



GETTYSBURG MEETING

February 20, 2024

Overview of the Trip (Day 1)

THURSDAY, MAY 16 th (*SAMPLE ITINERARY)	
4:15 AM	Load for departure from NEMS at 5:00 Students MUST arrive between 4:00 and 4:30 and report to the gym.
11:30 PM	Arrival/Lunch - Students pay for fast food meal
12:45	Shriver House Tour
1:45	Depart for Gettysburg Visitor Center
2:00	Arrive at Visitor Center
2:10	Line up for the “New Birth to Freedom” film and Cyclorama
3:15	Self-Guided Tour of the exhibits with Chaperones
4:15	Depart for Hotel
4:30	Check in at Hotel
5:15	Drive to dinner at Carriage House (included in the cost of the trip)
6:30	Depart for Ghost Tour
7:15	Ghost Tour
8:30	Return to Hotel
11:00	In your room- LIGHTS OUT (Security guard on duty)



Overview of the Trip (Day 2)

FRIDAY, MAY 17 th	
6:00 AM	Continental Breakfast (Included in the cost of the trip)
7:15	Checkout at the hotel (All rooms will be inspected)
7:30	Guided Battlefield Tour
12:30	Free Time Downtown
1:15	Depart for lunch at pavilion- Tommy's Pizza (Included in cost of the trip)
2:30	Depart for NEMS
After 8:30	Arrive at NEMS (Parent broadcast will be done around Edinboro)



Important Notes

- All paperwork needs to be turned in (contact Mrs. Bennett ext. 2000)
- Money
 - \$250 buyout is due March 28th (for those not fundraising)
 - \$250 fundraising: Students can fundraise into April
 - Fundraising total is due mid-April BUT can be paid off ASAP
 - Parent chaperones must have balance paid in full to be eligible
 - Students will only need money for fast food lunch (they can buy snacks)
 - Spending money. Students will stop in gift shops.
 - Students may only purchase items that would be permissible to bring to school. For example, no swords, guns, laser pointers, etc.
 - Admission to all activities, dinner on Thursday, and all meals on Friday included in the cost of the trip.
- Students may bring snacks and approved drinks, but no energy drinks or glass bottles are permitted.
- No game stations or wifi devices: Music players are allowed **IF** they don't connect to the internet (No Cell Phones or Smart Watches).
- Bring a camera.



Rules and Regulations

- Dress Code
 - Students must wear pants at all times, EXCEPT on the ride home when shorts are permitted.
 - Students must wear sneakers. No sandals/open toed shoes.
 - Hygiene - fresh clothes and more than one outfit
- No Cell Phones or Smart Watches
 - Chaperones will have phones and use Remind App to communicate as a whole
- Students must be with chaperones at all times outside of the hotel room. Chaperones have full authority.



Notes for Parent/Guardian Chaperones

- ❑ Chaperone lottery sign-ups begin February 20th and the window closes on March 1st. Sign up tonight or call 725-8671 ext. 2000
- ❑ The number of staff-chaperones will inform us of the number of parent-chaperones needed - we anticipate needing 3-5 parents
- ❑ Chaperones will be notified by 3/8/2024
 - ❑ To be a chaperone: student account must be paid in full and all paperwork/**clearances** must be completed ASAP.
 - ❑ Instructions for paperwork needed will be sent and the chaperone is responsible to get paperwork/clearances back to the NEMS office in April.
- ❑ You will walk a lot (8 miles on Thursday, 6 miles on Friday)
- ❑ You are responsible for your group (4-8 students)
- ❑ All chaperones must get off the bus at all stops on the battlefield. You are the role model and example!
- ❑ Mandatory 1 hour chaperone meeting Thursday, May 9 @ 5:45 pm.



Students Not Attending

- Students who do not attend will still be required to attend school those days.
- There will be work for the students that corresponds with the battle and Civil War.
- A district staff member will be with the students.
- The curriculum for the day will include Civil War content, a film study, and virtual tours of the battlefield.

