

Washington D.C. 2024

Howard L. Goff 8th Grade Trip



Senate

House Of Representatives

The Capitol Building

Each year, Goff 8th graders have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. Anyone returning the attached permission forms and \$100 deposit by **Friday, December 1, 2023** and meets all building criteria and eligibility requirements (see page 4) will be reserved a seat on the trip.

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

The cost of the trip for students is \$495.00. The fundraising options we have scheduled are:

- **Our Annual Pancake Breakfast** where students have the opportunity earn money by selling tickets to the event and also working the event (waiter, busser, etc.);
- We will be offering a **Hoffman's Car Wash Helping Hands fundraiser** in December which has been very successful in the past in helping students earn money toward their trip;
- And we will be offering local businesses and community members the opportunity to sponsor a student and donate where they will have their name added to the back of our t-shirts that will be worn on the trip to Washington, D.C.

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 Mr. Neumann's office as soon as possible.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

5:30 am Buses depart Goff
9:15 am 20-minute rest stop in New Jersey
12:00pm Eat bagged lunch
1:30pm Capitol Hill Tour / Supreme Court / Library of Congress, etc.
6:00pm Meet buses and depart for Fashion Mall Center
6:30pm Dinner and shopping at the Fashion Mall Center
8:00pm Meet tour buses and depart for hotel
8:30pm Arrive at hotel
10:00pm Lights out

Thursday, May 9, 2024

7:00am Breakfast at hotel
8:00am Depart hotel
9:00am Day tours of Washington

- Ford's Theater (guided tour)
- National Archives (self-guided tour)
- Holocaust Museum
- Natural History Museum
- Smithsonian Museum

12:00pm Lunch (on your own)
5:30pm Load buses for dinner Union Station (dinner)
7:30pm Monument tours at night
10:30pm Arrive at hotel

Friday, May 10, 2024

7:00am Breakfast at hotel
8:00am Board buses for Arlington National Cemetery
8:30am Tour of Arlington National Cemetery and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
10:30 Board Buses for Baltimore Inner Harbor
11:45am Lunch / Harbor Place Mall / Aquarium
1:45pm Buses leave for Goff
7:00pm Dinner at Thruway rest stop
9:30pm Arrive at Goff



ATTENTION PARENTS / GUARDIANS

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING
FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS REGARDING THE
WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD AT
6 PM IN THE GOFF CAFETERIA.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO FAMILIES
INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE
TRIP AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU
ATTEND.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT THE TAYLOR HOUSE OFFICE AT
518-207-2451



To Register Your Child:

Address an envelope with the following information:

- Your child's name (please print)
- "Washington Trip"

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

- Completed registration form (last pages of this packet)
- \$100.00 deposit – checks made payable to "Goff Student Activities"
- Due date – by December 1, 2023.

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

PLEASE NOTE FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024. AFTER THAT DATE NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.

When the above is completed, please seal the envelope and have your child drop it off in the Washington, D.C. box located in the Taylor House Office (Mr. Neumann's office) after he/she gets off of the bus in the morning.

*****Please do NOT bring this envelope to any teachers or other house offices - bring envelope directly to Mr. Neumann's office in the Blue/Taylor House*****

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 that is 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 (**3/27/2024**) 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: _____

Washington, D.C. 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 Wednesday, March 27, 2024 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 this lottery section of 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 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 Mr. Neumann at 518-207-2451.

*****The cost per chaperone is \$495.00 for a double room.*****

Chaperone money will be collected after a lottery is held and chaperones are determined.

Chaperone Name

Relationship to Student (i.e., mother, step-father, etc.)

Is Chaperone a Nurse or a Doctor? YES NO

Chaperone Shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

What is the cell phone number you would be using on the trip? _____

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 personally observe 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.

Mr. Neumann at the Howard L. Goff Middle School has planned a field trip to **Washington D.C.**

on **5/8/2024 (through 5/10/2024)** at **5:30 AM**
(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 canceled 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 **5/8/2024- 5/10/2024**
(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)