

# **Blendon Middle School Washington, D.C. Trip**

May 2-5, 2017

# Hotel Information

Comfort Inn & Suites

14525 Gideon Drive

Woodbridge, Virginia 22192

Telephone: (703) 490-4100

# Chaperones

- Bus 1
  - Henry, Cook, Lakes
- Bus 2
  - Cullen, Feenstra, Samborsky, Bright
- Bus 3
  - Schubert, Eckstein, Dunmoyer, Yingling
- Bus 4
  - Winship, Murdock, Blain, Hesseltine

# Remember

- You are participating in a unique opportunity
- You are representing not only Blendon Middle School, but all Westerville City Schools students

# Responsibilities

- Chaperones are responsible for student safety and providing learning opportunities
- Students are responsible for their own luggage, money, electronic devices, and other items

# What To Pack

- Clothing for 4 days
- Extra socks
- Rain gear (poncho from Meijer, Wal-Mart)
- Soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste
- Sunscreen/hat
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Cell phone and charger or a wrist watch
- Camera

# Items To Leave At Home

- Portable DVD player, PlayStation, Xbox
- NetBook or laptop computer
- Flip-flops/Sandals
- Inappropriate clothing (school dress code applies)
- Blankets
- Swimsuits
- Energy drinks
- Laser pointers
- Large amounts of spending money

# Dress Code

- School dress code applies on trip
- No pajama pants
- Tuesday - Blendon/Spirit Day
- Wednesday - Dress-Up Day
- Thursday - Trip T-Shirt Day
- Friday - Travel Day
  - No sweatpants/gym shorts



# **In Case of Emergency**

Chaperone Emergency Phone:

**(614) 329-3809**

# Lost Protocol

- Remain calm
- Call the Chaperone Emergency Phone
- Stay where you are and find a security guard, police officer or museum or hotel staff member
- Do not talk to people other than those listed above

# Bus Etiquette

- All school rules apply on the bus
- Follow all directions given by chaperones
- Remain silent while attendance is taken
- Do not scream or shout at any time
- Remain seated while the bus is moving
- Place all trash in trash receptacle
- Throughout the trip, do not get on or off the bus without being told to do so
- Electronics are to be off and away when directed
- Lower your screen brightness and never use flashes

# Tuesday, May 2nd

- Arrive at Blendon between 6:00 AM and 6:15 AM to load your luggage and check-in in the cafeteria with your chaperone
- Make sure your luggage is clearly labeled with your name (duct tape works great!)
- Once luggage is placed under the bus, it will not be retrieved until we arrive at the hotel on Tuesday night

# Tuesday, May 2nd

- Depart Westerville (lunch en route)
- Visit Gettysburg, PA
  - Visitors Center and Battlefield
- Buffet Dinner
- Visit Jefferson and MLK Memorials
- Arrive at hotel and check-in

# Wednesday, May 3rd

- Breakfast buffet at hotel
- Tour of U.S. Capitol Building
- View Library of Congress and Supreme Court building
- Lunch and Tour of Newseum

# Wednesday, May 3rd

- Arlington National Cemetery including the Changing of the Guard, Wreath Presentation, and Kennedy Gravesites.
- Dinner at Ft. Myer-Henderson Hall
- U.S. Army Twilight Tattoo
- Night tours of Marine Corps War Memorial
- Return to hotel for pizza party

# Thursday, May 4th

- Visit Marine Corps Base Quantico
  - Marine Corps K9 Team demo
- Visit National Museum of The Marine Corps
- Lunch at Pentagon City Mall
- Museum Time
  - Start at African American History museum then teams can choose to visit other museums: American History, Natural History, National Archives



# Thursday, May 4th

- Dinner at Reagan Center Food Court
- White House Photo Stop
- Visit WWII Memorial
- View Vietnam, Lincoln, and Korean War memorials
- Return to hotel to pack belongings and clean-up room

# Friday, May 5th

- Breakfast at hotel
- Load luggage on busses
- Depart for Mt. Vernon
- Buffet Lunch
- Depart for Westerville
- Dinner near St. Clairsville, OH
- Arrive in Westerville (approximately 9:30PM)

# Hotel Rules

- Remain in your room after your chaperone has completed the curfew checks
- Call the Chaperone Emergency Phone anytime a problem arises
- Security officer assigned to our group will patrol the hotel during the night

# Hotel Rules

- Chaperones will knock on doors to wake students; hotel wake-up calls are not needed
- Hotel phones should not be used except in an emergency
- Room service should not be used at all
- Call chaperones for maintenance issues, extra towels, etc.

# Hotel Etiquette

- Be respectful of other hotel guests
- Excessive noise, shouting, screaming, or running anywhere in the hotel will not be tolerated
- Only the students assigned to a room should be in there at any time

# Check Points

- There will be required check points during the day with assigned chaperones
- Students must be on time and follow directions
- Students will be reminded before each check point of time and location
- You will be allowed to explore parts of memorials and museums with a small group

# Security

- Security checkpoints will be enforced at almost all of our destinations
- Tips for quick and orderly checks:
  - Follow directions of security personnel
  - Be polite
  - Do not make jokes about screening
  - Be prepared to empty pockets, open bags

# Museum/Memorial Etiquette

- Most locations will not allow gum or cell phone use (other than pictures)
  - Be polite and respect these policies
  - Follow the directions of signage and museum/memorial staff
- Do not use loud voices or disrupt other visitors' experiences
- No running, jumping, sliding, etc.



# Complete and Return

## COMPLETE BOTH SIDES, PLEASE

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

### Emergency Contact #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact #3

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIRED INFORMATION ONE BOX MUST BE CHECKED

- Please have the school nurse contact me regarding life-threatening food allergies, prescription medication (***ALL prescribed medication must be administered by adult chaperone***), or over-the-counter remedies.
- My student has no life-threatening food allergies and will not be self-administering prescription medication or over-the-counter remedies.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Please complete and return the Emergency Form, Permission Slip, and any Medication Forms

# Medications

- Asthma Packet (\*PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE\*)
- Allergies Packet (\*PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE\*)
- Prescription Form (\*PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE\*)
- OTC Form

# Medications

- Complete paperwork and return to your history teacher
- Medications and paperwork must be turned into the Clinic by **FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH**

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