

2017 GCJHS 8th Grade Trip

Washington DC 2016

May 10-14

Register by September 15, 2016



An informational meeting was held Thursday, August 6th at GCJHS. In this packet you will find the handout from the travel company and the topics shared with families at the meeting.

- ❖ The DC Trip is an opportunity to travel with a school group; it is not a school trip in which all students must attend.
- ❖ A flyer from Grueninger Travel Company is attached that includes travel expenses, registration and trip itinerary information.
- ❖ Each traveler is responsible for his or her own travel expenses. Fundraiser opportunities will be an option to help offset costs.
- ❖ Fee includes basic travel insurance, additional terms may be added for a small fee!
- ❖ Registration Deadline is **September 15, 2016**
 - To increase the likelihood of getting into the White House tour, travelers must register and ensure their birthdate and their social security number are accurately recorded before the registration deadline of **September 15, 2016**
- ❖ ALL Travelers must consider the following
 - This trip requires some stamina! There will be 7-10 miles of walking per day!
 - Students will room ONLY with other GCJHS students. Adults may choose single or double occupancy rooms ONLY. Parents may not room with their child.
 - Chaperone
 - Must complete the GC Volunteer background check.
 - Must be parent or legal guardian of traveling GC student.
 - Will be in charge of a small group of students.
 - Students
 - Student behavior prior to the trip will be monitored throughout the school year. In the event of poor student behavior, the administration reserves the right to revoke travel privileges at the traveler's expense.
 - Student roommate requests will begin in November. Details to follow.
- ❖ Yankee Candle Fundraiser
 - Sale Dates: September 30th- October 21st (includes time over fall break)
 - GCJHS students raised over \$17K last year and most students earned right around \$100. We had four st earn over \$200 each.
 - Parent help NEEDED for fundraiser!
 - 2 Volunteers to help with order collection, count money and record totals Friday, 10/21, Monday, 10/24 and Tuesday, 10/25
 - 2 Volunteers needed to help with in-school order distribution the week of 11/21
 - Other fundraisers may be available and are permitted but under traveler's own management.

Account and registration questions should be directed toward Grueninger Travel. General trip questions, please contact the GCJHS Trip coordinator Mrs. Betsy Greene bgreene@gcsc.k12.in.us

GCJHS Blog page: <http://apps.gcsc.k12.in.us/blogs/bgreene/2016-washington-dc-trip-info/>

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8TH GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP
May 10 – 14, 2017**



Sightseeing Activities!!!

Note: all activities dependent on availability at the time of booking / daily itinerary available spring 2017

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens

The United States Capitol Building

The Newseum

The Jefferson Memorial

The FDR Memorial

The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial

The White House

The Smithsonian Institution Museums

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

The National Archives and Records (optional)

The National World War II Memorial

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

The Lincoln Memorial

The Korean War Veterans Memorial

Ford's Theater National Historic Site

The United States Marine Corp War Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery

Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA



On-Line Trip Registration and Payment In 3 Easy Steps!!!

STEP #1 / CREATE YOUR FAMILY TRIP ACCOUNT

- Please visit www.tripportal.net
- Click on "register now"
- Enter Trip Code 4616 / Name / Email Address / Select Password (a confirmation email will be sent)

STEP #2 / SUBMIT REGISTRATION INFO / use the "Traveler Registration" Tab

Note: each participant must be registered separately to be included on the trip roster.

STEP #3 / SUBMIT CREDIT CARD INFO for auto-pay / use the "Payments" Tab

Note: payment by check option available – mailing info on payment tab.

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE USE THE "CONTACT GMT" TAB on Trip Portal

*****Initial Trip Registration Ends September 15, 2016*****

Student Tour Price

\$599 per student / quad occupancy

Note: triple occupancy as needed only, not to exceed 25% of the total number of students.

Adult Tour Price

\$673 per adult / double occupancy

\$813 per adult / single occupancy

Prices based on a minimum of 230 passengers and the use of five (5) motorcoaches.

Price Includes

- Roundtrip transportation via Deluxe Motorcoaches
- Lodging in the Washington, D.C. area, including overnight security
- A Grueninger Travel Group tour director throughout trip
- Local, expert Washington, D.C. tour guides per the itinerary
- All admission, entry and guide fees
- All Breakfasts and Dinners
- Itineraries, Backpacks, Lanyards and Name Tags

Payment Schedule

- \$150 per person on September 15, 2016
- \$150 per person on November 15, 2016
- \$150 per person on January 15, 2017
- Trip balance on March 15, 2017

Note: registered credit cards will automatically be run for these amounts on these dates.

Allow up to 2 weeks for charge to appear on credit card statement.

Note: late registrants will pay full amount due-to-date at time of registration.



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