

Group Name: Marvin Ridge MS 8th Grade
Address: 2831 Crane Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173
Group Leader: Matt Sams
Contact Info: Matthew.Sams@ucps.k12.nc.us
Destination: Washington, DC



FINAL ITINERARY - 100565

✓ Denotes included meals.

DAY 1: Monday, March 17, 2025 [Buses 1-2]	
6:00 AM	Depart from the school on a deluxe motorcoach
1:00 PM	Boxed lunch at Chick-fil-A in Spotsylvania Towne Centre ✓
2:00 PM	Depart
3:00 PM	National Air & Space: Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
5:00 PM	Depart
5:30 PM	Dinner, bowling, and games at Uptown Alley ✓
8:00 PM	Depart
8:30 PM	Check into the hotel [Hilton Springfield]

DAY 2: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 [Buses 1-2]	
6:45 AM	Breakfast at the hotel ✓
7:45 AM	Depart
8:30 AM	Smithsonian National Zoo
10:00 AM	Depart
10:30 AM	U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
11:45 AM	Depart
12:00 PM	Group lunch at Hard Rock Cafe ✓
1:30 PM	Depart
2:15 PM	National Museum of African American History and Culture
3:45 PM	Depart
4:00 PM	Ford's Theater
5:00 PM	Depart
5:30 PM	Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building (\$15 meal budget) ✓
6:30 PM	Monuments and Memorials guided tour
TBA	Depart for the hotel

DAY 3: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 [Buses 1-2]	
7:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel ✓
8:30 AM	Depart
9:00 AM	National Museum of the United States Army
10:30 AM	Depart
11:15 AM	Enter U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Security
12:00 PM	Lunch at the Capitol Cafe ✓
1:00 PM	U.S. Capitol guided tour
2:30 PM	Depart
3:00 PM	Museums of the Smithsonian and/or the National Archives
5:00 PM	Depart
5:30 PM	Spirit of Washington Dinner Cruise ✓
8:30 PM	Return to the hotel

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DAY 4: Thursday, March 20, 2025 [Buses 1-2]	
8:00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel ✓
10:00 AM	Depart
11:00 AM	Arlington National Cemetery: guided walking tour
1:15 PM	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: wreath laying ceremony
2:00 PM	Depart
2:15 PM	Lunch at Pentagon City (\$15 meal budget) ✓
3:15 PM	Depart
7:00 PM	Dinner en route (\$15 meal budget) ✓
8:00 PM	Depart
12:00 AM	Arrive at the school

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6:00 AM	Depart from the school on a deluxe motorcoach
1:00 PM	Boxed lunch at Chick-fil-A in Spotsylvania Towne Centre ✓
2:00 PM	Depart
3:00 PM	National Air & Space: Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
5:00 PM	Depart
5:30 PM	Dinner, bowling, and games at Uptown Alley ✓
8:00 PM	Depart
8:30 PM	Check into the hotel [Hilton Springfield]

DAY 2: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 [Buses 3-5]	
8:15 AM	Breakfast at the hotel ✓
9:15 AM	Depart
10:00 AM	Museums of the Smithsonian and/or the National Archives
11:15 AM	National Museum of African American History and Culture
12:45 PM	Depart
1:00 PM	Group lunch at Hard Rock Cafe ✓
2:00 PM	Bus 3-4: Ford's Theater
2:30 PM	Bus 5: Ford's Theater
3:15 PM	Bus 3-4: Depart
3:30 PM	Bus 5: Depart
3:30 PM	Bus 3-4: U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and/or Museums of the Smithsonian
3:45 PM	Bus 5: U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and/or Museums of the Smithsonian
5:30 PM	Depart
6:00 PM	Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building (\$15 meal budget) ✓
7:00 PM	Monuments and Memorials guided tour
TBA	Depart for the hotel

DAY 3: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 [Buses 3-5]	
6:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel ✓
7:30 AM	Depart
8:00 AM	Smithsonian National Zoo
9:30 AM	Depart
10:00 AM	Enter U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Security
10:30 AM	U.S. Capitol guided tour
12:00 PM	Lunch at the Capitol Cafe ✓
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1:45 PM	Depart
3:30 PM	U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
5:00 PM	Depart
5:15 PM	Dinner at Pentagon City (\$15 meal budget) ✓
6:15 PM	Monuments and Memorials guided tour
8:00 PM	Depart
8:30 PM	Check into the hotel [Hilton Springfield]

DAY 2: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 [Buses 6-7]	
7:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel ✓
8:30 AM	Depart
9:00 AM	National Museum of the United States Army
10:30 AM	Depart
11:15 AM	Group lunch at Hard Rock Cafe ✓
12:30 PM	Ford's Theatre
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6:00 PM	Dinner, bowling, and games at Uptown Alley ✓
9:00 PM	Depart for the hotel

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2:30 PM	Lunch at Potomac Mills (\$15 meal budget) ✓
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5:00 PM	Depart
5:30 PM	Dinner at Pentagon City (\$15 meal budget) ✓
6:30 PM	Monuments and Memorials guided tour
8:00 PM	Depart
8:30 PM	Check into the hotel [Hilton Springfield]

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6:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel ✓
7:30 AM	Depart
8:30 AM	Enter U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Security
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4:00 PM	National Air & Space: Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
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6:30 PM	Dinner, bowling, and games at Uptown Alley ✓
9:00 PM	Depart for the hotel

DAY 3: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 [Buses 8-10]	
7:45 AM	Breakfast at the hotel ✓
8:30 AM	Depart
9:30 AM	Buses 8-9: Ford's Theater
10:00 AM	Bus 10: Ford's Theater
11:00 AM	Group lunch at Hard Rock Cafe ✓
12:15 PM	Depart
12:30 PM	U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and/or Museums of the Smithsonian
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TREX TIPS

Additional information for your upcoming travel experience.

