



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is covered by the cost of the trip?

The full cost of the trip is all inclusive and covers all transportation cost, all meals, two nights in the hotel, and any admission charges that may be necessary. Beyond that, students may bring additional spending money for souvenirs or any snacks they may want to purchase. Any additional spending money a student brings will be in their possession and their responsibility. You may want to sit down with your student before the trip, and decide together what is appropriate.

What are the accommodations at the hotel?

Students will have 4 to a room and the tour company is requesting that boys be on one floor, while girls are on another. If that is not available, they will be separated at different ends of the hallways, with chaperone rooms surrounding them. There are no balconies and there are no exterior doorways.

What about security?

A security company is hired to monitor the hallways each night. There will be tape placed across each hotel door, which will break if a student leaves their room during the night.

What will be the ratio of chaperone to student?

That will be confirmed once we know how many students are going on the trip. We are planning on 8 staff members as chaperones. Additionally, parent chaperones may be used. **The number of parent chaperones will be determined by the number of bus seats available, once we know our student numbers.** There is a form in this packet to fill out if you are interested in being placed in the pool of possible parent chaperones.

What do I do if my child needs financial assistance?

Fundraising opportunities will be available for all students. If you feel you need additional assistance you will need to call Mr. Smith at 419-588-2078 ext. 1202 during school hours. If we have been able to acquire donations specifically for this trip, we will try to assist those who qualify for extra help. ***All requests MUST be made by May 10, 2019. Additionally, those requesting assistance MUST participate in fundraising.***

How will fundraising work towards my child's individual account?

According to information from the Treasurer's Office, the IRS has made rules concerning individual fundraising. We are still able to do this, but must create a "reward" system for sales. The most efficient, yet proper, plan is this: for every two tickets you sell, the total amount goes toward your personal trip. Any odd number sold will go into the General D.C. Fund. For example, if you sell 24 tickets, all \$240.00 goes to your account. If you sell 23 tickets, \$220.00 goes to your account, but the remaining \$10 goes into the General D.C. Fund.

BOTTOM LINE: Sell 54 tickets!

Please note: if your child is unable to attend the DC trip for any reason, fundraised money in their account cannot be returned. It will go into the General D.C. Fund.

How will students choose their rooms?

Prior to the trip, students will sign up for rooms on a "room request sheet". We will try to honor their requests, but there are no guarantees.

What are the students going to see in Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg?

An itinerary of the trip is included in this packet. Please keep in mind that the itinerary may change even up to the dates of the trip. We are still working to secure our times for various tours, so there still may be some shifting on the itinerary.

How will cell phones be handled on this trip?

We request that students not bring cell phones. However, if a student does bring their phone, it must be checked and held by the teacher chaperone assigned to that particular bus. Teachers will allow students to phone home when necessary.

How will medication be handled?

If your child takes any over the counter or prescription medication, there will be a release form given out in October, requiring a physician signature. If you have any specific questions, contact the school nurse at extension 1253.

Are there any more meetings at the school about the trip?

There will be a meeting scheduled in the fall for the parents of those students who are going on the trip. At this meeting, final details will be given. Also, all necessary medical and emergency forms will be distributed at that time.

Where can I find information about the DC trip on the school website?

Once on the school district website, go to the schools tab, then drop down to middle school. On the left side of that page you will find Washington, D.C. as a choice. Information will be posted on the page and updated as necessary.

If you have other questions or concerns, please call Mr. Smith at 419-588-2078 ext. 1202 or send an email to cosmith@edisonchargers.org You may also contact Mrs. Carrier-Vajda at ext.1262 or email at ccarrier-vajda@edisonchargers.org