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## **Washington, DC Trip - 2026**

### To Naperville 2026 8th Grade Class – Kennedy JHS,

We are excited to announce that Kennedy JHS students are traveling to Washington, DC, to engage in history and government firsthand. This learning program is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your child to experience the power of travel!

Throughout our experiential journey, students will:

- Visit historic landmarks including the Lincoln Memorial, Capitol Hill & Mount Vernon
- Learn about our heroes and the sacrifices they made while visiting Arlington National Cemetery and all the Monuments and Memorials around DC
- Gain a deeper understanding of our history and government, the consequences of choices, and how those continue to shape America's future

We have chosen School Tours of America as our travel planner due to their decades of experience, outstanding safety record, and exceptional customer service. Our tour is non-school sponsored. We will lead our group, along with other chaperones as needed. In addition, representatives from School Tours of America will be available throughout our entire trip.

There will be an informational meeting to discuss this exciting opportunity on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Meeting will be held in the LC.

Registration opens after trip information meeting concludes. Space is limited. Register online at SchoolToursOfAmerica.com, or complete the enclosed registration. Please note, the Payment Protection Program(PPP) is required, and it is included in your trip price. The trip is open to students only.

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# LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE, WHY TAKE THE RISK?

### SECURE YOUR PAYMENTS WITH A PLAN YOU CAN TRUST

We created the Payment Protection Program (PPP) because we understand that things happen: the flu spreads, family emergencies arise, jobs change, and sometimes your team makes it to the playoffs. With the Payment Protection Program, we've got your back.



PROTECTION - Protect your investment and receive a \*Full Refund should you or your group need to cancel anytime prior to departure.

PEACE OF MIND - Your payments are covered from the moment you register. Return travel expenses are covered for family emergencies.

SIMPLICITY - To enroll, agree to the PPP when you register. You can also include the PPP in your payment schedule.

> \*For details see Terms and Conditions at: www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com/terms-conditions

## EARN YOUR TRIP WITH MYTOURFUND.COM

LOG IN

Register and sign up for a free MyTourFund account **LOVE IT** 

Add pictures, video and your unique message

**LAUNCH IT** 

Share your page with friends and family

Call: 866.543.9625 or Visit: SchoolToursOfAmerica.com

For: Naperville 2026 8th Grade Class - Kennedy JHS Trip Date: 05/28/26 - 05/31/26

### REGISTER ONLINE NOW at www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com

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Please Select: O I AGREE to protect my payments with the Payment Protection Program, Program (recommended). understanding that I may lose my money if the trip is canceled for any reason.

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### WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Close-in hotels



**Trip Concierge** 



**Transportation** 



Licensed guides



MyTourFund.com



**Admissions** 



Insurance



**Private security** 



**Drawstring bag** 

# IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

### **Tour Details**

Trip #: B628 Departing: 05/28/26 Returning: 05/31/26

Destination: Washington, DC

Group Leaders: Chris Rester and Thaddeus Whildin

Contact Details: crester@comcast.net or twhildin@gmail.com

### **Tour Price**

Register now! Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

The Payment Protection Program (PPP) of \$229.00 is included in your price. You will receive a FULL REFUND minus the PPP if you cancel ANYTIME for ANY REASON prior to trip departure. (See Terms and Conditions for full details.)

Quad Price	Triple Price	Double Price	
(4 per room)	(3 per room)	(2 per room)	
\$1,898.00	\$1,973.00		

### **Payment Plans**

Save time and avoid fees by making manageable, monthly payments with EzPay. (Available with online registration only.)

OR

Mail in monthly payments utilizing STA payment coupons. (Incurs \$6 handling charge per payment.)

# Register today to enjoy savings! Registration Deadline: 11/05/25

**Required Deposit:** \$99.00 (Your deposit is applied to the total trip cost.)

Final Payment Due Date: 03/19/26

### Have questions?

Learn more at our informational meeting. Details to follow.



\*The above pricing is all-inclusive unless otherwise specified in the enclosed materials.

# **SPACE IS LIMITED. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**



### REGISTER ONLINE

Select "register" in the upper right corner at: SchoolToursOfAmerica.com



### **ENROLL IN EzPay**

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### **OPT-IN TO THE PPP**

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# **SAMPLE ITINERARY:** Naperville School Group Washington, DC

# 4 Days / 3 Nights

Day 1- May 28

Bus Transfer from school to airport in morning

**BOXED BREAKFAST** 

Meet your STA Rep and Motor Coach and begin sightseeing.

Vietnam, Korean and Lincoln Memorials

LUNCH

**Library of Congress Tour** 

**US Capitol Building Tour** 

**DINNER** 

Check into full-service hotel property close to the District.