TRAVEL TEAM MEMBERS

Orange Sky provides travel team members (called "Handlers") on every trip to lead and facilitate travel plans for the group. On most trips one travel team member will be provided for every 25-50 passengers, which equals 1 per bus for motorcoach travel. Our Handlers are not tour guides or destination experts. Their primary responsibilities are to handle all travel details (conducting roll calls; counting passengers prior to every departure; distributing room keys; calling ahead to vendors; etc.), provide direction and communication (describe daily activities and schedules as well as meeting spots) and organize trip leaders (including coordinating with bus drivers, chaperones, and guides). Gratuities for travel team members and bus drivers are prepaid and included in our travel packages. Contact information for Handlers will be provided to each chaperone.

CHAPERONES

While travel team members are responsible for all trip details, chaperones provided by the school or organization are responsible for their students. Chaperones are considered to be all adults accompanying the group, including the program leader (group leader). Our Handlers will host a Leadership Huddle for all chaperones prior to departure or during the early portion of the trip to assure that all trip leaders are on the same page; have each other's contact information; and understand the leadership structure for the travel experience. Handlers will discuss general safety information and bus etiquette in conjunction with bus drivers. However, travel team members are not expected to provide comprehensive student conduct expectations. Appropriate student behavior is expected on all Orange Sky travel experiences and should be discussed prior to each trip by the program director (group leader) and/or appointed chaperones.

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PARTICIPANTS

Each school or organization is encouraged to provide its own student expectations and guidelines. However, please adhere to the following guiding principles and general information for a successful travel experience:

Packing Information

1. Parents or legal guardians should ensure that students bring all of the essential items and do not bring items that violate the school's code of conduct. Ultimately, you are responsible for your children and what they pack. Put your name on EVERYTHING, luggage, carry-on, etc.
2. One suitcase for overnight travel is permitted. Never pack items in your suitcase that you will need during the first day (cameras, money, jackets, etc.). Pack a carry-on bag or book bag (pillow, camera, batteries, ear phones, books, sunglasses, small snacks, etc.). Do not bring a large carry-on bag...it must be small enough to fit under your seat on the bus or plane.
3. Be careful of your belongings, money, camera, etc. These items are your responsibility. We suggest that you pack these items in your carry-on bag, not your suitcase. Your suitcase will be stowed under the bus or checked at the airport and will not be accessible until you reach the hotel. Do not bring anything valuable with you. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Note: hats, gum and backpacks are not permitted in government buildings.

4. Pack your own toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc...). It is in your best interest to avoid packing a heavy suitcase because you will be lifting and carrying it yourself.
5. Keep well informed of the weather forecast for your trip's destination and pack accordingly. It is recommended that you dress in layers to enable yourself to adapt to changes in the temperature throughout the day.
6. Wear comfortable shoes because these trips involve a great amount of walking during the day moving from one attraction to the next.

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Motorcoach Information

1. Students and chaperones should remember their bus assignment and ride on their designated bus the entire trip. Bus assignments will be color-coded on each participant's nametag. Travel team members and chaperones will also have a passenger list for each bus.
2. Snacks are permitted on motorcoaches, but please limit drinks to 20oz bottles or smaller. Open containers, cans, and dairy products are NOT permitted.
3. Students should be respectful to all chaperones and travel team members by turning off any electronics, removing earphones, facing forward, and listening to trip leaders when they are speaking.
4. All passengers must remain seated while the bus is moving.
5. Please dispose of any wrappers or empty drink containers in the wastebasket, and keep your seat and floor area clean at all times. Each time you depart the bus, take any trash up to the front of the bus for disposal.
6. The bathroom on the bus is only for emergencies. Rest stops will be made periodically.
7. Whenever leaving the bus, make sure you know when and where you are to meet the bus. We strongly recommend that chaperones always accompany their students when they are not on the motorcoach or plane. We also highly suggest the "buddy system" for all students...there is safety in numbers!
8. We recommend having students sit with a student that is of the same gender during the entire trip.
9. Backpacks, carry-on bags, and pillows should be left on the bus during the day and taken off when the bus arrives at the hotel or performance venue.

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Hotel Information

1. Students are ultimately responsible for their behavior or misbehavior in the hotel. Program leaders (group leaders) and chaperones are responsible for the group's conduct. Disturbances in the hotel could result in the removal of a participant from the hotel by the hotel personnel. Loud talking in the halls, slamming doors, opening windows, etc. will disturb the other guests.

2. We suggest that chaperones check each room upon entrance. Make sure everything is in order (towels, TV, etc.). Please inform travel team members of any damages at this time so you won't be charged.

3. Hotel phones are not to be used at any time. The front desk monitors all hotel phone use. The use of cell phones is at the discretion of each individual school policy. In the event pay per-view TV is not turned off, it is not to be used or accessed by students for any reason.

**All expenses incurred by the room use will be divided among the room guests.*

4. Do not take any articles from the room. (towels, wash cloths, sheets, etc.) If anything is missing after checkout, the occupants of the entire room will be held responsible.

5. Always double check to make sure that your room is locked before you leave it. Also make sure you have the key!

6. We recommend that chaperones inspect each room prior to departure. Check for forgotten items in drawers, closets and under beds. Collect room keys after the room has been checked.