

8th Grade

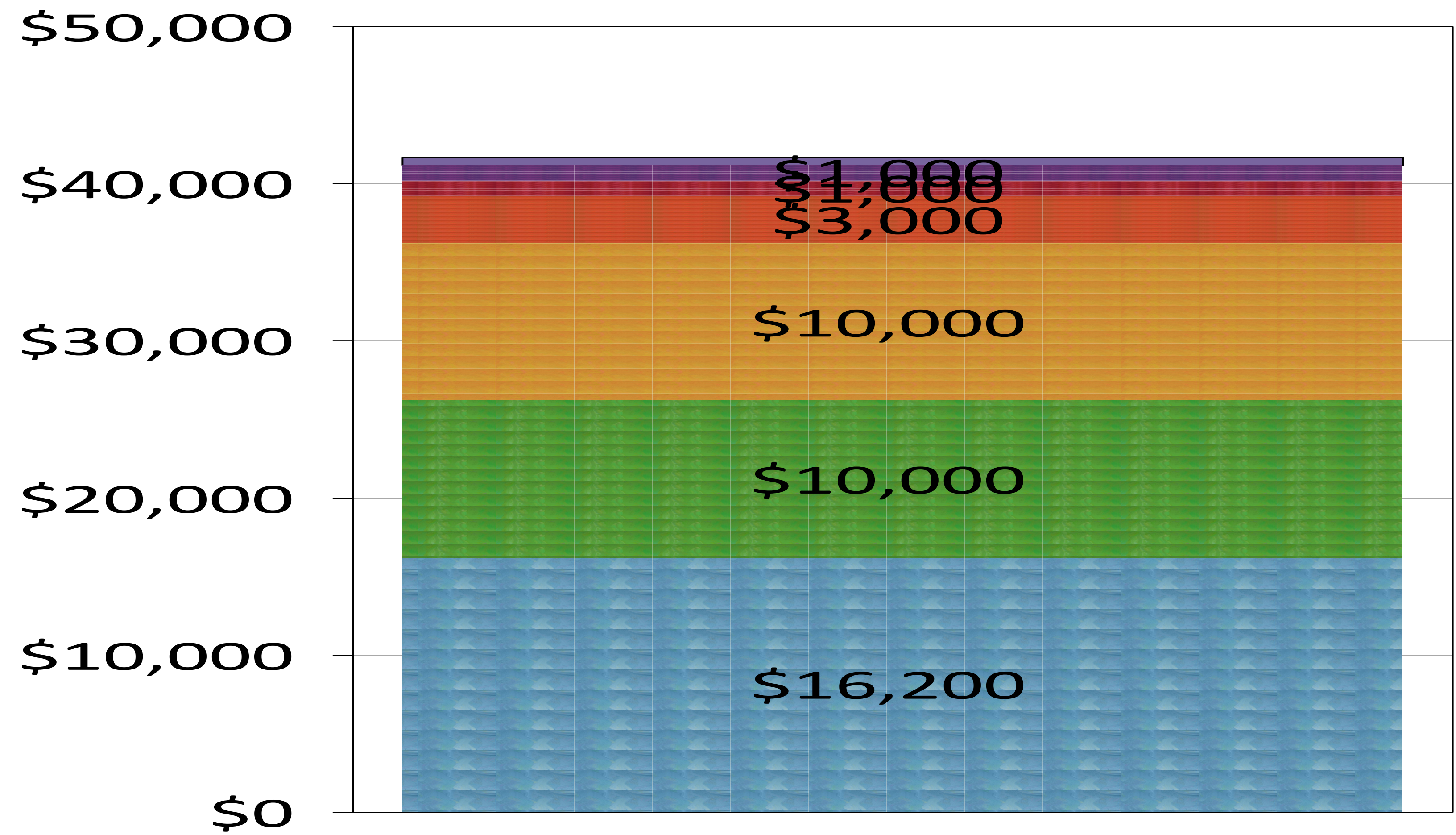
2-day Washington DC Trip

Parent Information Session



Revenue Stream

Estimated attendance: 180 students
Goal: \$50,760 @ \$282 per student



- Staff Sports
- School Store
- Dances
- Cupcake Sale
- Gift Auction
- Orange Sale
- Student Responsibility

