

# ***Washington, DC Field Trip Frequently Asked Questions***

## **What does a typical DC day look like?**

- We typically leave the hotel between 8:30-9:00 am after all students wake, prepare, and eat.
  - Sightseeing objectives include:
    - Museums
    - National Archives
    - Historical/personal monuments
    - US government buildings
    - Arlington National Cemetery
    - Mount Vernon
- We will eat lunch out and about depending on the day's schedule.
- Additional sightseeing/guided tours
- Dinner
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- Return to the hotel around 9:00 pm to clean up, prepare for the next day, and sleep.

## **How will meals work?**

Breakfast buffets at the hotel

Lunches at food courts or food trucks with cash per diem for students

Typically sit-down dinners in various locations

For any food restrictions, please communicate with us early so we can work with your student(s) and the restaurants/hotels to ensure the students get what they need. For example, we can order box lunches from the hotel if a student has an allergy-related concern at a specific restaurant.

The whole class may attend a Washington Nationals baseball game and eat either lunch or dinner there.

## **Wait, you're collecting phones at night?!?!**

Yes, we are! We have done this for the past two years, and we are pleased with the results.

Students will have their phones until they are checked in by chaperones for bedtime. At that time, phones will be silenced and collected. They will be charged in chaperones' rooms and returned to students during the following morning's wake-up check.

We decided to collect phones after discussing options with Nations Classroom. Without phones, students will get a better night's sleep, which results in better days for them. The students will feel less ill when they are rested, and we want to limit opportunities for poor choices with technology in the hotel rooms.

## **How can I chip in so that less fortunate students can make the trip?**

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