

2026 Washington, D.C. Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that I will lead a group of Summer Creek Middle School students on a WorldStrides program to Washington, D.C.. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore our nation's most important historical sites and experience incomparable learning moments. This will be a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Standing where Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial
- Discovering the true meaning of sacrifice at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Walking in the footsteps of our great leaders on Capitol Hill
- Exploring numerous Smithsonian Museums, like the National Museum of Natural History and the American History Museum

I have chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their 50 years of experience, their safety record, and their preventive measures that ensure learning occurs in a safe and fun environment. I will chaperone the program with other teachers as needed, and throughout the program our group will be guided by a WorldStrides-certified Course Leader. **Since this is not a school sponsored trip, we will not be attending as representatives or employees of the school.**

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the school. All parents and students are invited to attend this brief 30-minute meeting where I'll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read through all the details of this letter including a sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/signup for more details about WorldStrides and our group's trip. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (817)297-5090, or via candace.tuck@crowley.k12.tx.us.

I would love for your child to join us on this unforgettable trip!

Sign Up By Friday, September 19, 2025

Candace Tuck
Program Leader



Washington, D.C. History Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Lunch

White House - picture stop Home of the U.S. president.

Smithsonian Museum of American History visit Walk through centuries of American history on display, including artifacts like President Lincoln's top hat and the infamous Greensboro lunch counter.

Dinner

Lincoln Memorial Visit one of our nation's most popular memorials to immerse yourself in Lincoln's history-changing legacy and most famous speeches, including the Gettysburg Address.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Experience the power of this memorial to the over 58,000 servicemen and women who gave their lives in service during the Vietnam War.

Korean War Veteran's Memorial Explore this memorial's 19 stainless steel statues, remembrance pool, and etched granite wall that honors American Korean War veterans with its famous inscription, "Freedom is not Free."

DAY 2

Breakfast

Arlington National Cemetery visit America's most famous military cemetery - Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Gravesites, and Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial.

US Marine Corps Memorial - picture stop Pay tribute to our past and present U.S. Marines while learning about this striking bronze statue, which is based on a famous WWII photo by Joe Rosenthal.

Lunch

Capitol Hill Grounds tour Explore the exterior grounds of Capitol Hill, including scenic gardens and walking past the Supreme Court building, Library of Congress, and other historic landmarks.

Holocaust Memorial Museum visit Experience a chronological narrative of the Holocaust, from the rise of the Nazi party to the victory of Allied forces, including personal objects and eyewitness testimonies of individual survivors.

Dinner

Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Experience this elegant and peaceful, open-air memorial with reflecting pools, trees, and illuminated benches that pay tribute to the 184 victims of the 9/11 Pentagon attack.

DAY 3

Breakfast

Ford's Theatre visit Explore this landmark theater to see the box where President Lincoln was assassinated in 1865 and learn about poignant insights on his legacy as one of our most celebrated presidents.

National Archives Museum Visit Home of the original U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence. Immerse yourself in interactive exhibits with original, historic documents.

Lunch

World War II Memorial Reflect on the sacrifices made by the over 400,000 American service members who died during World War II as well as those who supported the war effort from home.

Washington Monument - picture stop The world's tallest stone monument, which honors our nation's first president.

National Museum of African American History and Culture visit Explore this popular museum and its range of exhibits showcasing the rich history and culture of African Americans, including artifacts from slavery, the civil rights movement, and contemporary culture.

National Cathedral guided tour Explore this beloved, 14th century-style Gothic cathedral with an expert guide and learn about its sacred artwork, world-famous pulpit, and impressive architecture.

Dinner

Jefferson Memorial Dive deep into Jefferson's long-lasting impact on American history, philosophy, and governance while standing at the foot of this remarkable bronze statue and reading his famous quotes.

FDR Memorial Immerse yourself in F.D.R.'s legacy by exploring the symbolic sculptures and waterfalls in the four outdoor "rooms" that represent each term he served as one of our most celebrated presidents.

MLK Memorial Inspired by his legendary "I Have a Dream" speech, this 30-foot statue of Dr. King is emerging from a "Stone of Hope," and includes powerful quotes on civil rights, justice, hope, and love.

DAY 4

Breakfast and hotel check out

Mount Vernon Education Center and Grounds tour Immerse yourself in George Washington's landmark estate, with interactive exhibits about his life and presidency, and picturesque grounds with gardens and historic buildings.