Parents, you can help make this trip possible by:

- Contributing more than required \$120 towards your child's responsibility.
- Contacting local businesses to ask for donations towards this trip.
- Allowing your students to participate in school fundraisers:
 - Attending Dances and school events
 - Selling Candy
 - Purchasing cupcakes/snacks from the snack shack
 - Participating in fundraisers

Chaperone Details

- There will be 1 chaperone for every 10 students.
- There will be 1 tour guide for every 50 students.
- Students are required to stay with their designated chaperone and will not be allowed to tour Washington, DC on their own.
- 2 additional staff members will be present without students to handle emergencies.
- 3 administrators will be present on the trip.
- 1 school nurse will be available to handle medications and medical emergencies.

Parent Chaperones

- Parents will be allowed to join us but they should register through Gerber Tours in order to participate.
 - \$430 for a single hotel room.
 - \$355 for a double, sharing with another parent.
 - Having your child share your room will not decrease the cost of your room.
- If you plan to attend, you must complete a registration form and give a \$60 deposit to Mrs. Maher by Monday, October 18, 2013.
- Please email Ms. Maher at jsmaher@neptune.k12.nj.us with further questions about chaperoning.

Thursday, May 29, 2014

- 5:00am - Students will arrive at Neptune Middle School.
 - Students are responsible for eating breakfast before arriving or bringing a snack with them for the ride to Washington D.C..
 - Students will meet in pre-determined 1st floor classrooms.
 - Students must be wearing provided trip t-shirts and lanyards. Students must also be wearing sneakers.
 - Attendance will be taken.
 - Medications must be turned to the nurse by Wednesday, May 28.
 - Boys' bags will be checked by male chaperones.
 - Girls' bags will be checked by female chaperones.

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- Students **ARE** permitted to bring:

- Sneakers

- 1 backpack or duffel bag 24 inches or shorter

- Baggage will be stored on the bus during tours. Students will not have access to their bags during tours. Luggage tags will be provided.

- 1 small “slingback” backpack, purse or “fanny pack”

- Students can bring these small bags to museums and monuments but not the White House or Capitol Building

- 1 change of clothes, 1 set of sleeping clothes

- 1 red shirt and emergency lanyard will be provided. Students may either wear their shirt for both days, or bring their own red shirt to wear the second day.

- 1-2 books for reading

- Book lights will be allowed.

- 1 pillow

- a few healthy snacks

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- Students **ARE** permitted to bring:

- 1-2 disposable cameras
- 1 umbrella if rain is in the forecast but ponchos will be provided
- Basic hygiene items
- Sunglasses
- 1 cell phone
- 1 iPod

Cell phones and iPods players will be allowed but are not recommended. NMS Staff is not responsible if cell phones or iPods players are lost or stolen. Students who do not bring cell phones will have phones available before bed time on Thursday, May 30 and upon re-entering New Jersey on Friday, May 30th to call home.

Thursday, May 29, 2014

- Students **ARE NOT** permitted to bring:
 - Open-toed shoes
 - More than one bag
 - Duffel bags longer than 2 feet
 - Other electronic devices
 - Valuable items
 - Multiple changes of clothes
 - Hats (which are not allowed in most federal buildings)
 - Inflatable mattresses
- If brought, these items will be confiscated by chaperones, labeled in a bag and locked at the school until students return to school.

