



# Morrisonville High School

## Washington DC Trip Winter 2012

**Parent Meeting: Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM HS Library**

The Morrisonville High School is in the process of planning an educational trip to Washington, DC for this year's Juniors and Seniors. We are presently targeting the last week of January for the trip. Interested students from the two classes have been invited to participate, with each student responsible for all their own expenses. All arrangements are going to be made by school personnel and expenses will be kept to a minimum as much as possible. Most sites in DC have no entrance fees, so the bulk of the expense will be in hotel, fuel and food.

Trip will be bare bones without frills, utilizing a regular school bus to Washington DC. Plans presently call for a Friday Night, January 27<sup>th</sup>, departure. We'll leave DC Wednesday afternoon with a return to Morrisonville sometime late Wednesday night, February 1st. This will allow nearly 4 full days in our Nations Capitol. This is intended as an educational trip, and will focus the operations of national government and to some extent American History. Participating students will complete research and act as group tour guide for our visit to the monuments.

The trip will involve overnight bus trips on Friday night and Wednesday night, and because we will be traveling by regular school bus, can only be described as roughing it. It will be a full 13 hour drive each way. Mr Montgomery will handle much of the driving and faculty sponsorship of the trip. We will find an additional driver to assist with driving responsibilities.

- We will spend 3 nights in hotel rooms in the DC area which will cost approximately \$75 (slightly more for less than 4 to a room)
- Cost for bus fuel will be approximately \$40 per student
- Each student will have to purchase a Metro pass for DC (approximately \$30)
- A night is Gettysburg and a tour of the Battlefield will add \$25
- We will be gone for 5 days and students should plan on about \$20 per day (this is an expense that can largely be controlled by the individual) for a total of \$100.

All meals will be paid by the students, but we will try to hit fast food for lunch. Evening meals will be more costly, but expense will be factored in.

The school board has given tentative approval to the trip, and plans are now in full swing. Space limitations of the bus will limit us to a maximum of 30 students.

### **Areas of DC we expect to visit and explore include:**

#### **Government Buildings**

- US Capitol
- Library of Congress
- Supreme Court Bldg
- National Archives

#### **Mall Monuments**

- Washington Monument
- Jefferson Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- WWII Memorial
- FDR Memorial
- Vietnam Memorial
- ML King Memorial

#### **Museums**

- Air & Space (Smithsonian)
- American History (Smithsonian)
- Natural History (Smithsonian)
- Museum of Art (Smithsonian)
- Holocaust Museum
- Newseum
  
- Arlington Cemetary (Tomb of Unknown)

Meet with our Representative and/or Senator

Meet with Lobbyist & Discuss Legislative process

Watch Congressional Legislative Session

# Washington DC Trip Student Trip Form

**Trip Dates: Friday Evening, January 27<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday Evening (Very Late), February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Trip Costs (Total: \$150 plus food expense/Gettysburg +\$25))

Hotel: \$75

Fuel: \$30

MetroPass: \$30

Tickets: \$15

Gettysburg??: \$25

Food: \$100??

It is important that participating students return this form by Wednesday, November 23rd. This will allow planning to proceed and trip detail to be arranged. A \$50 deposit needs to be paid by Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. This deposit will be returned if the student cannot make the trip.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be a participant in the MHS Washington, DC trip. I understand that all trip expenses will be my responsibility. I recognize this is an educational trip and commit to completing all the necessary pre and post trip requirements to make the trip a success. Students will be expected to do pre-trip research and act as our resident expert on some part of the visit (ie: Lincoln Memorial). I understand that in the attempt to keep costs to a minimum that the trip “amenities,” will be few, and will involve a long bus ride on both ends of the trip.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

Students will have a role in shaping the details of the trip. Formal Board approval should be made at the November 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Students are expected to be at school on Thursday AM. Only a Dr’s excuse will be accepted as an excused absence for that day. Students who miss the school on the Thursday following the trip, without excuse may be counted as unexcused for days missed during the trip as well.

To be eligible for the trip, participants:

- Pass all 1<sup>st</sup> semester classes and must be passing all classes at the time of the trip.
- Have no unexcused absences or suspensions