STA Rep at Hotel with group each evening

All night security on duty

Day 2 – May 29

**BREAKFAST** – Hotel Buffet

**Holocaust Museum** 

**National Archives** 

LUNCH

Smithsonian Museums: African American and choice of others

FDR, Jefferson and MLK Memorials

**DINNER/DANCE** 

Return to hotel with security

Day 3 - May 30

**BREAKFAST** – Hotel Buffet

**Gettysburg National Park** 

LUNCH

**Arlington National Cemetery** 

DINNER

Return to hotel with security

Day 4 – May 31

**BREAKFAST** – Hotel Buffet

Mt. Vernon Estate and Educational Center

LUNCH

Smithsonian Museum and Memorials if time permits

Depart for airport

**DINNER** 

Group departs for home

Bus Transfer back to school

\* All sites in bold require an appointment







Register today at www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com



This transformative tour provides unlimited growth opportunities; your child will return a more passionate student, a more conscientious citizen, and a more mature person.

# THE BENEFITS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL WITH SCHOOL TOURS OF AMERICA



### **Personal Growth**

Studies have shown that students who travel see improvements in grades and behavior. Your child will gain tremendous confidence and independence while traveling with classmates.



## **Empowered Citizenship**

Travelers realize their potential to positively shape America's future as they experience deeply meaningful sites such as Arlington National Cemetery, the Supreme Court and the National Archives.



## **Educational Opportunities**

Available interdisciplinary learning opportunities include: college credit, leadership programs and service learning experiences.

You will never look at your students the same because they will never be the same. This experience is life-changing. EADRE

Watch video testimonials by students, parents & teachers at: www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com/wall-parents.html





## Need help raising funds for your trip?

Utilize the power of social media with our exclusive crowdfunding platform, MyTourFund.com, where 100% of donations are applied to your trip!

This free fundraising tool allows each registered student to create a personal website where they can:



CREATE & CUSTOMIZE THEIR PAGE



SHARE WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY



MyTourFund.com

participants raise an

average of \$900

for their tour

RECEIVE DONATIONS AUTOMATICALLY



## **COMMITMENT TO HEALTH & SAFETY**

Not to brag, but we have the best safety record in student travel for a reason! Our decades of experience helped us craft new safety policies, protocols, and procedures to keep travelers safe at every step. Curious? Check it out at: <a href="https://schooltoursofamerica.com/safetravel">https://schooltoursofamerica.com/safetravel</a>.



### **TRIPStrong**

To create a strong and safe approach to your next trip, your Group Leader may designate a "medical chaperone" to accompany the tour and provide support if needed.



### **TRIPSwag**

The complimentary STA drawstring bag can be used throughout your tour to store useful trip swag like your STA t-shirt and your lanyard with emergency contact card.



### **Safety & Security**

All tour staff is trained using a detailed Safety Contingency Plan. Our East Coast office provides immediate response and communication with local and federal authorities, and maintains a 24/7 dedicated, toll-free phone line exclusively for parents and students.



### **Trip Concierge**

On every tour is staffed with a Trip Concierge who can meet the group at the hotel, and if necessary, provide students and teachers with assistance as needed.



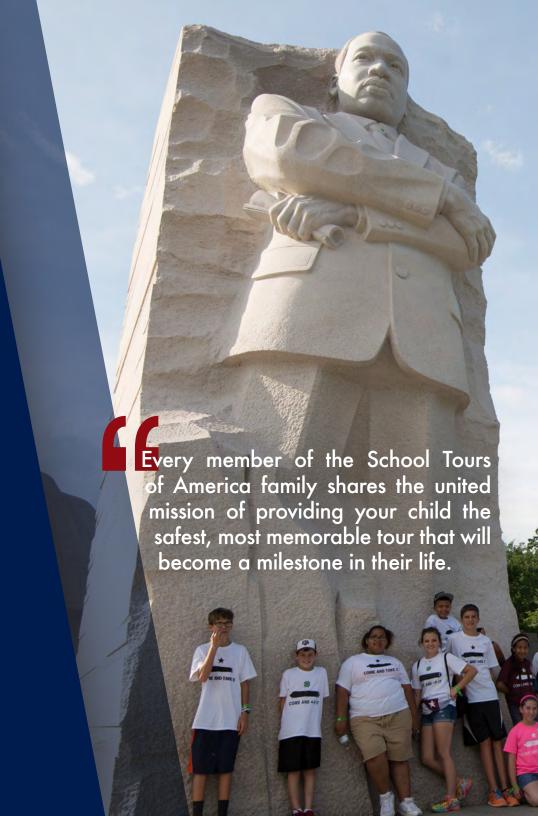
### **Professional, Bonded Security**

Private guards are stationed on hotel floors each night, ensuring that students adhere to the strict nightly curfew.



### **Full Insurance Coverage**

Tour participants are automatically covered by medical, dental and accident insurance.



# **PAYMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP)**

## Life is unpredictable. We've got you covered.

Add the PPP to your tour price to receive a **FULL REFUND** (less the cost of the PPP) if you cancel **ANY TIME** for **ANY REASON** prior to trip departure.\*

Benefits	PPP
100% refund prior to trip departure	1
Include cost of program in payments	*
Travel home due to family emergency	*
Lost luggage protection	✓



Full Refund Examples	PPP
Illness	✓
Family emergency	*
Trip cancellation by school or group lead	der 🗸
Behavior / academic issues	<b>*</b>
Sports conflict	*
Financial difficulty	<b>✓</b>



**ORDER YOUR SOUVENIR T-SHIRT** 

(Ask your Group Leader if the t-shirt is already included in your trip cost.)







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