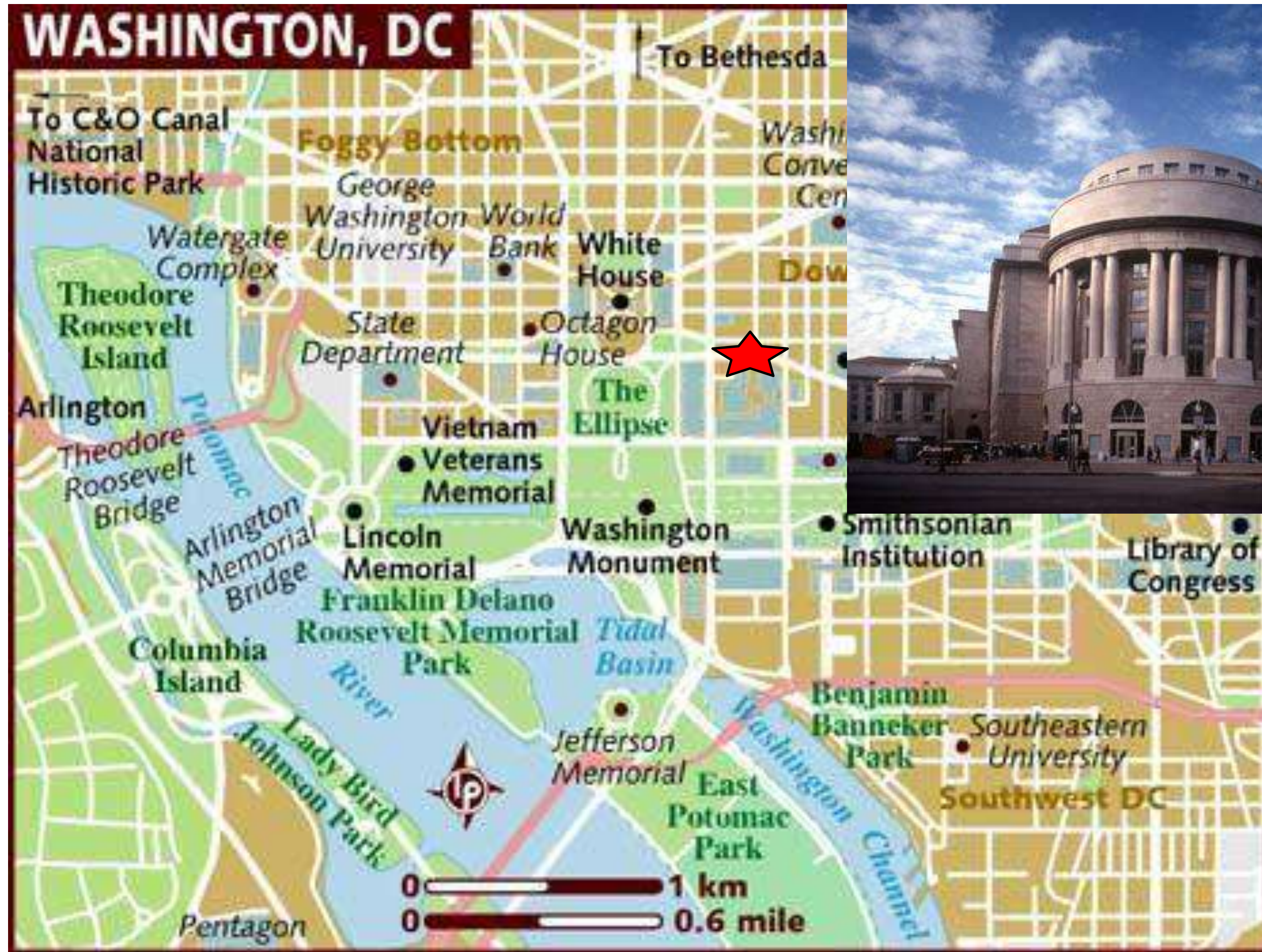
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- 6:00am – Busses will depart Neptune Middle School.
- We will not wait for any student who is late.
- Transportation will be provided by Gerber Tours.



