



Stateside Elementary  
5th Annual March on  
Washington DC  
Capstone Event

APRIL 26 & 27, 2018

# Itinerary

- ▶ April 26th
  - ▶ 5:00 am Buses Depart STES
  - ▶ 11:00 am National Archives
  - ▶ 12:30 Lunch at National Place (Food Court)
  - ▶ 1:30 Group Picture at the Capitol, Tour of the US Capitol Building
  - ▶ 3:30 National Museum of American History
  - ▶ 5:00 Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building (Food Court)
  - ▶ 6:00 National Mall- Lincoln, Washington, Jefferson, FDR, and MLK
  - ▶ 8:30 Check in at the Courtyard by Marriott-Springfield

# Itinerary- Day 2

- ▶ April 27th
  - ▶ 7:30 am Breakfast at Courtyard and Checkout
  - ▶ 8:30 am White House Exterior
  - ▶ 10:00 pm Museum of Natural History and National Air & Space Museum (with Lunch)
  - ▶ 3:00 pm Depart for Jacksonville
  - ▶ 11:30-ish pm Arrive at STES

# Over Night

- ▶ Capital Tours provides security on each floor that STES has rooms
- ▶ All chaperones for the DC Trip will be fingerprinted and go through the volunteer background check provided by OCS
- ▶ 1 chaperone to 2 students
- ▶ Female chaperones will have female students
- ▶ Male chaperones will have male students
- ▶ *In extenuating circumstances students will be allowed to stay with a chaperone of the opposite gender. Both parents will be required to sign a letter, notarized by Mrs. M. Whaley stating their intent and giving permission for the overnight arrangements.*

# Price

- ▶ Student Cost: \$345
- ▶ Chaperone Cost: \$375
  - ▶ Based on Double Occupancy
- ▶ \$125 Deposit is due December 19, 2017
- ▶ Trip is to be paid in full by March 1, 2018
- ▶ ***STES will collect initial deposits***
  - ▶ ***Please make checks payable to STES. We will take any money you want to pay up to the 19th of December. Some families prefer just working with STES. Yes– you can just pay the total amount all at once.***
  - ▶ Capital Tours will take all other payments, information for this process will be forthcoming

# What's Included

- ▶ Buses
- ▶ Meals
  - ▶ Lunch and Dinner on the 26th
  - ▶ Breakfast and Lunch on the 27th
- ▶ Tour Guides while in Washington DC
- ▶ Hotel Security for the night of the 26th
- ▶ Group Picture at US Capitol
- ▶ Insurance- liability, medical, hospital, dental, accidental death and dismemberment

# Other Information

- ▶ The signed commitment letter and deposit will be due by Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ An administrator will be coming with us.
- ▶ Any student that is disciplined twice with ISS or any OSS will not be allowed to attend field trip (and will not be eligible for refund)
- ▶ STES can not refund money paid once it is received. Capitol Tours must be contacted.
- ▶ **All Chaperones MUST BE fingerprinted volunteers with the county. Please see Mrs. Merritt for the form.**

# Fundraising

- ▶ We are in need of a parent to handle coordinating our fundraising activities. The intent of fundraising is to provide scholarships for economically disadvantaged students, lower the cost of individual student trips, raise money for t-shirts, and breakfast the morning of the 26th.
- ▶ Parent's Night Out- October? More information to come
- ▶ Walk-a-thon: November?
- ▶ Donuts, candy bars, etc?

# FAQ

- ▶ Can I bring my other children on the DC Trip?
  - ▶ Yes, we will take whoever pays to go on the trip. STES students in other grade levels will be counted present for those two days of school as well. You will need to pay a deposit for each family member attending the trip.
- ▶ Can we pick who we want our child to room with?
  - ▶ Yes, STES will honor room requests to the best of our ability. The chaperone your child is assigned to will be your child's chaperone for the entire trip. You will have their contact number, as well as all the STES staff before we leave for DC.
- ▶ My child or I have a special need that requires consideration. Will that be a problem?
  - ▶ For rooming we will try to make every accommodation possible. But no promises can be made. As for the trip itself– this trip involves a lot of walking, in a busy city. We are on the move the entire time, and buses are not in reach if people need to take a break or need a time out. Before committing to the DC trip please take time to consider these factors.

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- ▶ Do I have to ride the bus with my child?
    - ▶ Yes- all chaperones must ride the bus to DC.
  - ▶ Do I have to ride the bus back home?
    - ▶ No. If you are attending the DC Trip as a chaperone, you and your child may sign-out on Friday and stay in DC. Children without their parents will not be allowed to be picked up with family who may live in the DC area.