



Morrisonville High School

Washington DC Trip Late Winter 2010

The Morrisonville High School is presently exploring the possibility of an educational trip to Washington, DC for this year's Juniors and Seniors. We are presently targeting the last week of February for the trip. Interested students from the two classes are 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 Tuesday Night February 23rd departure. We'll leave DC Saturday evening with a return to Morrisonville sometime Sunday afternoon/evening, February 28th. 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 likely be asked to research and act as group tour guide, for our visit to the monuments.

The trip will involve overnight bus trips on Tuesday night and Saturday 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
- Cost for bus fuel will be approximately \$30 per student
- 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 will give final approval only after we have a better idea of the number of participants and plans have become more specific. Space limitations of the bus will limit us to a maximum of 30 students. Plans must begin immediately, so students should express their interest by the first week of January.

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
- Arlington Cemetary (Tomb of Unknown)

Museums

- Air & Space (Smithsonian)
- American History (Smithsonian)
- Natural History (Smithsonian)
- Museum of Art (Smithsonian)
- Holocaust Museum

Meet with our Representative and/or Senator

Meet with Lobbyist & Discuss Legislative process

Watch Congressional Legislative Session

Washington DC Trip Student Interest Form

Tentative Trip Dates: Tuesday Evening, February 23rd thru Sunday, February 28th

Trip Costs (Estimated):

Hotel: \$75

Fuel: \$30

Food: \$100??

It is critical that any student with interest, return this form by Wednesday, January 4th. This will allow us to determine if there will be enough participants to make the trip worthwhile , and permit planning to begin.

Student Name _____

I am interested in being considered in the plans for this Winter’s Washington, DC trip. I understand that all trip expenses will be my responsibility if I am a participant. 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.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

This form IS NOT a commitment, but will be used to assist in planning and finalizing trip details. Interested students will be involved in shaping the details of the trip. Presentation to the Board and a final decision on the trip will be made during the January meeting.