

October 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians of the '22-23 Eighth Graders:

I wanted to fill you in on the details about the upcoming Washington D.C. trip and about some important information regarding the trip. Please mark your calendars for July 23rd. This is the departure date for the D.C. trip with a return date of July 30th. Also note that your child's registration and the first \$200 deposit will be **DUE** Nov. 15th, by 4 pm.

Several years ago, the New Hampton Middle School turned over sponsorship of the Washington D.C. trip fundraising efforts to the New Hampton Lions Club. They will be organizing the fundraising for the trip. Jennifer Waddell along with the New Hampton Lions Club are the organizing committee and questions can be directed to her. The trip is no longer sponsored by New Hampton Middle School. This has allowed the trip to be opened to all 8th grade students in the New Hampton community, including students at St. Joseph's Community School.

The trip will continue to be administered and directed by Legacy Tours and Hawkeye Stages to provide the most educational and entertaining trip possible. Mrs. Waddell is planning to have a parent-student meeting with the tour guides on **Tuesday November 1st at 5:30 pm in the school cafeteria.** This will be the first date where you receive more information regarding the trip, chaperone applications and raffle ticket sales. At this meeting you will also get your first chance to meet our guides, and representatives from Legacy Tours. This meeting will discuss many of the details about the D.C. trip and hopefully answer many of the questions you may have.

The Lions Club plans on continuing the raffle ticket sales for 8th grade students as the middle school had done in the past. This money will go directly towards your child's trip. In the event your child does not go or raises beyond the necessary amount, the money will go towards the class, as that is the intent when people in our community purchase raffle tickets. This year's trip cost is \$1785 for the student's quad rate.

The Washington D.C. trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn from some of the best tour guides available and to experience your nation's Capital firsthand. Students will be provided the opportunity to see how the government works, as well as the living history of our country. If you have further questions please feel free to contact me at NH8thtrip@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Jennifer Waddell

Lead Chaperone/Coordinator

Eighth Grade Washington, D. C. Trip Expectations 2022-2023

Expectations are high because of the:

- **maturity needed to take a trip of this magnitude.**
- **safety for all who go on the trip**
- **financial investment families have put into the trip**

It is a privilege to go on this trip-of-a-lifetime, not a right. We are hopeful that everyone who wishes to go on the trip will be able to.

Disciplinary actions include: Major/detention, PBIS disciplinary actions (missed events due to PBIS infractions, etc.), ½ day suspension, full day suspension, involvement of local law enforcement, and expulsion.

If an eighth-grade student receives...

...one disciplinary action, parent will be contacted and notified that this is the first infraction towards the D.C. trip. If a threat is made by a student to a staff member's safety or more than one student's safety, the student automatically loses the privilege of going on the D. C. trip from July 23 – July 30, 2023. Deposit all money raised is forfeited and is used to help financially burdened students attend the trip.

...a second disciplinary action, parent will be contacted and notified that this is the second infraction towards the D.C. trip. If a threat is made by a student to a staff member's safety or more than one student's safety, the student automatically loses the privilege of going on the D. C. trip from July 23 – July 30, 2023. Deposit and all money raised is forfeited and is used to help financially burdened students attend the trip.

...a third disciplinary action, parent will be contacted and notified that this is the third infraction towards the D.C. trip. If a threat is made by a student to a staff member's safety or more than one student's safety, the student automatically loses the privilege of going on the D. C. trip from July 23 – July 30, 2023. Deposit and all money raised is forfeited and is used to help financially burdened students attend the trip.

...on the fourth disciplinary action the student automatically loses the privilege of going on the D. C. trip from July 23 – July 30, 2023. Deposit and all money raised is forfeited and is used to help financially burdened students attend the trip.

...any expulsion will lead to the student automatically losing the privilege of going on the D.C. trip from July 23 – July 30, 2023. Deposit and all money raised is forfeited and is used to help financially burdened students attend the trip.

**Intent to Participate Form
Release of Information Form**

*(Sign and return this page to Jen Waddell on meeting night 11/1/22 or
email to NH8thtrip@gmail.com)*

8th Grade Class Trip to Washington, D.C.

Please place an "X" in the appropriate blank regarding participation in attending the 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip and raffle. (This is not binding. If you are not sure but may possibly go, please mark "I do intend". We can change it later. This is to give us preliminary numbers.)

_____ I do intend to go on the Washington, D.C. trip from July 23 - 30, 2023.
I will participate in this year's raffle fundraiser and realize I am responsible for the raffle tickets checked out to me.

_____ I do intend to go on the Washington, D.C. trip from July 23-30, 2023.
I will not participate in this year's raffle fundraiser, however.

_____ I do **NOT** intend to go on the Washington, D.C. trip from July 23-30, 2023.

I hereby authorize the exchange of information between the New Hampton Community School District, St. Joseph's School, and the New Hampton Lions Club 8th grade Washington D.C. Trip Committee.

I understand that this information will be kept confidential between the New Hampton Community School District; St. Joseph's School, and the New Hampton Lions Club 8th grade Washington D.C. Trip Committee and will not be released to anyone else without my consent.

I have read the behavior policy and hereby understand that violation of the behavior policy will result in disqualification from the New Hampton Lions Club 8th grade Washington D.C. Trip.

Information requested: Behavioral Referrals, Conduct Code Violations

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____