2020 Washington, D.C. Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that I will lead a group of Northside Middle School students on a WorldStrides program to Washington, D.C.. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore our nation’s most important historical sites and experience incomparable learning moments. This will be a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Standing where Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech at the Lincoln Memorial
- Discovering the true meaning of sacrifice at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Walking in the footsteps of our great leaders on Capitol Hill
- Exploring numerous Smithsonian Museums, like the National Museum of Natural History and the National Air and Space Museum

I have chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their 50 years of experience, their safety record, and their preventive measures that ensure learning occurs in a safe and fun environment. I will chaperone the program with other teachers as needed, and throughout the program our group will be guided by a WorldStrides-certified Course Leader. This trip is school sponsored.

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Northside Gym I. All parents and students are invited to attend this brief 30-minute meeting where I’ll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read the enclosed brochure, check out the sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/signup for more details about WorldStrides and our group’s trip. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (812)376-4405, or via laxt@bcsc.k12.in.us.

I would love for your child to join us on this unforgettable trip!

Sign Up By Thursday, June 6, 2019

Timothy (Tim) John Lax
Program Leader
# Washington, D.C. Sample Itinerary

## DAY 1

Arrive in Washington, D.C.

**Washington Monument** The world’s tallest stone monument, which honors our nation’s first president

**World War II Memorial** Honors the 16 million who served — and 400,000 who died — in the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII, and all who supported the war effort from home

Lunch

**Holocaust Museum** Get a glimpse of life for the victims of Nazi Germany with a viewing of “Daniel’s Story” at this living memorial

**Arlington National Cemetery** America’s most famous military cemetery: Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Gravesites, Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial

**Iwo Jima Memorial** A tribute to all U.S. Marines based on the famous WWII photo by Joe Rosenthal

**Pentagon Memorial** Honors the 184 victims of the 9/11 attack at the Pentagon

Dinner

**Lincoln Memorial** In remembrance of former President Abraham Lincoln and the great nation he fought to preserve during the Civil War

**Korean War Veterans Memorial** Tribute to the men and women who defended South Korea in the Korean War

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial** Dedicated to the more than 58,000 men and women killed or missing in Vietnam

Hotel check-in

## DAY 2

Breakfast

**Alexandria** One of America’s oldest and most historic cities

**Mount Vernon** George Washington’s home, plantation, and Education Center, which showcases life during colonial times, 18th-century treasures, and our first president as a farmer and businessman

Lunch

**Capitol Hill Grounds Tour** Capitol Visitor Center: Supreme Court, Library of Congress

**White House** (picture stop) Home of the U.S. president

**Jefferson Memorial** Dedicated to our third president and author of the Declaration of Independence

**FDR Memorial** In remembrance of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

**MLK Memorial** Honors the famous civil rights activist, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dinner

Return to hotel

## DAY 3

Breakfast

Hotel check-out

**Ford’s Theatre and Petersen House** Where President Lincoln was shot and later died on that fateful day

**National Archives** Home of the original Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence

Lunch

**Smithsonian Institution** The world’s largest museum complex: National Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Museum of American History

Dinner

Depart Washington, D.C., for home
TRIP DATES
Trip ID#: 178067
Destination: Washington, D.C.
Departing: Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Returning: Sunday, May 24, 2020
We will depart in the afternoon of May 20th, via chartered motor coach and arrive in Washington, D.C. in the morning of May 21st. We will then spend 3 active days learning on location. We will depart Washington, D.C., again via chartered coach, in the evening of May 23rd. We will arrive back home the following morning.

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TRIP PRICE
SIGN UP NOW to take advantage of our special early registration discount and Spring 2019 program price!

Prices are based on 35 full-paying participants.

Student: Your discounted price is $789 quadruple occupancy, which reflects a $50 discount off the Spring 2019 price for signing up prior to Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Payment can be made in full or spread out into monthly installment payments*. Select EZPay when choosing monthly installment payments and have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account saving you time and potential missed payments.

Full Refund Program: An additional $115 covers cancellation (see Terms and Conditions at www.worldstrides.com/ms-terms-conditions).

FLAG financial assistance: FLAG financial assistance may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to $85,000. See reverse for details.

*Installment amounts may vary in price based on when you sign up and optional inclusions. Your last payment must be made by the final payment deadline and may be larger than your previous installment payments. Your final payment is due on 03/06/2020.