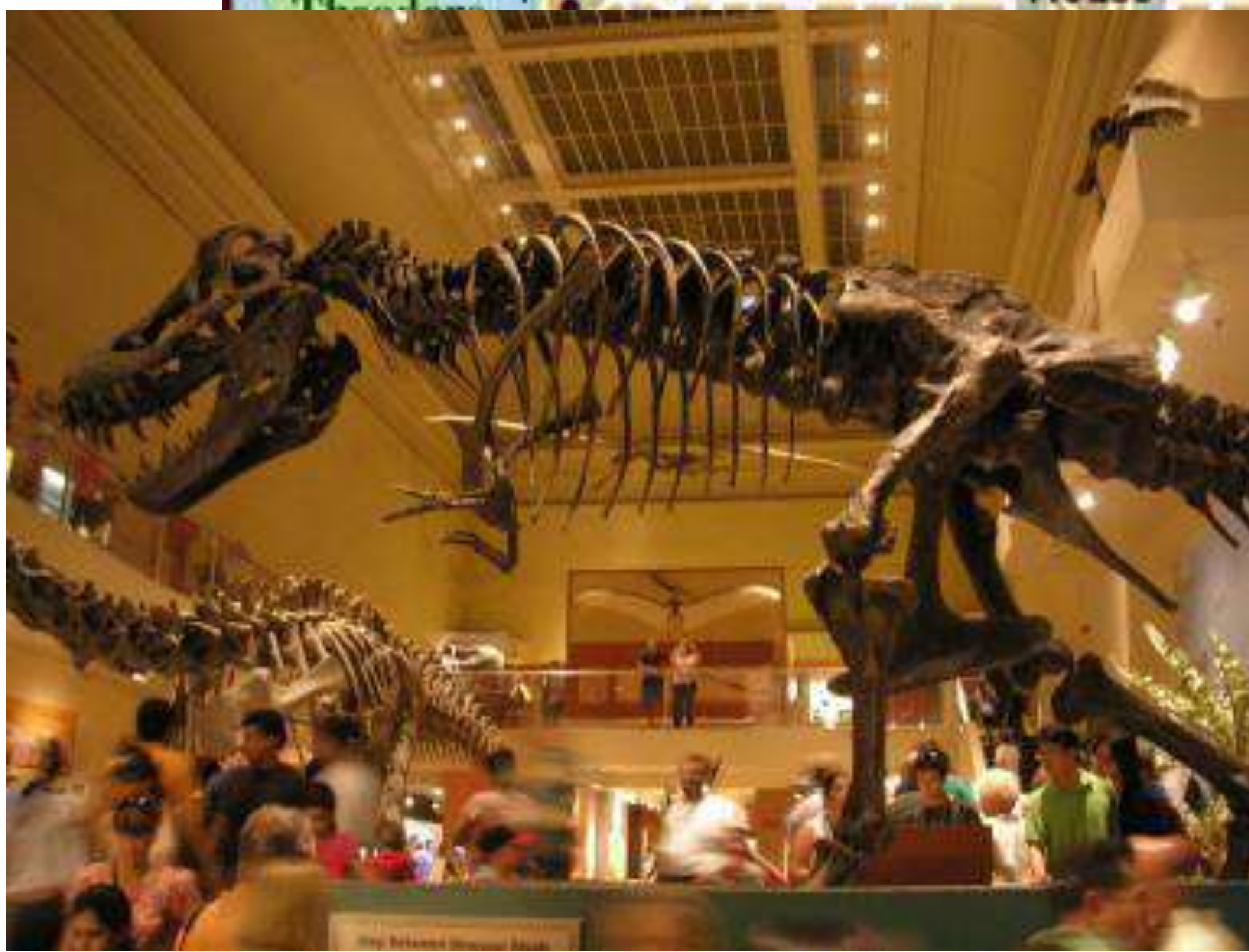
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- 11:00am - Busses will arrive in Washington, D.C.
- Students will meet our tour guides at the Ronald Reagan Building



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- Students will visit Smithsonian Museums including: The Air & Space, Natural History and American History Museums.
- Lunch



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- 4:00pm - Students will check into Hyatt Regency Crystal City
- 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia
- 5:00pm- Students will enjoy a family-style dinner at Buca di Beppo.



