



## **Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.**

**Who:** All eighth grade students and parents

**When:** Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 20, 2015

**What:** An exciting, fun and educational trip to Gettysburg, PA, Hershey, PA, and Washington, D.C., that will include transportation by air, bus in D.C. and PA, hotel for 3 nights, 6 meals (dinners and breakfasts), tours and admissions. The school will provide bus transportation to and from the airport.

**Cost:** \$875.00 per student/adult. This price is based on four people to a room. There will be an additional charge for two people in one room. This price is also subject to the number attending and airfare when booked. You will be notified if this changes; however, I do not anticipate that happening, so you should be able to plan on this price.

**Overview of the trip:** The eighth grade class will be going to Gettysburg, PA, Hershey, PA, and Washington, D.C. We will leave Tuesday, March 17 and return late on Friday, March 20. We will depart JMA in the early morning using the JMA bus and head to the airport in Atlanta. Upon our arrival in D.C. we will board a charter bus and ride to Gettysburg, PA where we will tour the battlefield and the Cyclorama. We will enjoy dinner at the General Pickett Buffet (no kidding – great Southern food!). We will spend the night at the Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg. On Wednesday, we will have breakfast at the hotel and then head to the Hershey School and visit Chocolate World. After touring Chocolate World and the Hershey School, we will depart for D.C. and begin our tours of the great things to see in D.C. such as the Archives and the Capitol. We will check into our hotel, and then go back out and enjoy dinner and tour the monuments at night. On Thursday, after breakfast, we will spend the day visiting more great places and scenes in D.C. such as Arlington National Cemetery, the Changing of the Guard, Kennedy graves, picture stop at the White House, Ford's Theatre, World War II and King Memorials, the Holocaust Museum, and the Smithsonian museums. That night we will embark on a dinner cruise and dance down the Potomac River. Friday we will have breakfast at the hotel and then

take in more of D.C. (FDR, Vietnam Wall, Kennedy Center, National Cathedral, and other Smithsonian museums. That afternoon we will depart for the airport, arrive back in Atlanta that night, and head back to JMA on the JMA bus.

The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$875.00 (price is contingent on number going and cost of airfare - see above), which includes 6 meals, lodging, admission/attraction fees, chartered bus in D.C. and Pennsylvania, and the dinner and dance cruise on the Potomac River. Lunches will be on your own. Also, most airlines charge fees for baggage which are not included in the price. Please reserve a place for your child and family members by **completing the information below** and returning it to the school along with a **\$125.00 non-refundable** deposit by **Friday, November 7, 2014**. **All checks must be made payable to JMA.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Davis at 478-452-5570 ext. 104 or [rdavis@johnmilledg.org](mailto:rdavis@johnmilledg.org) and be sure to visit Mr. Davis's trip and announcement page at <http://rdavistrips4jma.weebly.com/>. This will be a great place to check for updates.

Please fill out the form below and return it by Friday, November 7 or sooner.

Yes, my child, \_\_\_\_\_ will attend.

Additional people in my family who would like to sign up include (please send in deposits and payments for each):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return forms no later than Friday, November 7)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: JMA**

**PLEASE NOTE DEPOSIT DUE DATE!**

**First Payment/Deposit of \$125.00 due Friday, November 7, 2014 (nonrefundable)**

**Second Payment of \$250.00 due Friday, December 5, 2014**

**Third payment of \$250.00 due Friday, January 16, 2015**

**Fourth and final payment of \$250.00 due Friday, February 6, 2015**

### **Tentative Itinerary**

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

- Depart early from school
- Arrive in Gettysburg
- Tour Cyclorama
- Battlefield tour
- Dinner at General Pickett's Buffet
- Indoor swimming at night



#### **Wednesday, March 18**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour the Hershey School
- Tour Chocolate World
- Travel to Washington, D.C.



Tour of Washington, D.C. (general idea of what we are likely to see):

- Archives
- U.S. Capitol
- Memorials – Lincoln, Jefferson, Korean, and Iwo Jima
- Dinner included



## Thursday, March 19

- Breakfast at hotel

Tour of Washington, D.C. (general idea of what we are likely to see):

- Arlington National Cemetery
- Changing of the Guard
- Kennedy Graves
- Picture stop at white House
- Ford's Theatre
- Memorials – World War II and Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Air and Space Smithsonian
- Dinner and Dance with DJ down the Potomac River



## Friday, March 20

- Breakfast included

Tour of Washington, D.C. (general idea of what we are likely to see):

- Memorials – FDR, Vietnam Wall, and Kennedy Center
- National Cathedral
- American and Natural History Smithsonian
- Depart for Atlanta
- Arrive home in Milledgeville late





## FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

**Date of Trip: March 17-20, 2015**

**Time of Trip: 4 Days**

**Teacher in charge: Mr. Davis / Mr. Hopkins**

**Location of trip: Washington, D.C.**

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby grant permission for my child,

\_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the field trip to \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that this out-of-school activity involves risk to the participant. I further acknowledge and understand that there is a possibility that my child may sustain physical injury (minimal, serious or catastrophic) in connection with his/her participation. I further acknowledge and understand that my child is assuming the risk of such physical injury by his/her participation. I further release John Milledge Academy and its representatives from any claims for personal injury that my child may sustain during participation in this field trip.

I further understand that John Milledge Academy has established rules and regulations pertaining to conduct, behavior, and activities of all students by which my child must abide during participation in this field trip, and that my child and I will be responsible for his/her failure to abide by those rules and regulations.

My child and I have read and understand the above Liability Release.

\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

(parent/guardian)