Medication

- Primary Contact: Mrs. Mindi Fisher, RN
 - Forms must be returned to Mrs. Fisher
 - If your child needs to receive medication on the trip, including over the counter medication not stocked by the school, the school districts medication form must be filled out by your physician and notarized in our business office free of charge. If your student has a current medication form on file in the nurse's office, you will not need another form for the trip unless your student requires other medications not listed on that medication form. Please plan to give your student any morning medications prior to leaving at home. ***NO medications forms will be accepted the morning of departure.***



Medication Cont'd

- Mindi Fisher, RN
 - INHALERS: Any student that has an asthma diagnosis must bring their inhalers with them on the trip regardless of whether they require them during school hours or not. The climate will be different there as spring arrives earlier than here. Your student will need to check in the morning of departure and visibly show the nurse that they have their inhaler. The student will carry their inhaler on their person at all times. Your *student will have to have their inhaler to board the bus for departure.*



Medication Cont'd

- Mindi Fisher, RN

- ALLERGIES: If your student has environmental/food allergies and takes over-the-counter medications you will need to have a medication form filled out. ***If your child has a severe allergy reaction requiring specific doses of Benadryl or an Epi-Pen a medication form must be completed and the Epi-Pen shown to the nurse the morning of the trip.***
- FORMS/MEDICATION PREPARATION: Please have all medication forms turned into the nurse's office by Friday, April 12th. If your student requires medication on the trip, you will then receive instructions and medication envelopes to fill out and return the week of May 6th.



Medication Cont'd

- **Mindi Fisher, RN**

- **STOCK MEDICATIONS:** The nurse will have a small amount of stock medications for minor issues on the trip. Students are permitted to bring sunscreen, bug/tick spray, personal hygiene/care products, especially your daughters for their needs and appropriate clothing, good shoes for walking long distances and no flip flops.
- **POSSESSION OF MEDICATIONS:** North East School District Policy states that any student in possession of any chemical other than a registered inhaler will be subject to assigned consequences of violating the policy
- **QUESTIONS:** Please contact the nurse at 814-725-8671
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Student Groups

- Students selected buddy partner in February
- If the paperwork is complete the buddies are locked in
 - No Drama between now and May!
 - Partner/buddy could change if money, discipline, or academics cause a student to be removed
- The 8th grade team and administrators assign groups and hotel rooms.
- Students will be notified of their bus number and assigned seating the morning of the trip when they report to the cafeteria.
 - Always paired with their partner/buddy
- The students, staff, and chaperones make these groups work. This trip has been a success since the 20th Century!



Friendly Suggestions:

- Please discuss with your child how they should budget their money. Some food and souvenirs are the only “costs”
 - Do not splurge all at once and compare prices
- Plan accordingly based on the weather! Example, if it looks like rain then send extra shoes and a plastic bag for the wet clothing.
- Health/Hygiene reminder: toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant...etc.), sunscreen, tick spray, allergy medication (south-central PA is ahead of our seasonal allergies) - all medications (allergies, travel, and/or anxiety et cetera) must flow through our nurse, Mrs. Fisher.
- Please reinforce expectations of behavior and conduct throughout the trip.
 - North East has a reputation among agencies, tour guides, and business owners for being the exemplar of respect and positive behavior - let's keep our reputation strong!!!



Final Thoughts

- This is a fantastic opportunity for your child. We want this to be a rich experience, both academically and personally.
- This wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our eighth grade teachers, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Seth. If you see them, please thank them for the time they put into the trip, and the time they give up away from their families to serve as chaperones.
- Have fun!

