



General information for
LMS Grade 8 Trip
To
Washington DC May 6, 7, 8, 2020



The total trip cost is \$465.00. This covers transportation to and from Washington, DC, two nights hotel stay, two breakfasts, three dinners, professional tour guide, security guards in the hotel, \$5000 accident insurance and all gratuities. The \$100.00 deposit is nonrefundable because we set our bus seat numbers with it, and once we order the buses the cost remains even if the seat is empty. Our trip will be concentrated around the immediate center of Washington, DC, and we have endeavored to make sure your children will experience a great academic opportunity. The permission slip and behavior expectations and guidelines will be distributed in the next two weeks.

Payments made by check should be made payable to **Arlington CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT** with the student's name indicated in the memo space and received by the team liaison by the dates indicated below. **If you are unable to get the payment to the trip organizers by the due date you MUST contact them at school by calling 486-4880 or by e-mail.** We set our numbers by the amount of student applications with deposits we receive on the due date. If we do not receive this by November 1st, we will assume your child **IS NOT GOING WITH US!**

If a check is returned for insufficient funds, all future payments should be in cash or money order unless you make other arrangements with your team liaison. You should be aware that a surcharge will be added as a result of the requirements of our bank for returned checks.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

November 1, 2019 – \$100.00 deposit (NON-REFUNDABLE)

December 13, 2019 – \$100.00

January 31, 2020 – \$100.00

March 12, 2020 – Balance Due

(The balance due will vary due to fund raising by the student.)

Grade 8 Class Advisor & Trip Organizer:

Mr. Chris Slattery

cslattery@acsdny.org

Team Liaisons:

Mrs. Dolan – Team 7

Mr. Gilbert – Team 8

Mrs. Hayes – Team 9

Mrs. Cowburn – Team 8

We have set up a general information meeting for parents on **Tuesday, October 22th at 7:00 pm** in the **LaGrange Middle School cafeteria** to help answer your questions. As you may be aware, we have several fundraisers in progress. We have set up our first **fundraising** event to start in October. The Cherrydale Holiday Catalog was distributed to students last week. The profits from the event will go directly to reducing individual student cost. The profits vary for each item, but total profits usually amount to 40% of the net products sold. We will also participate in Breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, October 19. Contact Mr. Slattery (cslattery@acsdny.org) for additional information.

*In February we will be sending home medical forms that must be completed and returned for your child to travel with us. As you know, in any travel venture, financial commitments must be made in advance. If your child cannot travel with us, it is **critical** that you **notify us, in writing**, immediately. A single day's delay could be costly to you. ***If we do not receive written notice, we must assume that your child will be traveling with us and you will be responsible for the cost of their trip.*** Students will request roommates in February. There will be another parent meeting in the spring to review details about the trip (drop off/pickup procedures, itinerary details, etc.) about a month before our trip.

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- **Based on Scholastica's refund schedule, you will be entitled to the following refund, less the \$100 non-refundable deposit.**
- **30+ CALENDAR days notification prior to date of departure, in writing, of student's removal from trip = 80% of actual payment refunded.**
- **14–29 CALENDAR days notification prior to date of departure, in writing, of student's removal from trip = 75% of actual payment refunded.**
- **8–13 CALENDAR days notification prior to date of departure, in writing, of student's removal from trip = 50% of actual payment refunded.**

ALL REFUND REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED MORE THAN ONE CALENDAR WEEK PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN NO REFUND

- **Any monies credited to your account based on fundraising efforts cannot be refunded.**

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr. Chris Slattery

Keep this page for your information and reference.

Visit the Grade 8 Class Washington DC Trip Webpage for information, updates, and trip details throughout the school year. Information on the webpage will be updated the week of October 8.

<https://www.arlingtonschools.org/domain/5638>

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