

Washington D.C. Trip FAQ

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When is the trip?

The trip is in the Spring of 2017.

Who can go on the trip?

The trip is for Hope Lutheran students that will be in the 7th or 8th grade during the 2016-17 school year. Under the guidance of past trip leader Mrs. Newton, principal Mrs. Okabayashi and teacher Mr. Allen will serve as trip leaders, and will be looking for additional adults to come as chaperones.

How many people can go on the DC trip?

The size of the group is based on a couple of factors, the major one being the size of the bus that is rented. At this time, Hope is planning on Hope students and chaperones going, along with Concordia Seattle students and chaperones.

When should I let the trip leaders know that my student will be going?

Mrs. Okabayashi and Mr. Allen will be putting together an official count for the trip in spring 2016.

What cities are visited on this trip?

Each trip is slightly different but typically sites include Philadelphia, Lancaster, Gettysburg, Baltimore, Annapolis, and of course Washington DC. It is typically 7 days and 6 nights; for the spring 2017 trip, leaders plan to add an additional day and night for a visit to New York City as well. Students and chaperones often say that this is an amazing trip!

How much will the trip cost and when do I need to send in money?

Hope makes every effort to keep costs down but suggests estimating the cost at \$2,500 per student/\$3,000 per adult chaperone. Payments for the trip will start being collected in spring 2016, with payments of \$250/\$300 due on May 1, June 1, July 1, August 1, September 1, October 1, and November 1 of 2016, along with January 1, February 1, and March 1 of 2017.

Are there any fundraisers for the trip in progress? Yes. Hot lunches are currently in the works, along with several other events. There is a limit of events per fundraising group per year. If anything is purchased on behalf of a fundraiser, there are forms in the office that need to be completed for reimbursement. Completed forms and receipts need to be turned into Fundraising Treasurer Sharman McAllister.

Who benefits from the dollars raised in the fundraisers?

Total fundraising dollars minus operating costs are divided equally between the hours worked. Checks for earned monies will be issued to those families who worked fundraising hours but can only be applied to the student's trip, not the chaperone's trip. Students can also participate in the fundraisers to earn dollars towards their trip. NOTE: If a family leaves Hope, the money that was earned remains in the pot to be divided among the remaining student travelers.

How do we log our fundraising hours for the DC trip?

Hours worked need to be sent to Sharman McAllister via email. Hours worked in DC fundraisers do not count as PIP hours, and PIP hours do not count as DC hours.

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