

Itinerary: 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. 2016

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Monday, May 30th, 8:00 p.m.
Depart Racine, WI for Washington, D.C.

Hotel address for Washington, D. C. trip: TownePlace Suites Springfield
6245 Brandon Ave.
Springfield, VA
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Tuesday, May 31, 2016

	How it relates to the 8th grade curriculum
Dulles International Airport National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center	The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is the companion facility to the Museum on the National Mall. Open since 2003, the two sites together showcase the largest collection of aviation and space artifacts in the world.
# Dinner	Magills Pizza Buffet Annandale, VA
Iwo Jima (Marine Corps) Memorial	This memorial is dedicated to the men and women who served in the Marine Corps. The memorial is located adjacent to the Arlington National Cemetery.
Pentagon 9/11 Memorial	This new memorial is dedicated to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2011. This year, we will see the memorial at night!

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Wednesday, June 1, 2016

	How it relates to the 8th grade curriculum
# Newseum	The Newseum's 14 major galleries and 15 theaters will immerse students in the world's greatest news stories.
National Gallery of Art	This museum is dedicated to significant art and art history of the world.
National Mall <ul style="list-style-type: none">● National Air & Space Museum● National Museum of Natural History● other Smithsonian locations● National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden● National Archives	This is the first of our afternoons on the National Mall. While in small groups, students will get to choose what sites they visit. The sites listed at left are required ; all other sites on the Mall are optional.
Dinner	TBD
Tour of Monuments <ul style="list-style-type: none">● WWII Memorial● MLK Jr. Memorial● FDR Memorial● Jefferson Memorial	These memorials are dedicated to and/or representative of people who dedicated their lives to American ideals.

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Thursday, June 2, 2016

	How it relates to the 8th grade curriculum
# National Museum of American History	We will actually have a guided tour and special event at the museum. Through a connection at SC Johnson, we have been able to connect with several of the museum historians and curators. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity presented to us.
Lunch	National Museum of American History <or> Food trucks near Mall and L'Enfant Plaza
# Ford's Theater/Peterson House	Students will see Lincoln artifacts.
American Art Museum/ Portrait Gallery	America's first federal art collection dedicated to the enjoyment and understanding of American art. The museum celebrates the extraordinary creativity of our country's artists, whose works are windows on the American experience. The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery tells the story of America through the individuals who have shaped the U.S. culture.
Dinner	We will select 5-6 restaurants in the neighborhood around the Portrait Gallery. Students will select where they want to eat.
Tour of Monuments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White House ● Einstein Memorial ● Vietnam Memorial ● Lincoln Memorial ● Korean War Memorial 	These memorials are dedicated to and/or representative of people who dedicated their lives to American ideals.

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Friday, June 3, 2016

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Library of Congress	The library originated by Thomas Jefferson, we will stop either before or after our Capitol tour for a brief self-guided tour of this repository of important national documents.
U.S. Supreme Court	Home to the only court established explicitly by the U.S. Constitution, we will stop either before or after our Capitol tour for a brief self-guided tour.
# U.S. Capitol	This is the home of the highest level of the legislative branch of America; students will take the Visitor's Center guided tour. If the opportunity to meet with Congressman Ryan arises, we will make the necessary arrangements.
National Mall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Air & Space Museum ● National Museum of Natural History ● other Smithsonian locations ● National Gallery of Art ● Sculpture Garden ● National Archives 	This is the first of our afternoons on the National Mall. While in small groups, students will get to choose what sites they visit. The sites listed at left are required ; all other sites on the Mall are optional.
Dinner	Food trucks around Washington Monument & Sculpture Gardens
Tour of Monuments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Washington Monument ● Mall lawn 	These memorials are dedicated to and/or representative of people who dedicated their lives to American ideals.

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Saturday, June 4, 2016

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Mount Vernon	Students will roam the lands, as well as tour the home of the first President of the United States. It is the opportunity to see the importance of the agrarian society of early America. They will also visit the mausoleum where Washington and his family are buried.
Arlington National Cemetery	Students will visit the site of the most important national cemetery in America. It is the final resting place of presidents, generals, and most importantly the average American who dedicated his/her life in the service of this country. In addition, students will learn the historical significance of Arlington as the plantation of Robert E. Lee.
National Mall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Air & Space Museum ● National Museum of Natural History ● other Smithsonian locations ● National Gallery of Art ● Sculpture Garden ● Smithsonian gardens ● National Archives 	This is the second of our afternoons on the National Mall. Again, while in small groups, students will get to choose what sites they visit. The sites listed at left are required ; all other sites on the Mall are optional. *we have timed entries into the National Archives and the Washington Monument on this day!
Dinner	TBD
# Show: “Shear Madness”	The evening will take us to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a night of comedy.

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Sunday, June 5, 2016

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National Museum of the American Indian	We will go as a group to visit the National Museum of the American Indian, part of the Smithsonian Museums.
# United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	Dedicated to the memory of those who died at the hands of Nazi Germany during WWII, this memorial culminates the experiences which the students have been studying in English curriculum.
National Mall <ul style="list-style-type: none">● National Air & Space Museum● National Museum of Natural History● other Smithsonian locations● National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden● Smithsonian gardens	This is the last of our afternoons on the National Mall. If we have any time remaining, students will be able to enjoy the National Mall of one final time before we board the bus and leave for home!
Embassy Row National Cathedral	As we are leaving DC, we will drive down what is commonly referred to as “Embassy Row”, seeing many of the foreign embassies located in the area. We will also drive by the National Cathedral.

Monday, June 6, 2015 - Return to Racine, WI - 8:00 a.m.

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