INCLUDES
- Round trip transportation
- Admission fees
- Course Leader
- Sightseeing transportation
- Field Journals
- 24-Hour Emergency Support
- Opportunity to earn free school credit
- Evening Activities
- All Meals
- Quality hotel accommodations
- Accident/health insurance
- Night chaperones in hotel
- Online educational resources

SIGN UP TODAY!
Sign Up By: 06/06/19 – register now and SAVE! (Please register as soon as possible)
Deposit Amount: $49 (non-refundable) – This is a special, reduced deposit amount for signing up prior to 06/06/19.

Sign Up:
- Online at www.worldstrides.com/signup (use Trip ID#178067 to sign up)
- By phone – call WorldStrides’ Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899
- By mail – use the registration form on reverse

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MAIL
Fill out the attached form and return by mail
Tools to help pay for your trip

At WorldStrides, our passion is student travel. We believe every student should have the opportunity for travel to change their lives and that’s why we offer several tools to help make these experiences possible for each and every student.

Financial Assistance with FLAG Future Leaders of American Government
- WorldStrides provides over $2.5 million in financial assistance each year to thousands of families
- Families with annual adjusted gross incomes of less than $85,000 may qualify
- One simple call and you’ll know how much may be available for your trip

Hurry, financial assistance is given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fundraising with the Gift of Education
- Student-driven fundraising where 100% of the money raised goes to pay for your trip
- Easy-to-use e-cards, letters, and shareable Facebook links students can send to friends and family
- Thousands of students pay for their entire trip each year through the Gift of Education

Payment Plans that are easy & affordable
- Sign up for the trip with a small deposit
- Remaining payments are spread out into smaller amounts and paid monthly prior to travel
- Set up auto-deductions from your checking account to save time and money

This trip will be an incredible experience for your child and their classmates! Don’t delay - call WorldStrides Customer Service at 800-468-5899 to sign up for your trip and to ask any additional questions about financial assistance, fundraising, and payment plans.

Protect your investment with our Full Refund Program

Educational travel is an investment in your child’s future. Our Full Refund Program protects that investment should you have to cancel your registration for any reason prior to departure. The program refunds all money paid (less non-refundable deposit, fees, and the Full Refund Program) and includes special Job Loss Protection. We strongly recommend that you add on our Full Refund Program when signing up for your trip.

Full Terms and Conditions are available at worldstrides.com/tripterms.
Join us in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. offers the world’s greatest live experience about our country’s past, our achievements, our dreams, and our uniquely American character.

Citizens, statesmen, warriors, and heroes
An all-inclusive travel program

At WorldStrides, we build our trips to include all the ingredients of a great travel experience. Here's what you'll enjoy when you take a trip with us:

- Round-trip transportation*
- Ground transportation while at your destination
- Hotel accommodations (quad occupancy)
- WorldStrides Course Leader
- Admissions and educational activities
- Meals (specified in your trip information letter)
- Evening activities
- Personal, accident, and dental insurance

*Fees for checked luggage are the responsibility of each traveler.

Sign up today!

800-468-5899
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Customer Service hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 A.M.–7:00 P.M. (Eastern)
customerservice@worldstrides.org

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Join us in Washington, D.C.!

Arlington National Cemetery | Mount Vernon | Smithsonian Museum | White House
U.S. Capitol Building | Vietnam Veterans Memorial | Jefferson Memorial
Lincoln Memorial | World War II Memorial | Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
- Our country's founders were rebels and patriots

Going to D.C. will get you inspired, you'll have fun with your friends, and you'll remember this trip forever.

Over 500,000 students travel with us every year, and they have the times of their lives. We want you to be one of them!

Come meet them face-to-face in Washington, D.C.
Safety and security

As teachers and parents, we know how important safety is. That’s why we treat our travelers like they’re part of our own families. The following are the key safety measures we provide:

- **Tour Central**, our local office, available to support traveling groups 24 hours a day
- **Course Leaders**, caring and dynamic individuals who are specially trained to guide your group through your trip and make learning come to life
- **Night chaperones** to monitor hotel hallways overnight
- **On-site coordinators** who assist your group at the hotel

- **Motor coach drivers** with years of experience driving and working with student groups
- **Student name tags** imprinted with our local office’s toll-free number
- **Doctors on Call Program**, an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine, granting us access to doctors for phone consultations and treatment recommendations

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