

7th Grade Trip Overview

May 31st-June 4th, 2016

Tuesday, May 31st, 2016

Destination - Cincinnati, OH	Relationship to the 7 th Grade Curriculum
Background Information	<p>The Zoological Society of Cincinnati was founded in 1873 and officially opened its doors in 1875, making the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden the second oldest Zoo in the United States. The Zoo was founded on 65 acres in the middle of the city, and since then has acquired some of the surrounding blocks and several reserves in Cincinnati's suburbs.</p> <p>The Cincinnati Observatory Center maintains the integrity and heritage of a historic 19th century observatory, while promoting the study and practice of 21st century astronomy and science. Their vision is to be a primary resource in furthering astronomy and science education through programming and inspire future generations to look to the stars.</p>
Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden	<p>Students will begin the trip by spending a few hours at the zoo seeing exhibits that include the Rhino Reserve, Cat Canyon, Giraffe Ridge, Painted Dog Valley, Night Hunters, Gorilla World, Manatee Springs, Monkey Island, Gibbon Islands, Elephant Reserve, Jungle Trails, Reptile House, Wolf Woods, Wings of the World, Wildlife Canyon, and the Passenger Pigeon Memorial among others.</p>
Cincinnati Observatory	<p>The Cincinnati Observatory is one of the most unique astronomical institutions in the United States. It is a fully functioning 19th century observatory used daily by the public and amateur astronomers. The main telescopes are an 11" Merz and Mahler refractor made in 1843 and a 16" Alvan Clark refractor from 1904. On our visit, students will see the moon, stars, and planets through these massive telescopes and experience the excitement of astronomy.</p>
<p><u>Evening Hotel</u> Hampton Inn Cincinnati-Riverfront 200 Crescent Avenue Covington, KY 41011 1-859-581-7800</p>	<p>The students will have checked into their hotel rooms before departing for the observatory. After our visit, we will return to the hotel very late, so students will not have the opportunity to call home Tuesday evening.</p>

Wednesday, June 1st, 2016

Destination - Cincinnati, OH and Springfield, IL	Relationship to the 7 th Grade Curriculum
Background Information	<p>During the 1800s, estimates suggest that more than 100,000 enslaved people sought freedom through the Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad is the symbolic term given to the routes enslaved Black Americans took to gain their freedom as they traveled, often as far as Canada and Mexico. Free Blacks, Whites, Native Americans, and other slaves acted as conductors by aiding fugitive slaves to their freedom. This 19th century freedom movement challenged the way Americans viewed slavery and freedom.</p>
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center	<p>The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center reveals stories about freedom's heroes, from the era of the Underground Railroad to contemporary times, challenging and inspiring everyone to take courageous steps for freedom today. The Freedom Center presents the world's first museum-quality, permanent exhibition on the subjects of modern-day slavery and human trafficking. The exhibition shows where and how slavery still exists today in this country and around the world.</p>
The Black Brigade of Cincinnati Commemorative Wall	<p>On September 2, 1862, the mayor of Cincinnati ordered all businesses closed and called for all men to organize themselves for the defense of the city. Even though Ohio was a free state, free black men who wanted to fight were turned away and later imprisoned. This wall tells the story of their eventual release, enlistment, and significant contribution in repelling Confederate troops, keeping Ohio a free state.</p>
<p><u>Evening Hotel</u> Ramada Springfield North 3281 Northfield Drive Springfield, IL 62702 (217) 523-4000</p>	<p>We will drive from Cincinnati to Springfield and eat dinner along the way. Students will be given some time to call home after they check into their hotel rooms.</p>

