



WORLD LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

IMMERSIVE PARTNERSHIP-BASED TRAVEL PROGRAMS

EASTERN SHORE | 5 DAYS

DAILY ITINERARY – *Subject to Change*

Other cultures, even within the United States, function differently, especially regarding schedules and timelines. Despite our best attempts to plan thoroughly, unanticipated circumstances and last-minute changes to the itinerary will happen. Community engagement experiences, which are determined according to the host community's interests, availability, and otherwise, can change at the last minute. Students often say that learning to be flexible and accepting different (and often challenging) cultural practices is one of the most valuable things they take from a World Leadership School program. Please be flexible and remember that adapting to change is a critical skill for future leaders working in global settings!

Day 1 - Thursday, February 11th

- Afternoon departure from Boston, MA into Baltimore, MD (BWI) or Washington, DC (DCA)
- Transfer to the Eastern Shore of Maryland
- *Learning Session: Opening Artifact Arcade*
- *Learning Session: AMPing Up*
- Stay at [Pecometh Retreat Center](#)

Day 2 - Friday, February 12th

- Full day with [Horn Point Laboratory](#) (*possible activities include tour of oyster hatchery and shell pile, presentation on the environment of the bay, collaborative environmental-themed activities with graduate students*)
- *Learning Session: In My Shoes*

Day 3 - Saturday, February 13th

- Full day with [Eastern Shore Network for Change](#) (*walking tour of Cambridge, visit to Harriet Tubman's Visitor Center, Race Street, etc.*)
- *Learning Session: Closing Artifact Arcade*

Day 4 - Sunday, February 14th

- Full-day trip to Washington, D.C. for student-selected small-group exploration of the monuments, National Mall or museums
- *Learning Session: High-Five Hustle*

Day 5 - Monday, February 15th

- *Learning Session: Candle Circle*
- Return flight to Boston, MA

PROGRAM FEE

The Fee for this program is **\$2850 USD** based on a minimum of 15 paying students. The program fee includes:

- All logistical coordination and arrangements
- Round-trip airfare or transportation to Baltimore, MD (BWI) or Washington, DC (DCA).
- Program transport, including charter transport and airport pick-up and drop-off
- Accommodations, including camping, bunkrooms, churches and hotels (where applicable)
- Nutritious snacks and meals
- Presentations, adventure activities, rental gear, entry fees, and tips

- Pre-program, program, and post-program Learning Sessions for middle and high school students
- Veteran instructors who are trained in wilderness medicine
- Risk management protocols and 24-7 emergency communication
- Domestic liability insurance

THIS PROGRAM FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airline baggage fees
- Personal spending money for souvenirs, snacks, soft drinks
- Personal medical insurance (all students should have US-based health insurance)
- Any other costs (whether or not covered by participant's insurance or WLS' purchased insurance, as applicable) in the event of hospitalization, evacuation, testing and/or quarantining and any related expenses whether participant remains on the program (e.g., program is interrupted or delayed) or is dismissed or departs early.
- Trip cancellation insurance (see below)

PAYMENT AND PAPERWORK SCHEDULE:

- **\$ 600 deposit** due at receipt of [registration](#) to be charged no earlier than July 15
- **September 15th** - First half of the program fee due for all program participants
- **November 15th** - Second half of the program fee and WLS registration form due for all program participants
- All payments will be charged to your student's Blackbaud tuition account. [Click here to choose a payment plan.](#)

**Students and parents, along with faculty, are required to complete all required World Leadership School forms, including the general registration, Terms & Conditions, the Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement, the Medical Form & COVID Addendum. [Terms and Conditions](#) (which include our refund policy) can be viewed online.*

WLS EXPERIENCE

World Leadership School (WLS) fosters deep learning through long-term partnerships between schools and communities across the world. Our approach combines immersive learning, ethical engagement, and a research-backed curriculum to create transformative educational experiences. By disconnecting from technology and their usual routines (see "unplugged policy" below), participants experience new perspectives and personal growth.

WLS prioritizes responsible, sustainable community engagement. Partnerships with local NGOs, schools, and community groups are built through a collaborative approach called "walking together." Community leaders shape the experiences, ensuring meaningful and equitable

engagement. Our program fees include contributions to partner communities, directly supporting local initiatives, and compensating partners for their time and efforts.

Our curriculum is designed for students to explore two key questions: “Who am I?” and “How do I take action in the world?” This journey of self-discovery and impact helps students develop a deeper sense of purpose. We train our instructors to adapt the learning sessions to the group’s needs, so the exact learning sessions each day may vary.

UNPLUGGED POLICY

World Leadership School has pursued an “unplugged policy” on our programs since 2007 for risk management, group dynamics, and logistical reasons. We seek to create immersive experiences, which begin with the idea that students disconnect from technology and their normal rhythms of life. This is part of our larger strategy to help students “disconnect, decenter, and re-envision.” A WLS program is a powerful opportunity for students to experience life without the distraction of technology, which was how students traveled before the introduction of the iPhone in 2007. We believe, and our experience supports, that student cell phones on our programs create more risk for students because they are distracted and prevented from being fully present mentally, physically, and emotionally on our programs. Students will be able to have phones for emergencies, but will not have them out during any activity. Families will be provided with contact information for chaperones in case they need to get in touch with their student during the day.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

WLS provides Emergency Medical and Evacuation insurance. We strongly encourage families to explore purchasing their own trip cancellation insurance which will cover financial loss if the student is not able to go on the program (this should generally cover costs such as the program fee and airfare) Here is the [informational handout](#) on one provider we work with. We always recommend families do their own research to find the plan that works best for them.