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- Students will visit the Jefferson, FDR, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Iwo Jima Marine Memorials.



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Rooming Information

- Students will be in rooms of 4. Rooms will have 2 queen size beds. There will be 2 after-school meetings in the Spring to allow students to pick their roommates. One meeting for boys and one for girls. More information on rooming assignments will be sent home later in the school year.
- Rooms will be spread across 2-3 floors. If the hotel needs to add a 3rd floor, 2 adults will be on the extra floor to make sure boys and girls are separated.
- Boys and girls will be kept separated by floor.
- NMS staff and 4 hired security guards will make sure that boys and girls remain separated and in their rooms during “quiet time” and “lights out”.

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Night Schedules

•Students

- 10:30pm-11:00pm - Students will be given time to settle into their rooms.
- 11:00pm - Students will have mandatory quiet time. Students will no longer be allowed to leave their rooms for any reason. 1 small strip of thin masking tape will be placed over doors so that staff can be alerted if students attempted to leave their rooms.

•Staff

- 10:30pm-11:00pm “night shift” NMS staff members will patrol halls.
- 11:00pm-6:00am - Hired security will patrol halls.
- 6:00am - “morning shift” NMS staff members patrol halls and begin waking up rooms for breakfast.

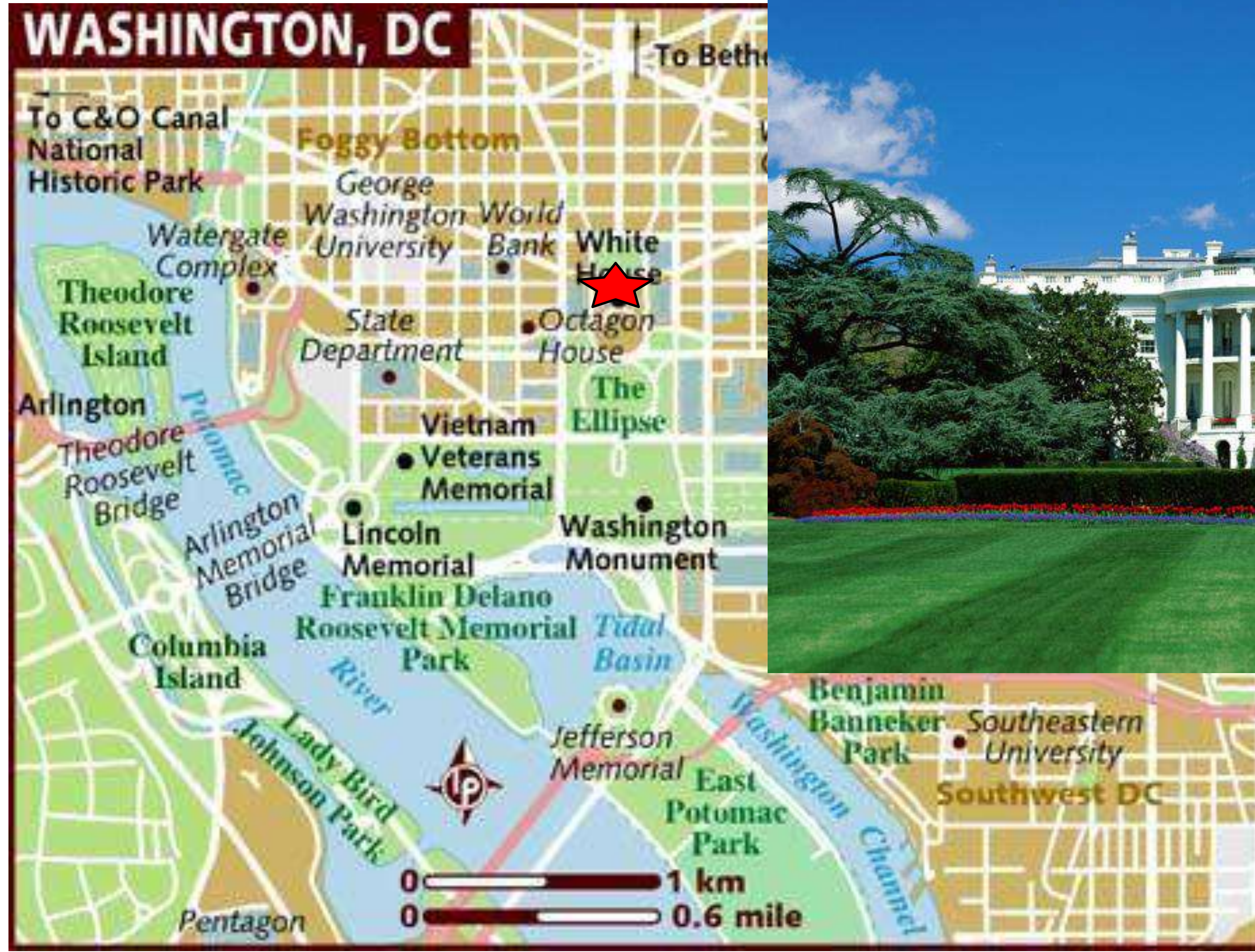
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- 6:00am - Students will be woken up by NMS staff.
- 7:00am - Students will have a continental breakfast at the hotel and check out.