Thursday, June 2nd, 2016

Destination - Springfield, IL and Hannibal, MO	Relationship to the 7 th Grade Curriculum
Background Information	Springfield is the city in which Abraham Lincoln spent much of his life; this has left Springfield with an abundance of historical significance. In social studies, students learned how Lincoln changed the direction of the Presidency during his time in office.
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum	Dedicated to the life and legacy of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, the Presidential Library and Museum brings together the world's largest collection of documentary material related to the life of Lincoln. Students will be entertained, educated, and mesmerized by this one-of-a-kind, world-class facility, blending 21st century technology to transport them back to the 19th century world of Abraham Lincoln.
Old State Capitol	"A house divided against itself cannot stand." These immortal words were spoken by Abraham Lincoln in the historic Old State Capitol Hall of Representatives in the turbulent days preceding the Civil War. He tried several hundred cases in the Supreme Court, borrowed books from the state library, and read and swapped stories with other lawyers and politicians in the law library. From May 3-4, 1865, President Lincoln's body lay in state in the Hall of Representatives as a crowd estimated at 75,000 filed past to pay their last respects.
Lincoln Tomb	This beautiful monument marks the final resting place of Abraham, Mary Todd, Tad, Eddie, and Willie Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln was buried in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery at the request of Mrs. Lincoln after his assassination in 1865. The monument was designed by sculptor Larkin Mead, completed in 1874, and paid for with public donations. The original receiving vault in which Abraham Lincoln was buried can be seen on a tour of the cemetery.
Illinois State Military Museum	Preserving the heritage of the Illinois National Guard, the museum is committed to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting the military artifacts associated with the citizen-soldier of Illinois. The exhibit includes rare items such as the artificial leg of Mexican General Santa Anna, a target board shot at by President Lincoln, as well as vehicles, weapons, uniforms, equipment and photographs. The Citizen-Soldier exhibit features the military experiences of famous Illinois soldiers such as Carl Sandburg, Robert McCormick, John A. Logan, and Abraham Lincoln.
Haunted Hannibal Ghost Tour	Students will enjoy a spine-tingling guided tour of many of Hannibal's most notoriously haunted sites, both past and present. They will hear stories of murder and mischief during Mark Twain's boyhood, meet the present-day ghosts of the mansions on Millionaires' Row, and learn which buildings on historic Main Street are purported to be haunted. The tour will include a guided exploration of Old Baptist Cemetery where the students will walk amongst the graves of slaves and civil war soldiers to search for signs of paranormal activity.
<u>Evening Hotel</u> Quality Inn & Suites 8945 Highway 36 West Hannibal, MO 63401 (573) 221-4001	We will be arriving at the hotel a bit late tonight. However, there should be time for students to call home and talk to their parents.

Friday, June 3rd, 2016

Destination - Hannibal, MO	Relationship to the 7 th Grade Curriculum
Background Information	When writing <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> , Mark Twain incorporated real life places into the story. Visiting these places allows the students to enjoy the book, develop an appreciation for history and historical places, and understand the impact that authors' lives can have on their writing. Twain is the only person considered to have written the "Great American Novel" and his writing embodies middle America.
Mark Twain Cave	Students explore the same cave as Tom Sawyer, Becky Thatcher, and Huck Finn did many years ago.
Mark Twain Boyhood Home	Students will experience the exact boyhood home that provided the inspiration for <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> .
Mark Twain Riverboat	This experience allows students to appreciate the story and the significance of the Mississippi River as it relates to the story. This river is the only one of its kind, and was the primary mode of transportation at the time of the story.
Mark Twain New Museum	Students are provided the opportunity to expand their Mark Twain experience through interactive displays such as reliving scenes from the book, climbing in a stagecoach, and seeing Tom's schoolhouse antics.
Mark Twain Memorial Lighthouse	Students will journey up the 244 steps that lead to this lighthouse that sits atop Cardiff Hill in Cardiff Hill Park. This will provide a panoramic view of Hannibal and the Mississippi River.
Sawyer's Creek	The students will end the trip by having two hours of fun! Here they will be able to play mini-golf, ride on bumper boats and tubs of fun, play water wars, laser tag, and shop.
<u>Evening Hotel</u> Quality Inn & Suites 8945 Highway 36 West Hannibal, MO 63401 (573) 221-4001	At the hotel, students will eat a pizza dinner, relax, swim, and play some video games with their friends as a reward for a great trip!