

Spring 2023 Claggett Washington DC

May 1, 2023 - May 3, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Each year 8th grade students have the opportunity to tour the nation's capital. Attached is the following information for the Claggett Washington DC trip that is scheduled for May 1-3, 2023.

- ❖ Itinerary for the Trip
- ❖ Cost sheet
- ❖ Payment information sheet

Claggett will once again be using Nowak Tour and Travel as a tour company. This trip is chaperoned by Claggett staff and a nurse from Akron Children's Hospital. Parents do not serve as chaperones for the trip.

Please note the deadline for final payment is Friday, March 3rd at 3:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the trip coordinator, Mrs. Anne Dyer at dyera@medinabees.org

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anne Dyer

8th grade trip coordinator



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Every Student,
Every Day

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January 6, 2023

Dear 8th Graders and Parents/Guardians,

"The journey lasts a few days; the experiences last a lifetime." In May 2023 we will again be offering the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. to all 8th graders in the 2022/2023 school year. In order to make preparations, payment for the trip will need to be made during the next month and a half.

Currently, the Board of Education has approved the 2023 Washington, D.C. trip.

The trip is coordinated by middle school staff members. Travel arrangements will be made by Nowak Tour and Travel. The cost is \$545.00 per student.

Payment schedule

Payments are now being accepted until March 3, 2023. Payments can be made one of two ways:

1. Cash, check or money order written to Claggett Middle School in the full amount or partial payments can be turned into the school office. Please include your student's full name with payment. Cash will be accepted in the office.
2. You may use the payforit.net system for payments. With this system, the payee can control how much to pay in an installment fashion or pay in one complete payment. The final payment date for installments is Friday, March 3, 2023. The payments do not need to be equal and the dates are set up by the parents except the final date. Once set up, the payforit.net system charges a credit card the specific amount on the date setup by the parent. The system also sends reminder emails prior to each installment and then charges the card that is on file.
3. **All current school year fees and all prior school year fees must be paid by March 3, 2023 in order to reserve a spot for the trip.**

We need **full payment** of all interested students by the **March 3rd deadline** in order to reserve buses, pay for scheduled events, order tickets, reserve rooms, and get teacher chaperones assigned well ahead of time.

Travel to Washington, D.C. will occur May 1-3, 2023. All information about the trip and updates will be posted on the Medina City Schools Claggett webpage. This includes the cost breakdown sheet and current itinerary.

Sincerely,

Anne Dyer
8th grade trip coordinator

CANCELLATION POLICY

Any cancellation made at least 45 days prior to the trip departure date is subject to a full refund minus any non-refundable items in addition to a \$35 processing fee for those cancellations processed through Nowak Tours. Any cancellation that is made within 44 - 15 days prior to the departure date will forfeit 75% of the trip cost. No refunds will be issued for any cancellations made 14 - 0 days prior to departure.

**CLAGGETT MIDDLE SCHOOL
WASHINGTON DC COST SHEET
MAY 1-3, 2023**

TOUR COST: \$545 based on quad occupancy

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Two nights lodgings at the Doubletree Hotel

MEALS: (8)

- Two breakfasts at the hotel
- One cash allowance meal at \$12
- Lunch voucher at Reagan Food Court
- Lunch at Dobbin House
- Dinner voucher at Pentagon City Food Court
- Dinner and bowling at Bowlmor
- Boxed Dinner

TOUR INCLUDES:

- All attractions & admissions as stated in the proposed itinerary
- Private night time supervision at the hotel
- All appropriate taxes and gratuities
- Company tour manager on each motor coach
- One short sleeve t-shirt for each passenger that will be worn on Tuesday of the trip.

TRIP COORDINATOR: Mrs. Anne Dyer. If you have any questions, please email dyera@medinabees.org

Washington DC

CLAGGETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS WASHINGTON DC MAY 1 - 3, 2023

Monday, May 1st

- 6:00 AM Students report to school - 420 East Union Street Medina, Ohio 44256
- 6:30 AM Depart Medina for Washington DC, rest & meal stops will be made every 2-3 hours. Lunch en route is included, \$12 each (rest stop - Oakmont MM 48 / lunch - Hagerstown & Valley Mall).
- 2:15 PM Arrive in Washington DC where our first stop is the Iwo Jima Memorial. Next, we will visit Arlington Cemetery, for The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, changing of the Guard Ceremony, wreath presentation (pending confirmation @ 4:15 pm) and the Kennedy Gravesites followed by a stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial.
- 5:00 PM Dinner at Pentagon City Food Court (included).
- 6:15 PM This evening, we enjoy a tour of the monuments including the MLK & FDR Memorials. If time permits we will also visit the Jefferson Memorial.
- 8:00 PM Check into our hotel for a two-night stay:

Doubletree Hotel
15101 Sweitzer Lane
Laurel, Maryland 20707
301-776-5300

Private nighttime supervision is provided

Tuesday, May 2nd

- 6:15 AM Group wake up call.
- 6:45 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel - (included).
- 7:45 AM Depart the hotel where our first stop is a guided tour of the Capitol Building (pending confirmations starting @ 9:20 am). After the Capitol tour, our next stop is Ford's Theater (pending confirmation @ 11:30 am). Lunch today is included at the Reagan Food Court (time to be determined by bus leader). This afternoon, chaperones will be able to visit either the Smithsonian Museums including the Air & Space, Natural and American History Museums and the Permanent Exhibit at the Holocaust Museum (pending confirmations starting @ 2:00 pm) followed by visits to the WWII, Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam Memorials. We will end our afternoon with a stop at Lafayette Park for a photo opportunity at the White House along with souvenir shopping (group will visit the sites based on confirmed times for the Holocaust Museum).
- 7:00 PM Dinner and bowling at Bowlero Lanes (9021 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD - included).
- 9:30 PM Return to the hotel - ***Private nighttime supervision is provided***

Wednesday, May 3rd

- 6:00 AM Group wake up call.
- 6:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel - (included).
- 7:30 AM Depart the hotel for Gettysburg, PA to enjoy the film "Fields of Freedom" and the Cyclorama (confirmed 40 @ 9:30 am, 150 @ 9:45 am & 70 @ 10:00 am) followed by a guided tour of the battlefields (confirmed 5 @ 10:45 am - 12:20 pm).
- 12:30 PM Enjoy lunch at Dobbin House (included).
- 1:30 PM Depart for home; rest and meal stops will be made every 2 - 3 hours; a boxed dinner en route is included (rest stop Midway MM 147 / boxed New Stanton MM 77)
- 9:00 PM Arrive back at the back lot at Claggett Middle School with many fond memories.

***ITINERARY MAY BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT GROUP NEEDS.

ATTRACTIONS LISTED MAY NOT ALL BE SEEN DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS SUCH AS LONG LINES, TRAFFIC, INCREASED SECURITY OR CLOSURES BEYOND OUR CONTROL .***