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Packing List

Travelers are allowed one small suitcase (which will be stored under the bus), a carry-on, and girls are allowed a small purse.

- Jeans/Pants/Shorts (all within dress code)
- Shirts (2 travel shirts will be given out before we go)
- Layers are encouraged
- Comfortable walking shoes (flip flops are not for touring)
- Pajamas
- Light jacket
- Toiletries
- Small purse/fanny pack (see security guidelines)
- Snacks (individually wrapped)
- Pillow/blanket for bus
- Electronics and chargers (strictly the responsibility of the individual)

What do I Need to Pack?

Wear **MAROON** shirt on Thursday

Wear **BLUE** shirt on Friday



*****Group photo is on THURSDAY*****

Wear the correct color shirt and **jeans**.

Jeans may be shorts or pants; remember, **NO HOLES!**



If you do not wear the proper shirt, you will **NOT** be in the group photo.



Shirt color is subject to change depending on the weather.

**Disclaimer: White County NGA is NOT responsible for any lost or stolen items.
Electronic devices are the sole responsibility of the student.**

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Spending Money

How much spending money do I need?

Wednesday 3/14 \$3 - \$5 in change for rest areas
 \$6 - \$10 for lunch at food court

Thursday 3/15 \$3 - \$5 for snacks during the day
 \$6 - \$10 for dinner at food court

Friday 3/16 \$5 - \$7 for snacks during the day

Saturday 3/17 \$3 - \$5 in change for rest areas
 \$6-\$10 for lunch at fast food stop

\$10 - \$20 for souvenirs

Total= \$45 - \$75 to cover basic expenses



- **DO NOT OVERSPEND.**
- **DO NOT SPEND MONEY ON ITEMS AT THE MALL.**
- **CLEAR ALL PURCHASES WITH PARENTS BEFOREHAND.**

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Sample Itinerary

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

- 6:30am Teachers report to The Bridge Church
- 6:45am Students report to The Bridge Church
- 7:00am Motorcoaches arrive at The Bridge Church
- 7:30am Depart for Washington, DC
Morning rest stop (15 minutes)
- 12:00pm Lunch **on your own** at Concord Mills Mall (Concord, NC)
- 1:00pm Depart Lunch
Rest stops (GET SNACKS HERE!)
- 5:30pm Dinner @ Golden Corral, Colonial Heights, VA (**included**)
- 6:30pm Depart Golden Corral
- 8:00pm Arrive at Comfort Inn, Springfield, VA 703-922-9000
- 10:00pm Security on duty

Thursday, March 15, 2018

- 6:15am Breakfast at hotel (**included**)
- 7:15am Load buses
- 8:00am Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery
- 9:15am WCNGA Laying of the Wreath Ceremony
- 9:45am Report to buses
- 11:00am Arrive at U.S. Capitol Visitor's Center (see pg. 6)
-Meet your chaperone at the Astronaut for lunch voucher and Capitol Tour Ticket
-Lunch at Capitol Cafeteria (**included**)
- 12:10pm Capitol Tours begin
- 1:45pm Group Photo at Grant's Statue
Begin tour of Botanical Gardens and Smithsonian Museums
- 5:15pm Meet on front steps of the Natural History Museum
- 5:30pm Depart Natural History Museum (load bus quickly)
-China Town & White House Photo Stop
- 7:30pm Dinner at Springfield Mall Food Court (**on your own**)
- 8:30pm Depart mall and return to hotel
- 10:00pm Hotel Security on Duty

Are we there yet? Where are we going? What are we doing?

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Friday, March 16, 2018

- 6:15am Breakfast (**included**)
- 7:30am Depart hotel
- 8:00am Walking Tour of the memorials
Korean -> Lincoln -> Vietnam -> WWII -> MLK -> FDR ->
Around the Tidal Basin -> Jefferson
- 10:30am Depart Jefferson Memorial
- 11:30am Lunch at Udvar-Hazy Center (**included**)
- 2:30pm Depart Udvar-Hazy Center
- 2:30pm Depart American History Museum
- 3:30pm American History Museum or African American Museum (must
have pass for African American Museum)
- 5:30pm Depart American History Museum (back exit)
->Walk to Ronald Reagan Food Court for dinner (**included**)
- 6:45pm Depart Ronald Reagan
- 7:30pm Iwo Jima and Pentagon 9/11 Memorial
- 8:30pm Return to hotel
-pack bags
- 10:00pm Security on Duty

Sunday, April 2, 2017

- 6:00am Breakfast at Hotel (**included**)
*Bring bags to breakfast
- 7:00am Depart hotel for home
Morning rest stop
- 12:00pm Lunch **on your own** (NC I-85 exit 76 West)
Bojangles, BK, CFA, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, Hardee's
Afternoon rest stop
- 5:00pm Time is approximate.
Arrive at THE BRIDGE CHURCH.
Students will call parents when crossing into Georgia.