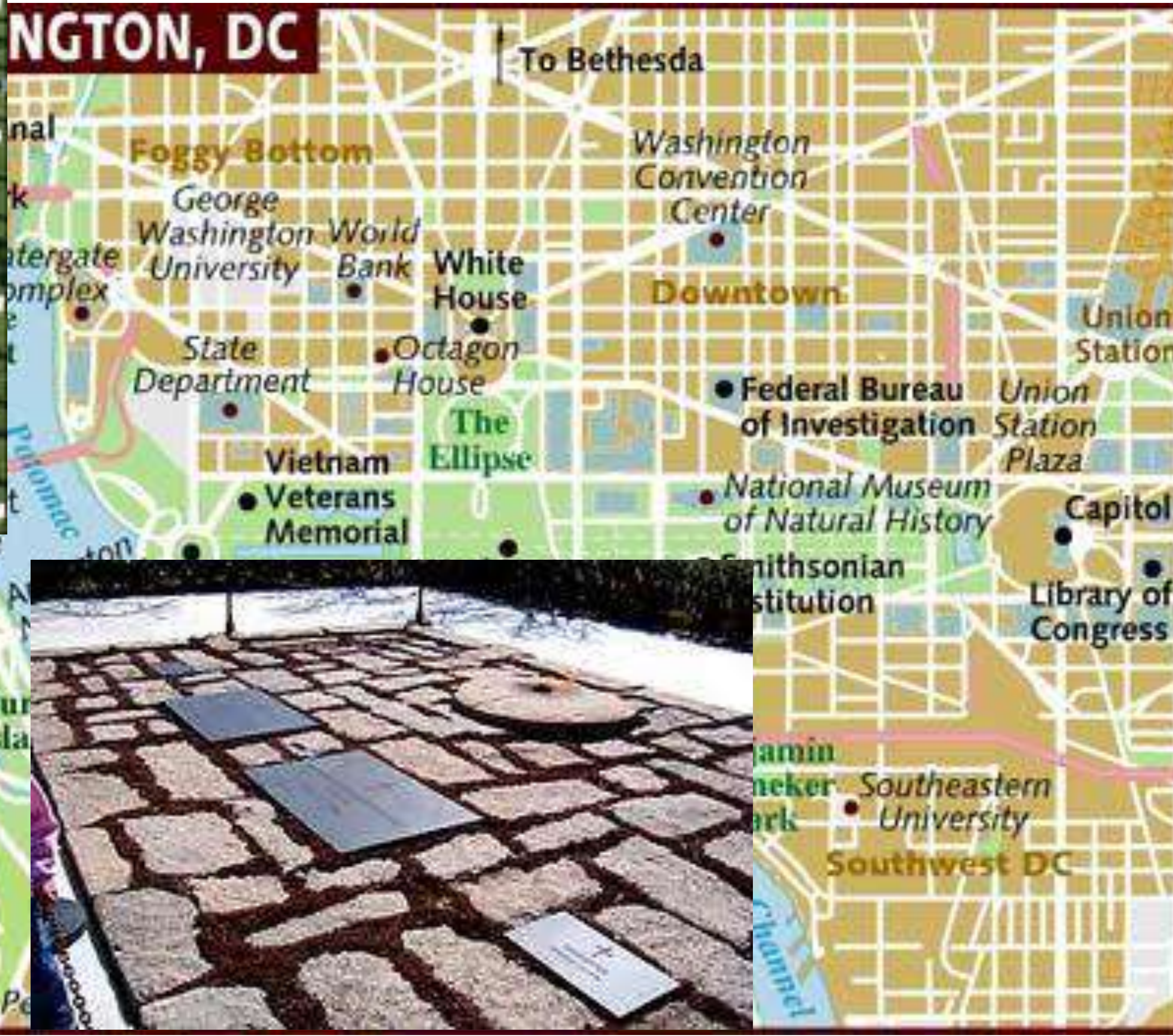
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- Students will visit the White House, pending security clearance & end to the sequester.
- Social Security numbers must be supplied in advance.



