

Fri, March 26

12:01AM - 10PM Starke to New York City, NY

Spend the night at the Hampton Inn Seaport, NYC 212-571-4400

Sat, March 27

8 - 1PM Walk to Ground Zero, Battery Park, Staten Island Ferry (Statue of Liberty), Wall St, NYSE, Trinity Church, and eat lunch at SouthStreet Seaport

1 - 3PM Walk Brooklyn Bridge

3 - 5:30PM **Bus** to Yankee Stadium and back to Time Square (pick us up at the hotel?)

6 - 9:30PM Eat dinner and walk around Time Square

9:30 - 10PM Take subway home

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Sun, March 28

8:30 - 11:30PM Subway to Metropolitan Museum of Art

11:30 - 2:30PM Central Park, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, St Patrick's Cathedral, FAO, etc.

3 - 4PM Top of the Rock

4 - 9PM Travel to Washington DC

Spend the night at Hampton Inn Reagan Airport Arlington, VA

Mon, March 29

9 - 11:30AM Tour Mount Vernon and eat lunch

12:30 - 1:30PM Arlington National Cemetery

1:30 - 2PM Subway to National Mall

2 - 5:30PM Smithsonian Museum and National Archives (Cherry Blossom Festival activities?)

5:30 - 7PM Dinner at Union Station

7 - 10PM Walk the National Mall - the White House and Washington, Lincoln, WWII, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials

Spend the night at Comfort Inn Southpoint Fredericksburg, VA

Tues, March 30

8AM - 9PM Fredricksburg to Starke - Home again, home again, jiggy jog!

Hats - All students will receive hats to wear when we're off the bus. This helps identify you as part of our group AND it make you easier to keep up with. Parents - please reinforce this.

T-shirts - One Stop Tailor Shop is creating our shirts again this year. The shirts will be ??????? with a Washington DC logo on them. This will be worn on Monday while we are in DC. Remember that crew neck, hooded, and zippered sweatshirts can be purchased for \$35. These will have a NYC logo and are perfect to layer while we're traveling.

Lines, lines and more lines - A necessary evil of group travel is having to wait in lines.

Bus entertainment - We will spend a lot of time riding. I hope many of you will bring G/PG rated movies (VHS and DVD) - please write your names on these. Movies will be playing most of the time we're traveling. Other suggestions are hand-held electronic games, books, cards, MP3 players, etc. These are your responsibility.

Food - Another great form of bus entertainment is food! We are allowed to eat on the bus IF we don't make a mess. If the bus driver thinks we're too messy he can tell us that we cannot eat any more. Non-sticky and "non-melty" snacks are best. We do not plan our activities around eating, so, in case of starvation, keep beef jerky or a pack of crackers in your backpack! Money for meals will be given to you on the bus after we leave. Adults will be responsible for students' food envelopes.

Storage of stuff - Speaking of backpacks... Everyone is responsible for your own "stuff". Everyone needs a backpack to hold your snacks, sweatshirt, camera, extra money, etc.

Roommates - All hotel rooms have 4 people - with at least 1 adult in each room. If you have someone you'd like to room with please talk with them before giving me their name.

Our schedule - Our schedule is not set in stone UNTIL we announce it on the bus. If we ask you to be on the bus at 11:00, that does not mean 11:15. Making a busload of people wait is not the way to make friends and influence people!! Please be prompt, or you may take a costly taxi ride. I DO NOT wait on tardy adults.

How to pack - T-shirts with a sweatshirt and jacket layering work best. Comfortable clothes and shoes are essential. Don't pack more than you can carry - it's all yours.

Label - Please put your name on everything, especially disposable cameras.

Medical Release - All students traveling without their parents need a signed and notarized emergency and medical release form. This is due no later than Feb 26.

NO heelies allowed!

To make traveling with a large group as easy as pie - keep up (START WALKING NOW), be punctual, be courteous, "drive on the right", sleep on the bus, be flexible, keep up with your stuff, stay seated for bus count, tip waitresses if you're served, avoid the bus bathroom, and be prepared for the unexpected - it always happens!

What to pack:

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| _____ 4 daily outfits (there's no time or place to change so there's no need for extras) |                                   |
| _____ pajamas  | _____backpack                     |
| _____ comfortable shoes, already broken in   | _____movies and bus entertainment |
| _____ jacket/coat  | _____snacks                       |
| _____ pillow and blanket - the bus will be chilly!                                       | _____ rain poncho                 |
| _____ pre-paid phone card (optional)   | _____spending money (optional)    |
| _____ hair brush, tooth brush, shampoo, etc.   | _____camera (optional)            |