Lunch

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History visit Explore one of the world's largest collections of artifacts and exhibits about human cultures, the natural world, and the universe, including the insectarium and a 94-foot-long blue whale.

Dinner

Depart for home

The above represents a sample itinerary. Changes or substitutions may be made depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, and events beyond WorldStrides' control at the discretion of WorldStrides as it deems necessary or desirable.

Washington, D.C. Details:

TRIP DATES

Trip ID#: 225433

Destination: Washington, D.C.

Departing: Monday, June 8, 2026

Returning: Thursday, June 11, 2026

TRIP MEETING

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the school.

TRIP PRICE

Prices are based on 15 full-paying participants.

Student: \$1,999 quadruple occupancy.

Adult: \$2,299 double occupancy.

Payment can be made in full or spread out into monthly installment payments*. Select EZPay when choosing monthly installment payments and have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account saving you time and potential missed payments.

Full Refund Program: An additional \$259 covers cancellation (see Terms and Conditions at www.worldstrides.com/ms-terms-conditions).

FLAG financial assistance: FLAG financial assistance may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to \$85,000. See reverse for details.

*Installment amounts may vary in price based on when you sign up and optional inclusions. Your last payment must be made by the final payment deadline and may be larger than your previous installment payments. Your final payment is due on 03/25/2026.

INCLUDES

- Round trip transportation
- Course Leader
- Sightseeing transportation
- Admission fees
- Field Journals
- 24-Hour Emergency Support
- Opportunity to earn free school credit
- Evening Activities
- All Meals
- Quality hotel accommodations
- Accident/health insurance
- Night chaperones in hotel
- Online educational resources

SIGN UP TODAY!

Sign Up By: 09/19/25

Deposit Amount: \$115 (non-refundable)

Sign Up:

- Online at www.worldstrides.com/signup (use **Trip ID#225433** to sign up)
- By phone – call WorldStrides' Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899
- By mail – use the registration form **on reverse**

Sign up today for the trip of a lifetime!



ONLINE

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PHONE

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MAIL

Fill out the attached form
and return by mail

At WorldStrides, our passion is student travel. We believe every student should have the opportunity for travel to change their lives and that's why we offer several tools to help make these experiences possible for each and every student.



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American Government

- Over \$2.5 million in financial assistance given out each year to thousands of families
- Families with annual adjusted gross incomes of less than \$85,000 may qualify
- One simple call and you'll know how much is available for your trip

Hurry, financial assistance is given on a first come, first served basis.

- Student driven fundraising where 100% of money raised goes to offset trip price
- Easy to use e-cards, letters and shareable Facebook links students can send to friends and family
- Thousands of students pay for their entire trip each year through the *Gift of Education*



- Sign up for the trip with a small deposit
- Remaining payments are spread out into smaller amounts and paid monthly prior to travel
- Set up auto-deductions from your checking account to save time and money

Protect your investment with our Full Refund Program

Educational travel is an investment in your child's future. Our Full Refund Program protects that investment should you have to cancel prior to departure. The program refunds all money paid (less non-refundable deposit, fees, and the Full Refund Program cost). We strongly recommend that you add-on our Full Refund Program when signing up for your trip.

Full Terms and Conditions are available at worldstrides.com/tripterms.

Summer Creek Middle School

Trip ID# 225433 - 06/08/26

Full legal name*

Additional registrant name*

*Federal mandate (TSA) requires that travelers provide their complete first, middle, and last names (as they appear on legal documents, not nicknames or initials) and date of birth.

Date of birth: / / ☐Male ☐Female ☐Student ☐Adult Additional registrant DOB: / / ☐Male☐Female ☐Student ☐Adult

Email Address: _____ ☐ I verify this is a valid email address. Sign me up for paper-free billing and notifications

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Responsible Party name: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Home phone: _____ Mother's work phone: _____ Father's work phone: _____

Include a souvenir T-shirt and bill me \$19. My size is **S M L XL XXL**

Amount I am paying today: _____

☐ I am paying by check There is a \$35 charge for returned checks

Your minimum payment is \$115

☐ I am paying by credit card ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover

Card Number:

Name as it appears on card:

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder's signature:

☐ **Yes, enroll me** in the Full Refund Program!

☐ **No, do not enroll me** in the Full Refund Program

Signature X:

I have reviewed and agree to the Terms and Conditions and confirm my Full Refund Program selection. Full Terms and Conditions can be found at www.worldstrides.com/tripterms

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