

Washington D.C. 2017

Eighth Grade Trip



Senate

House of Representatives

The Capitol Building

Each year, Goff eighth graders have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. Anyone returning the attached permission form and deposit by **Friday, November 18th** and meets all building criteria and eligibility requirements will be reserved a seat.

*Students who bring in the form after date above may be placed on a waiting list.

The cost of the trip will be \$370 Students may reduce the cost of their trip by participating in various fundraisers. In collaboration with the Goff PTO, various fundraisers will be planned, such as magazine sale, etc.

Students will be asked to form their own groups. Up to four boys or four girls can be in a rooming group. Groups of fewer than four will be combined. Each group of four must have a parent chaperone. Groups that do not have a parent chaperone will be assigned one. After the initial deposit has been submitted, rooming forms will be made available to students for them to form their rooming groups. Please take time to discuss rooming groups with your child before submitting his/her form to confirm all students are in agreement with arrangements and to ensure optimal sleeping and chaperone groups. Please sign the rooming sheet and have your son/daughter return the sheet to Mr. Neumann's office. We recommend that you call your son's/daughter's chaperone if you have any concerns.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

5:30 AM Buses depart Goff School
9:15 AM 20-minute rest stop in New Jersey
12:00 AM Eat your bagged lunch
1:30 PM Capitol Hill Tour / Supreme Court / Library of Congress
4:00 PM Meet at the Smithsonian Metro Station
4:30 PM Take the Busses to Arlington National Cemetery
5:00 PM Tour Arlington Cemetery via guides
6:00 PM Meet Buses and depart for Fashion Mall Center
6:30 PM Dinner and Shopping at the Fashion Mall Center
8:00 PM Meet tour buses and depart for hotel
9:00 PM Arrive at hotel
10:00 PM Lights out

Thursday, May 11, 2017

7:00 am Breakfast at hotel
8:00 am Depart the Hotel
9:00 am Day Tours of Washington w/tour guides
Ford's Theater (guided tour)
National Archives (self-guided tour)
Holocaust Museum
Natural History Museum
Smithsonian Museum
12:00 pm Lunch (on your own)
5:30 pm Load buses for dinner Union Station
7:30 pm Monument Tours at Night
10:30 pm Arrive at hotel

Friday, May 12, 2017

7:00 am Breakfast at hotel
8:30 am Board Buses and leave for Inner Harbor
9:30 am Tour of Camden Yards (optional/if child selected)
9:30 am National Aquarium/Shopping/Science Museum (On Your Own)
11:45 am Lunch/Harbor Place Mall/Aquarium
1:45 pm Buses leave for Goff
7:00 pm Dinner at Thruway Rest Stop
9:30 pm Arrive at Goff



Attention Parents/Guardians:

There will be an informational meeting for parents regarding the Washington, D.C. Trip on Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm in the Goff cafeteria.

This meeting is open to all families interested in learning more about the trip and is strongly recommended that you attend. If you have any questions, please contact the Taylor House Office at 207-2451.



To Register Your Child:

1. Address an envelope with the following information:
 - a. Your child's name (please print)
 - b. His/Her team (8-1 or 8-2)
 - c. Washington, D.C. Trip

2. In this envelope, please enclose the following: (Please do not staple together)
 - a. The completed registration form.
 - b. \$100.00 deposit check (made payable to "Goff Student Activities") is due by Friday, November 18th - .

***** (Please print your child's name in the memo area.)*****

**Please note final payment is due April 7th, 2017 and after that date no refunds will be issued.

If there is a problem with payment of the deposit, please enclose a note to Mr. Neumann instead of the deposit check, and he will make alternate payment arrangements with you.

When above is completed, please seal the envelope, and have your child drop it in the Washington, D.C. box in the Taylor House office after he/she gets off the bus in the morning. Do not bring the envelope to any other teacher or any other house office.

Eligibility Requirements for Attending the Field Trip

1. Student attendance on any Goff school field trip is a privilege. Student behavior during the school year is closely monitored and helps to determine a student's eligibility for any field trip.
2. If a student violates any Level One Infraction during the year, the administrative team will review the infraction and notify parents if the student's eligibility for the trip is in jeopardy. A Level One Infraction may mean the immediate removal from any or all field trips. These infractions are listed in the Code of Conduct.
3. Level Two Infractions will also be monitored and used to determine whether the integrity of the trip is compromised. Level Two Infractions do not cause immediate removal but are subject to review and students may be removed based upon administrative discretion. Parents will be notified and a review committee of administrators, guidance counselors and teacher chaperones will determine the student's eligibility. These infractions are located in the Code of Conduct.
4. Approximately six weeks before the field trip, all reservations and accommodations need to be finalized. At this time, parents will be notified of the eligibility of their child's status for the trip. Any Level One Infraction after the final payment date (4/7/17) will automatically nullify the student's eligibility for the trip. Any trip payments will be forfeited.

Student Last Name / Team: _____

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Student Sign Up

Please read the directions on page 3
And return this entire sheet

For School Personnel Use	
Check #	_____
Bank	_____

Please print Student's Name _____

Home Phone # _____ e-mail address: _____
(Please print clearly-future info will come from emails)

Dad's Work # _____ Mom's Work # _____

Student's shirt size (Circle One) S M L XL XXL

******Please note all student shirts are ADULT sizes)******

Chaperone Sign Up For The Lottery

Parents who would like to be in the lottery for chaperoning should read the following paragraphs and complete the form below.

Note on chaperoning: If your child is in a group that has two chaperones, you may be asked to chaperone another group as well. You will be on the same bus and will be in the same walking group as your child; however, you may be responsible for supervising another group. No chaperone will be responsible for more than five students. We require all chaperones to stay with their group at all times and use good judgment when dealing with children. If you have any questions call Mr. Neumann at 207-2451.

Selection will be done by lottery in November. The cost per chaperone is **\$370** for a double room. Chaperone money will be collected after the lottery is held.

Print Full Name

Relationship to the student (i.e. mom, step-dad)

Are you a nurse or a doctor?

Yes No

What shirt size would you like?

S M L XL XXL

What is the cell phone number you will be using for the trip? _____

I authorize my child to be able to attend this trip. I have read and understand that after April 7, 2017 that no refunds will be issued and any trip payments will be forfeited.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____