

Waunakee Middle School Social Studies Department  
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### Educational Goals/Objectives

1. To connect the curriculum of 7th and 8th grade history and government to the real world.
2. To broaden cultural and historical perspectives of our students.
3. To foster camaraderie, pride and a sense of family/team within our students.
4. To provide an opportunity to hear and learn from hands-on activities and experiences in the places in which we are learning about.
5. To provide an opportunity to represent the school and community as positive members of a society.

### Student Needs

1. To provide a learning and travel opportunity for all 8th grade students despite financial obligations.
2. To provide a reward for good behavior to students through both the 7th and 8th grade years.

### Places To Visit

We will spend 1 day in Philadelphia, 2 days in Washington D.C. and 2 days in Boston, and 1.5 days in New York City.

### Travel Dates

Leave Sunday, June 14th, 2026 Approx 6:00 am –Arrive home Saturday, June 20 Approx 5:30 pm from the Middle School. Bus from MS to Milwaukee Airport and return included.

### Participants

90 students on 1 flight and then 2 coach buses

9 Teacher chaperones: Jason LaFlash, Shad Fanta, Alissa Walter, Sophie Wagner-Marx, Kyle Miller, Hailey Bond, Sara Koppes, Michelle Kadow, Alex Kartz

### Trip Itinerary (See attached detailed itinerary):

1. 7 days /6 night tour via air/motor coach round trip from Waunakee, WI to our places of visit.
2. Tour stops/visits to be taken that allow for cultural enrichment: ie museums, monuments, and connect to our curriculum.
3. All meals at appropriate restaurants provided by the vendor as part of the package.
4. Local tour guides.
5. Liability Insurance Coverage for the tour and motorcoaches.
6. Night time security coverage

### Itinerary Highlights:

Philadelphia: Valley Forge, Christ Church and Burial Ground, Independence Hall, Liberty Bell and Presidents House, Elfreth's Alley, Carpenters Hall, 250th Anniversary Exhibits.

Washington DC: Smithsonian Museums-American History, Natural History, African American, and Holocaust. Arlington National Cemetery, National Archives, Ford's Theater, White House (picture stop), Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, MLK Jr. Memorial, WW2 Memorial, U.S. Capital

VA-Mt. Vernon Tour

New York City-Times Square, Broadway Show, Financial District, 9/11 Memorial, Trinity Church, Federal Hall, Staten Island Ferry and Statue of Liberty, The Edge, Highline, and Central Park.

Boston-Freedom Trail, U.S.S Constitution, Old North Church, Bunker Hill Monument, Old Salem, Harvard Yard, Plymouth Plantation and the Mayflower, Old South Meeting House, Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum, Lexington and Concord.

Meals: Meals on the way there and back will be at the airport food court.

The rest will be restaurants or food courts set up by our tour company. Some of the restaurants are: Hard Rock Cafe, Reagan International Center Food Court, Pentagon Mall Food Court, Mt. Vernon Food Court, Reading Central Market, Faneuil Hall, and a New York City Food Truck Experience.

Hotels: DC-Holiday Inn Downtown-2 nights, Boston-A hotel in the North End-3 nights, New Jersey-1 nights. All will be finalized around 120 days before departure.

### Costs

To be paid by families and concessions sales at M.S. events (April and May track meets) and a fundraiser at Lone Girl in May. Students can also apply for a scholarship through the travel company, EF Tours.

\$3019 per person for quad occupancy. This price increase from the previous year is in part driven by the World Cup in soccer being played in 3 of 4 cities we are traveling to in this time period. It includes all travel, fees, food, transportation, gratuities, and entrance fees.