Philadelphia 2020
Howard L. Goff Seventh Grade Trip

Each year, Goff seventh graders have the opportunity to travel to Philadelphia. Anyone returning the attached permission form and $100 deposit by **Friday, November 15th** and meets all building criteria and eligibility requirements (see page 4) will be reserved a seat on the trip.

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

The cost of the trip will be $260.00. Students may reduce the cost of their trip by participating in our fundraisers (in collaboration with the Goff PTO - pancake breakfast and Hoffman Car Wash 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 at least one parent chaperone attending the trip 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. Parents/guardians will have the opportunity to sign up for the trip (see Page 5) and the chaperone selection will be determined by lottery if multiple parents enter the lottery for their child's group. Once your child has decided on their roommates, those parents should reach out to the other parents in their child's group to introduce themselves and see which parents will also be entering their names into the lottery. Once we receive all rooming sheets we will be able to determine how many chaperones for that group have signed up for the trip. Please take time to discuss rooming groups with your child before submitting his/her form. Confirm all students have spoken and are all in agreement with the rooming arrangements to ensure accuracy, avoid any confusion and finalize arrangements. Please sign your child's rooming sheet once completed and have your son/daughter return the sheet to Taylor House (Blue House) office as soon as possible.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Thursday, June 4, 2020

5:30 am	Buses depart Goff (please arrive to Goff by 5:15am)
11:30 am	Arrive in Philadelphia
11:45am–5:00pm	Group time and walking tours ● Liberty Bell ● Congress Hall ● Christ Church ● **Independence Hall *or* The Museum of the American Revolution** ● National Constitution Center ● National Mint ● Federal Reserve
5:15pm	Leave for dinner and either Trenton Thunder or Philadelphia Phillies Game (TBD)
7:00pm	Ball Game
10:30pm	Return to Hotel

Friday, June 5, 2020

7:00am	Breakfast
8:30am	Leave for tours and bus
9:30am	Tour of Franklin Institute
1:00pm	Visit the Philadelphia Zoo – Lunch at the zoo
3:00pm	Leave Philadelphia
5:00pm	Dinner at Thruway rest stop
9:00pm	Arrive at Goff

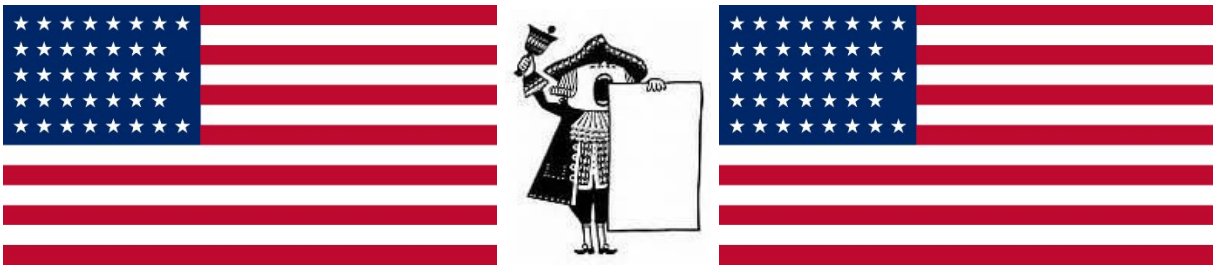
ATTENTION PARENTS / GUARDIANS

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS REGARDING THE PHILADELPHIA TRIP ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th 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 RED HOUSE OFFICE AT

518-207-2431.



To Register Your Child:

Address an envelope with the following information:

- Your child's name (please print)
- His/her team (7-1 or 7-2)
- "Philadelphia Trip"

In this envelope, please enclose the following (please do not staple together):

- Completed registration form (last page of this packet)
- $100.00 deposit – check made payable to "Goff Student Activities"
- Due date – by Friday, November 15th.

*****Please print your child's name on the memo line of your check*****

PLEASE NOTE FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 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 off in the Philadelphia box located in the Taylor House Office after he/she gets off of the bus in the morning. Please do not bring this envelope to any other teacher or 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 located on our website at the beginning of each school year.
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 also located in the Code of Conduct.
4. Approximately six weeks prior to 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 (3/6/20) will automatically nullify the student's eligibility for the trip. Any trip payments made will be forfeited.

Please return the following 2 pages (front/back) to the Taylor House Office

Student's Last Name / Team:_____

Philadelphia Trip Student Sign Up

Please read the directions on Page 4 and return entire sheet

Please Print Student's Full Name_____

Home Phone #_____
Dad's Work #_____
Mom's Work #_____

Email address(es):_____

Please print clearly as future trip information will be sent via Email

Student's Shirt Size (Circle One) Small Medium Large XL XXL

Please note all student shirts are ADULT sizes

I have read and understand that after March 6, 2020 that no refunds will be issued and any trip payments will be forfeited.

*Parent Signature:*_____*Date:* _____

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.

****Parents who do NOT wish to chaperone, please just place an "X" across the section below.****

Note on chaperoning: If your child is in a group that has two chaperones, you may be asked to chaperone another group who does not have a chaperone attending. You will be on the same bus and will be in the same walking/traveling group as your child and you will never be separated from your child's group; 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, please contact Ms. Hoffman at 518-207-2431.

The cost per chaperone is also $260.00 for a double room. Chaperone money will be collected after the lottery is held. The lottery if needed will be held in late January or early February,

Chaperone Name / Relationship to Student (i.e., mother, step-father, etc.): _____

Are you a Nurse or a Doctor? YES NO
What shirt size would you like: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large
What is the cell phone number you will be using on the trip?_____

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East Greenbush Central School District

NOTIFICATION OF A SCHEDULED FIELD TRIP

Howard L. Goff Middle School

Field trips are planned in order to give additional dimension to our instructional program. In most cases, students are able to observe personally material that is discussed in the classrooms. This adds a degree of realism to the school program. Field trips are considered to be a very important and integral part of the school program.

_____Ms. Hoffman_____ at the Howard L Goff Middle School has planned

a field trip to _____Philadelphia, PA_____

on _____June 4 & 5, 2020_____ at ____5:15 am Thursday - 8 pm Friday_____.
(Date) (Time)

Please sign and return the form below prior to the date indicated for the field trip. Your signature is necessary for this activity.

In the event the date of the trip is cancelled or postponed due to weather or other matters, please refer to the website for the rescheduled information.

I have been informed of the field trip scheduled for _____June 4 & 5, 2020_____
(Date)

I would like _____ to participate in this activity. If an
(Student's Name)

emergency should arise, I can be reached at the following number _____.

If I am not available, _____ can be reached at the following
(Designated Adult)

number _____.

My child has the following health concern/medication that you should be aware of during this

field trip:_____.

_____ _____
(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)