

May 14, 2024

Dear Parents of next year's 8th Grade trip,

Here is a summary with attachments of the hand-outs and the most important information regarding our 8th Grade Historical Tour of 2025. Please complete the attached Form to acknowledge information and to register interest in next year's trip. If you have any questions or concerns, please request to meet with me.

The current 8th-grade class just returned from the trip. There has been much positive feedback about the trip. We shared that other schools charge between \$3200- \$4500 for their East Coast trips. We keep our costs down because we have staff plan and lead the trip. We plan to have Mr. Deutsch lead next year's trip, along with a logistics leader.

Please review the attached itinerary, which is based on and altered from this year's itinerary, there are a few areas where Time is still to be determined.

The **Application Due Date will be Sept. 1, 2024**. Each attendee - student and parent- must have a completed application. I am sorry the application is a little long, however, the information collected is needed to ensure documentation for safety, liability issues, and travel documentation, in addition to, White House visitation information. Please remember, adults are to have a **CA Real Id or Passport** to fly, and for entrance into some government locations. A link to the application will be sent out within the month.

The estimated all-inclusive cost is \$2500+ per attendee. (Spending money is the only thing not included.)

Payment Structure:

5 payments of \$500 billed in Sept. 2024, Nov. 2024, Jan 2025, Mar. 2025, May 2025.

\$300 of the first payment is a Non-Refundable Deposit.

The Estimated Trip Cost breakdown is \$2100 plus airfare (estimated between \$300-\$500). (If the trip costs more, due to increases in airfare or other price increases, you will be notified and the last payment will have any adjustments to trip cost.)

++ This year all airfare will be booked as a group, there will be no individual bookings. However, the application will have an option to extend the visit to the East Coast. Families would be responsible for booking their own return flight and any accommodations and experiences after the scheduled ones on the itinerary. This will be listed as a One-way departure ticket requested on the application. This option is subject to approval and will only be available if a parent is traveling with the student, and must be requested at application time prior to August 1, 2024.

Discipline issues: If a student receives multiple disciplinary actions throughout the school year, the school may require a parent to attend as a chaperone, if their student would like to attend. Additionally, at the school's discretion, if disciplinary actions have repeatedly occurred and the school administration deems it necessary a student may lose the privilege of attending the Historical Tour, and costs incurred will still be charged.

Please complete this short questionnaire for me to have an estimate of attendees, as I am currently beginning to book reservations for next year. [2025 BHCA Historical Tour Intent to Attend](#)
Thank you for your time in reviewing this information and responding.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Hilary Erickson