

2022 Washington, D.C. Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

We are excited to announce that we will lead a group of Smith Middle School students on a WorldStrides program to Washington, D.C.. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore our nation's most important historical sites and experience incomparable learning moments. This will be a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Standing where Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial
- Discovering the true meaning of sacrifice at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Walking in the footsteps of our great leaders on Capitol Hill
- Exploring numerous Smithsonian Museums, like the National Museum of Natural History and the National Air and Space Museum

We have chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their 50 years of experience, their safety record, and their preventive measures that ensure learning occurs in a safe and fun environment. We will chaperone the program with other teachers as needed, and throughout the program our group will be guided by a WorldStrides-certified Course Leader. **Since this is not a school sponsored trip, we will not be attending as representatives or employees of the school.**

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom - <https://troyk12mi.zoom.us/j/89106349224?pwd=UitrNXZiU280MnA0L2xNM3dhaG1YZz09>. All parents and students are invited to attend this brief 30-minute meeting where we'll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read through all the details of this letter including a sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/signup for more details about WorldStrides and our group's trip. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Kris Casco via kcasko@troy.k12.mi.us. You can also contact Mrs. Jennifer Trice via jtrice@troy.k12.mi.us.

We would love for your child to join us on this unforgettable trip!

Sign Up By Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mrs. Kris Casco and Mrs. Jennifer Trice
Program Leaders



Washington, D.C. Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive in Washington, D.C.

Washington Monument The world's tallest stone monument, which honors our nation's first president

World War II Memorial Honors the 16 million who served — and 400,000 who died — in the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII, and all who supported the war effort from home

Lunch

Holocaust Museum Get a glimpse of life for the victims of Nazi Germany with a viewing of "Daniel's Story" at this living memorial

Arlington National Cemetery
America's most famous military cemetery: Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Gravesites, Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial

Iwo Jima Memorial A tribute to all U.S. Marines based on the famous WWII photo by Joe Rosenthal

Pentagon Memorial Honors the 184 victims of the 9/11 attack at the Pentagon

Dinner

Lincoln Memorial In remembrance of former President Abraham Lincoln and the great nation he fought to preserve during the Civil War

Korean War Veterans Memorial
Tribute to the men and women who defended South Korea in the Korean War

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedicated to the more than 58,000 men and women killed or missing in Vietnam

Hotel check-in

DAY 2

Breakfast

Alexandria One of America's oldest and most historic cities

Mount Vernon George Washington's home, plantation, and Education Center, which showcases life during colonial times, 18th-century treasures, and our first president as a farmer and businessman

Lunch

Capitol Hill Grounds Tour Capitol Visitor Center: Supreme Court, Library of Congress

White House (picture stop) Home of the U.S. president

Jefferson Memorial Dedicated to our third president and author of the Declaration of Independence

FDR Memorial In remembrance of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

MLK Memorial Honors the famous civil rights activist, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dinner

Return to hotel

DAY 3

Breakfast

Hotel check-out

Ford's Theatre and Petersen House
Where President Lincoln was shot and later died on that fateful day

National Archives Home of the original Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence

Lunch

Smithsonian Institution The world's largest museum complex : National Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Museum of American History

Dinner

Depart **Washington, D.C.**, for home

The above represents a sample itinerary. Changes or substitutions may be made depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, and events beyond WorldStrides' control at the discretion of WorldStrides as it deems necessary or desirable.

Washington, D.C. Details:

TRIP DATES

Trip ID#: 194705

Destination: Washington, D.C.

Departing: Friday, February 18, 2022

Returning: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

(estimated trip dates - watch for confirmation soon)

We will depart on the morning of Friday, February 18, 2022, via chartered motor coach and arrive in Washington, D.C. the night of Friday, February 18, 2022. We will then spend 3 active days learning on location. We will depart Washington, D.C., again via chartered coach, on the evening of Monday, February 21, 2022. We will arrive back home the following morning.

TRIP MEETING

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TRIP PRICE

Prices are based on 35 full-paying participants.

Student: \$948 quadruple occupancy.

Adult: \$1,090 double occupancy.

Payment can be made in full or spread out into monthly installment payments*. Select EZPay when choosing monthly installment payments and have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account saving you time and potential missed payments.

Full Refund Program: An additional \$125 covers cancellation (see Terms and Conditions at www.worldstrides.com/ms-terms-conditions).

FLAG financial assistance: FLAG financial assistance may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to \$85,000. See reverse for details.

*Installment amounts may vary in price based on when you sign up and optional inclusions. Your last payment must be made by the final payment deadline and may be larger than your previous installment payments. Your final payment is due on 12/05/2021.

INCLUDES

- Sightseeing transportation
- Quality hotel accommodations
- Round trip transportation
- Night chaperones in hotel
- Online educational resources
- Opportunity to earn free school credit
- Admission fees
- Field Journals
- All Meals
- Course Leader
- Evening Activities
- Accident/health insurance
- 24-Hour Emergency Support

SIGN UP TODAY!

Sign Up By: 09/30/21

Deposit Amount: \$99 (non-refundable)

Sign Up:

- Online at www.worldstrides.com/signup (use **Trip ID#194705** to sign up)
- By phone – call WorldStrides' Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899
- By mail – use the registration form **on reverse**

Sign up today for the trip of a lifetime!



ONLINE

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PHONE

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MAIL

Fill out the attached form
and return by mail

At WorldStrides, our passion is student travel. We believe every student should have the opportunity for travel to change their lives and that's why we offer several tools to help make these experiences possible for each and every student.



- Over \$2.5 million in financial assistance given out each year to thousands of families
- Families with annual adjusted gross incomes of less than \$85,000 may qualify
- One simple call and you'll know how much is available for your trip

- Student driven fundraising where 100% of money raised goes to offset trip price
- Easy to use e-cards, letters and shareable Facebook links students can send to friends and family
- Thousands of students pay for their entire trip each year through the *Gift of Education*



- Sign up for the trip with a small deposit
- Remaining payments are spread out into smaller amounts and paid monthly prior to travel
- Set up auto-deductions from your checking account to save time and money

Educational travel is an investment in your child's future. Our Full Refund Program protects that investment should you have to cancel prior to departure. The program refunds all money paid (less non-refundable deposit, fees, and the Full Refund Program cost). We strongly recommend that you add-on our Full Refund Program when signing up for your trip.

*Federal mandate (TSA) requires that travelers provide their complete first, middle, and last names (as they appear on legal documents, not nicknames or initials) and date of birth.

I have reviewed and agree to the Terms and Conditions and confirm my Full Refund Program selection. Full Terms and Conditions can be found at www.worldstrides.com/tripterms

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