

Buckeye Central Middle School
8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
Commitment Form

\$100 Deposit due by October 8, 2021

Checks should be made payable to BUCKEYE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Name: _____ (Please Print)

_____ My child wishes to attend the DC trip. We understand that this \$100 deposit is non-refundable and a commitment to the trip.

_____ My child will not be attending the DC trip.

Parent Name: _____ (Please Print)

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____ (if attending)

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____ Cash

_____ Check # _____

8th Grade

Washington D.C. Trip

Buckeye Central Middle School



Parent Information Packet

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Buckeye Central 8th graders have been participating in a wonderful trip to our nation's capital. We want to continue this opportunity for this year's 8th grade class. In order to begin this adventure, we are asking parents/guardians to attend a meeting on September 29th at 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at the school. We look forward to seeing you there and want to pass on the following information before the meeting.

We plan the trip to our national capital in an effort to help our students develop an understanding about the foundations of American democracy, the origins and functions of government, and the relationship of the United States to other nations and to world affairs.

The following is general information about the trip. You are encouraged to consider the points carefully to determine if this opportunity is appropriate for your student.

- The primary focus of the trip is educational. Students are expected to willingly participate in all aspects of the trip, including guided tours, small-group lectures, and self-paced activities at many venues.
- The trip requires rigorous physical activity. It is not uncommon to walk a total of 4-5 miles each day as the tour group visits the many points of interest.
- The safety of our students is our number one concern on this trip. A student participating in the field trip must be willing to tour in a group and follow directions.

Cost of the Trip:

Please note, when a deposit is made for the Washington DC trip, a space is reserved for your student. PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE if the student becomes ineligible to attend (see Guidelines for Student Participation). The cost varies each year depending on the number of participants. We expect this year's trip to be around \$525. Fundraisers will be held throughout the year to help defray the cost and ALL (students and parents) will be asked to help out. Grant money is available to help with *part* of the cost if there is need; applications will be available in the MS office.

2022 Washington DC

Sample Itinerary

DATE/TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	
6:00 a.m.	Buses and students report to school; depart PROMPTLY at 6:30 a.m. Bag lunch en route.
2:00	Tour Gettysburg
5:30	Depart Gettysburg
6:15 p.m.	Dinner at Golden Coral
8:00	Check in to our hotel for two night stay
11:00 p.m.	Chaperones to meet to discuss next day's itinerary.
	<i>Evening Security Guards on duty 10:00 p. m. - 7:00 a.m.</i>
Thursday	
6:45 a.m.	Buffet breakfast at the hotel
7:30	Depart hotel for Arlington Cemetery
12:00	Arrive at Capitol Building
	Lunch at Capital Visitors Center
	Tour Capitol Walk by Supreme Court & Library of Congress and have group photo at Grant Statue
6:00	Dinner at Pentagon City Food Court
7:00	Evening tour of the monuments including the MLK, FDR, & Jefferson Memorials
9:30	Return to Hotel

Guidelines for Student Participation

GRADES: Students will be expected to maintain passing grades. No more than three total "F's" will be earned on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Quarter Grade Cards. Once a student receives their 4th "F" on a grade card, they will require review and a waiver for participation.

BEHAVIOR: Students should exhibit behaviors, throughout the year, that are in accordance with the Buckeye Central Local Schools Student Code of Conduct.

Student involvement in two (2) or more incidents resulting in In-School Suspension, Out-of-School Suspension, or Emergency Removal will require review by the DC committee to participate.

Any student being suspended with Recommendation for Expulsion will be exempt from the trip.

Other behavior issues of an **ongoing nature** will be dealt with by the Administration and DC Committee on a case-by-case basis.

ATTENDANCE: As stated in the *Student Handbook*, attendance is an important factor in successful schoolwork. Excessive absences may lead to removal from the trip.

Students who have been absent more than twelve (12) days per semester will be considered exempt pending review with possible waiver. A physician's note documenting need for absence will be required to maintain participation.

Students are expected to have fewer than 5 tardies in any quarter. A student with 5 or more tardies within a quarter during the school year will require review and a waiver to participate.

SCHOOL FEES: All cumulative school fees must be paid or satisfactory payment arrangements made prior to the trip. Failure to do so may result in removal from the trip.

SAFETY: Safety is a primary concern. Any information that indicates that a student is at risk either due to the possibility of personal injury or risk of flight may lead to the exemption of a student from the trip.

Parent/Guardian Note

- Your 8th grade student has the opportunity to take part in a spring field trip to Washington D.C. as part of their education at BC. This experience is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, all students must meet eligibility requirements to attend.
- You will find information regarding this trip on Final Forms. Please take time to look this over.
- Please attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 29th at 6:30 pm in the school Multi-Purpose Room. At that time we will go over the material in Final Forms and try to answer any of your questions.
- The deposit to reserve a spot for your student will be \$100 and will be due October 8, along with the signed commitment letter.
- Please return the green Commitment Form even if your student will not be participating so that we don't have to contact you at a later date.
- Please Bookmark or print the information from Final Forms to reference throughout the year. Questions should be directed to Mrs. McCarthy at kmccarthy@bcbucks.org.