building, U.S Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress)
4:30	Depart for CMS- dinner en route (\$20 cash provided by the tour company)
9 PM	Approx. arrival at CMS

T-Shirts

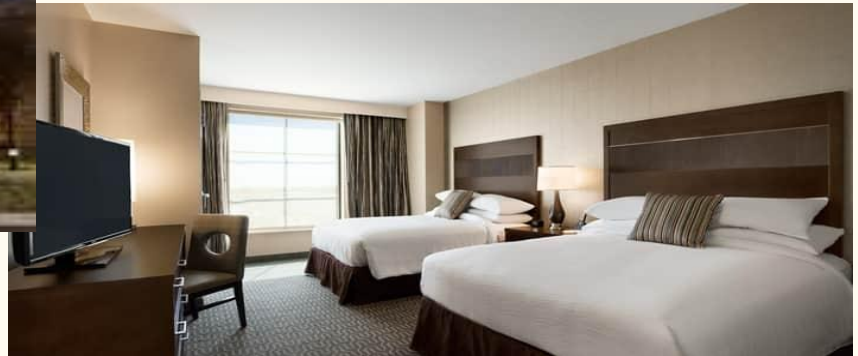
A T-shirt will be given to students the Wednesday (June 4) before dismissal.

They must wear it to school the day we depart for the trip

Students will get second shirt when checking into hotel.

NO ALTERATIONS are to be made to the t-shirt (i.e no cutting of the sleeves, crop top, etc.)

Hotel: Embassy Suites, Springfield, VA



Cell phones and other technology

- It is expected that the cell phones are to be used appropriately throughout the duration of the trip.
- We are not responsible for and lost/damaged/stolen phones & we will not turn around for forgotten phones.
- Students are **NOT** to bring Xbox, PS4, laptops, or any other device on the trip.

****Bus will have charging ports****

Side notes

- Students will conduct themselves in a respectful and mature manner.
- We visit many sites that pay respects to people/veterans that have lost their lives. Any inappropriate behaviors could result in disciplinary actions.
- No medication can come on the trip
 - Parents can chaperone if meds must be administered
 - Student can take meds before/upon return from trip

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

BE KIND

Thank you for your time!

At this time we will take any questions/ concerns that you may have.

ONLY 80 SEATS



How much is the trip? - ONLY 80 SEATS

Overall cost \$446 (Amount Gerber tour receives per individual –
Based on 80 students & parent chaperones)

Parent Deposit \$50 (Due on Oct. 1)

District Contribution \$150 (Credited to each student's account)

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- **Remaining Cost \$246** Note: Each student will receive \$80 in cash while on the trip (\$20 for Lunch and Dinner on Both Days)
 - You can offset this amount if you child participates in **FUNDRAISERS!**
 - Griggstown Pie Fundraiser (October)
 - Dodgeball (March)

Chaperones

We would LOVE to have some parents volunteer to be chaperones for DC.

Chaperones need to pay for the trip in full AND pass a district mandated fingerprinting and background check.

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please take a chaperone packet on your way out & email Mrs. Diaz or Mrs. Lavernia (kdiaz@bbrook.k12.nj.us/mlavornia@bbrook.k12.nj.us)