CMS 8th Grade

Washington, DC 2026

Packing List

Suggested Items to Bring:

- Glasses, contacts & solution, sunglasses
- Camera
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Coat/jacket, rain jacket, dress in layers (*please check the weather forecast before your departure*)
- Sweatshirt
- Cosmetics
- Hairbrush, comb, etc.
- Hat
- Pillow and a lightweight blanket for the bus (*if you wish*)
- Snacks
- **A refillable water bottle that can be sealed. We would like each student to fill up the bottle at breakfast every morning.**
- Portable cell phone charger (the buses usually have USB outlets and 110v plugs at every seat)

Large luggage items:

- Dress code per school regulations
- 3 casual t-shirts
- 2-3 pairs of pants/jeans
- 1 more formal outfit for the Dinner Cruise (*khakis, collared shirt, etc.*)
- 1 light jacket or poncho for cold weather or rain
- Pajamas
- Underwear and socks for 4 days
- Sunscreen
- **Toiletries**: deodorant, hand sanitizer, etc. (*pack in a plastic bag in case of spills*)
- Comfortable walking shoes with laces ***(No flip-flops or Crocs!)***
  - In case of rain, having an extra pair of sneakers is recommended
  - You will be doing A LOT of walking- **Last year we did over 20 Miles in 4 days.**
- Wallet and/or change purse
- Personal spending money (*souvenirs and snacks*)

Packing Tips:

Don't over-pack! A common mistake is to take too many clothes, unnecessary toiletries, etc. Each student must be able to carry their luggage. Usually, one suitcase and one backpack are sufficient. Use Ziploc bags to hold shampoos and other toiletries that could leak.