Questions



Parent Chaperone Meeting 5/9/24

- Welcome & thank you!
- Important Reminders:
 - We all represent North East
 - You are responsible for your group (4-6 students)
 - No student should be without an adult/chaperone
 - You will walk a lot (8 miles on Thursday, 6 miles on Friday)
 - All chaperones get off the bus at all stops on the battlefield. You are the role model and example!
- Thursday Morning Expectations - Depart @ 4:30 am
 - Arrival 4:15 am - Middle School Gym
 - Meet & Greet with your bus/group and bag check
- Chaperone Folder
 - Contact info and numbers (Remind App: @g-burg2022)
 - Bus groups - chaperones' groups - bus seating chart - itinerary
- Odds & Ends:
 - Permitted souvenirs and historical paraphernalia - when in doubt ask staff
 - Student Money/Budget: Load the bus WITH cash on person
 - Save ALL receipts - students should not spend all money at one stop

WHAT DO YOU NEED FOR GETTYSBURG?

- A watch that works (not a “Smart” watch)
- A comfortable pair of walking shoes (NO FLIP-FLOPS/NO OPEN TOES) and a spare pair in case of mud/water. Bring a plastic bag for dirty shoes.
- Comfortable, appropriate clothing for two days. Long pants and high white socks are best. Shorts will not be permitted except for on the bus ride home.
- Weather appropriate attire. We will be walking outside rain or shine. You may want to bring an umbrella, raincoat, sunglasses, hats...etc. Be prepared. Think layers.
- Toothpaste, shampoo, DEODORANT, and any other NEEDED toiletry articles.
- No backpacks or purses are allowed in any of the buildings – so please carry a wallet or a “fanny” pack. All backpacks will be left on the bus.
- Money for one meal on Thursday and one meal on Friday (approximately \$25).
- Souvenir money, if you so desire. The purchase of any confederate paraphernalia will be prohibited as will the purchase of any weaponry or any modern day depictions of weaponry. Souvenirs should be reflected of the time period. *
- Snacks for the trip down and back (NO GLASS BOTTLES. Beverages need to be in clear, resealable containers. No personal water bottles.)
- A camera (Disposables are great.)
- Bug/Tick spray and sunscreen
- iPods are permitted for music only. No iPod touches, etc.
- ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES/SMART WATCHES/NO GAMING SYSTEMS/NO DEVICES THAT CAN CONNECT TO THE INTERNET.
- An extremely good attitude and patience

Bus #1 Itinerary	
THURSDAY, MAY 12	ACTIVITY
4:30 AM	Load for departure from NEMS at 5AM
11: 30 AM	Arrival/Lunch - Fast Food (student money needed)
12:45 PM	Meet Tour guide for Shriver House Tour, 309 Baltimore St.
1:45 PM	Depart for Gettysburg Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike
2:00 PM	Arrive at Gettysburg NPS Visitor Center. Pull bus to the Group Entrance to unload. Meet NLC rep for tickets.
2:10 PM	Chaperone-Guided Tour of Museum and Exhibits
2:50 PM	Line-Up for the "New Birth of Freedom" film and Cyclorama
3:00 PM	"New Birth of Freedom" film and Cyclorama
4:15 PM	Load onto the bus at the Group Entrance. Depart for Quality Inn, 380 Steinwehr Ave.
4: 30 PM	Check-in – Quality Inn (free time after room check-in)
5:15 PM	Free Time *shopping
6:30 PM	Dinner at General Pickett's Buffet
7:45 PM	Walk to Gettysburg Hotel (town circle) Meet Ghost Tour Guide before 8:00 (groups for tour no bigger than 25)
8:15 PM	Ghost Tour
9:30* PM	Walk back to Quality Inn *Time will vary based on tour
11:00 PM	In Your Room – LIGHTS OUT
FRIDAY, MAY 13	ACTIVITY
6:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
7:15 AM	Checkout of Quality Inn
7:30 AM	Guided Battlefield Tour (meet guides at hotel)
12:30 PM	Free Time @ Visitor's Center <input type="checkbox"/>
1:30 PM	Lunch at Dobbin House
2:30 PM	Depart for home *all call will be sent out for arrival time