Itinerary is subject to change
****All times are approximate****

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FAQs

How many bags can I bring?

One small suitcase (that will be stored under the bus) and one carry-on bag. Small purses are also allowed. There are security checkpoints before entering the US Capitol Building and Smithsonian Museums. These buildings have restrictions on what you can bring in and how big a bag you can carry. (See next page).

I don't like my group. Do I have to walk around with them?

Yes...and no. As we walk from place to place all groups will be together. You will report to your group leader at appointed times for a headcount. Students should walk in groups of 3 or 4. If you are seen walking around with less than 3 OR if you are late to a checkpoint, **YOU WILL TOUR WITH YOUR GROUP LEADER for the REMAINDER of the trip.**

Am I allowed to bring any medication?

Unless specified by the parent that the group leader has to carry the medicine, and as long as the parent feels comfortable, the student IS allowed to carry around their own medication. The group leader needs to be notified of any medications that are in the possession of the student at time of check-in.

Do I come to school on Wednesday, March 14?

No. Students should be dropped off at **The Bridge Church** on Wednesday, March 14. We will check students in and notify the NGA office once all students have checked-in. Upon return on March 17, students should be picked up at **The Bridge Church**.

**Address: The Bridge Church
 607 Hulsey Road
 Cleveland, GA 30528**

When do I get my t-shirts for touring?

Students will be called on March 12th to pick up their shirts. Do NOT alter the shirts until we return from the trip. STUDENTS MUST WEAR THESE T-SHIRTS DURING THE TOUR. THIS IS HOW WE IDENTIFY THE GROUP. ANY STUDENT NOT WEARING THE CORRECT SHIRT WILL TOUR WITH MRS. COLLIER.

Frequently Asked Questions

National Security is a serious matter and neither jokes nor threats will be tolerated or treated lightly.

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Prohibited Items at the US Capitol Building

Before entering the Capitol Visitor Center, all visitors are screened by a magnetometer and all items that are permitted inside the building are screened by an x-ray device. The following items are strictly prohibited in the Capitol, including the Capitol Visitor Center:

- Liquid, including water
- Food or beverages of any kind, including fruit and unopened packaged food
- Aerosol containers
- Non-aerosol spray (Prescriptions for medical needs are permitted.)
- Any pointed object, e.g. knitting needles and letter openers (Pens and pencils are permitted.)
- **Any bag larger than 18" wide x 14" high x 8.5" deep**
- Electric stun guns, martial arts weapons or devices
- Guns, replica guns, ammunition, and fireworks
- Knives of any size
- Mace and pepper spray
- Razors and box cutters



Please note that the U.S. Capitol Police are authorized to make exceptions if a prohibited item is determined to be necessary and required to serve child care, medical or other special needs. If you have questions, please call the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services at 202.224.4048.

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What not to bring into the Capitol Building

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Motor Coach Etiquette...

- Only bottles with screw-on lids are allowed on the coaches--leave your Yeti's at home
- No dairy products of any kind allowed (this includes coffee with creamer).
- Restrooms are for emergencies ONLY. We will stop often for restroom breaks!
- We watch movies on the way up and on the way back. If you don't want to watch our movies, that is totally fine, but you will need to be courteous to those who do want to watch the movies. Bring your headphones if you want to watch or listen to something different.
- No external speakers.
- Keep the bus clean! The bus driver should not have to go behind you and clean up after you.
- Thank the bus driver.

At the hotel...

- Be courteous of other guests--be quiet in the hallways and lobby.
- Stay in your assigned room. Girls in girls rooms, boys in boys rooms.
- You must be fully dressed if you need to go anywhere in the hotel. This includes shoes.
- As a matter of fact, we DO tape the door to your room at night. The security guard will notify Mrs. Collier if the tape has been tampered with.
- Yes, you HAVE to go to breakfast. Have you seen our itinerary?! EAT. You will need the energy.

Monuments & Memorials...

- Be respectful of others
- No yelling, No running, No horseplaying!
- At the Changing of the Guard Ceremony, you should be on your best behavior. Trust me, you do not want to be called out here!
- Take in the history and profoundness at each place.

General...

- Listen to YOUR Group leader.
- Be at checkpoints at assigned times.
- Do not tour alone; you must be in groups of 3 or 4. If you are seen by yourself, you will tour with your group leader for the remainder of the trip.
- Wear the correct shirt. If it is cold, try to keep the shirt visible.
- **If you get into trouble, your parents will have to come pick you up in DC.**