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- Students will visit Arlington National Cemetery, including the JFK Grave site and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Friday, May 30, 2014

- Students will visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum and tour the U.S. Capitol Building(pending availability).
- Lunch at Ronald Reagan Building



Friday, May 30, 2014

- 5:30 - Busses will depart for home.
- Students will have dinner on the way home at a highway rest stop. \$10.00 will be given to each student towards the purchase of dinner.
- 10:30pm - Busses are expected to arrive back at NMS.
This is an approximate time and may be change due to weather and traffic.
- Students will be encouraged to call home from their cell phones or from a chaperone's cell phone when we re-enter New Jersey.
- Students must be picked up at NMS. Students will not be allowed to walk home.

Registration Forms

- Registration forms must be turned in before Monday, October 18, 2013.
- No students will be able to register for the trip after this date.
- Social Security numbers must be given in order to obtain security clearance to the White House tour.



Payment Information

Payment

Participating students must contribute \$120 towards the cost of the trip. \$30 of the \$120 contribution should have been paid during the 2011-2012 school year and another \$30 should have been paid during the 2012-2013 school year. Your child may have sold candy to secure their payment(s). If you did not contribute that \$60, payment is due with the forms by October 18, 2013. No further fundraising opportunities will be given for the past due amount.

The remaining \$60 can be paid in three different ways:

- Parents can pay \$60 up front by Friday, November 15, 2013.
- Parents can make two payments of \$30 by Friday, November 15, 2013 & Friday, March 21, 2014.
- Students can fundraise. These students must attend a mandatory fund raising meeting from 2:15 P.M.-3:15 P.M. in room D102 on Friday, November 1, 2013.
- Checks should be made out to “Neptune Middle School Student Activities”. The check memo should have student’s name and “8th Grade Trip”. Checks should be given only to Ms. Maher, in an envelope with the child’s name on it. Checks must be turned in prior to the due dates listed above.

Refunds

- Refunds will be given to anyone who requires it before the date of Friday, March 21, 2014. **After** this date, no refunds will be given.
- If our financial goals are not met, the trip will be changed to a 1-day Washington DC tour. A full refund will be given to anyone who does not wish to attend the abbreviated trip.

Q & A