

Grade 8 trip 2025–2026
Washington, DC
September 28 – October 3, 2025
Tentative Itinerary

Sunday, September 28

7:45 a.m. Students/chaperones should arrive at Harding
8:15 a.m. Meeting/devo/communion
8:30 a.m. Leave school and travel to Bristol, TN (lunch en route, dinner in Bristol)

Monday, September 29

6:30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
7:30 a.m. Leave for Monticello
11:30–3:30 p.m. Monticello - including lunch
6:00 p.m. Dinner - mall food court in Arlington, VA
7:00 p.m. Walking tour of MLK Memorial, FDR Memorial, Jefferson Memorial
8:30 p.m. Check into hotel - group meeting/devotional

Tuesday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
9:10 a.m. Leave for Capitol
9:30 a.m. Arrive at Capitol - tour begins at 9:50 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Library of Congress
Lunch at the Capitol food court
1:30 p.m. Meet on steps of Capitol for group photo
2:15 p.m. African American History Museum, free choice time following
5:30 p.m. Meet for walking tour of WWII Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial
7:30 p.m. Dinner - mall food court in Arlington, VA
9:00 p.m. Hotel - group meeting/devotional

Wednesday, October 1

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
7:45 a.m. Leave for Mount Vernon
9:00 a.m. Tour of house and gardens
11:00 a.m. Leave Mount Vernon
Lunch - grab something at Mount Vernon or at Air & Space Museum or nearby
12:00 p.m. Air & Space Museum
2:30 p.m. Holocaust Museum, free choice time following
5:45 p.m. Meet bus to go to dinner
6:30 p.m. Dave & Buster's in Fairfax, VA (dinner, \$20 power card, unlimited video game play included)
9:00 p.m. Hotel - group meeting/devotional

Thursday, October 2

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
8:10 a.m. Leave for Arlington Cemetery
8:30 a.m. Arlington Cemetery - tour at 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Pentagon 9/11 Memorial
12:00 p.m. Lunch at food court in Arlington, VA
1:00 p.m. Meet bus to leave for Bristol, TN
7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own at restaurants in Bristol, TN
9:00 p.m. Hotel - group meeting/devotional

Friday, October 3

7:30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
8:30 a.m. Leave for Memphis (lunch en route)
5:30 p.m. Arrive at Harding Academy - Make sure someone is on site to pick up students. (We will have students call about an hour out of Memphis.)

Hotel for Washington, DC:
Embassy Suites Crystal City
1393 S. Eads. St
Arlington, VA 22202
(703) 243-9800

Hotel for Bristol, TN:
Fairfield Inn & Suites
3285 West State St.
Bristol, TN 37620
(423) 574-4500

Cost includes all transportation, all hotel expenses, all admissions, all meals, and security guards at hotels.

Cost does not include snacks, souvenirs, extra money for Dave & Buster's.

Total costs for 8th grade trip:

- A. Student \$1050
- B. Chaperone \$1400 - double room with a roommate
- C. Chaperone \$2040 - single room
- D. Family room \$2750 - parent and son/daughter (parent \$1400/student \$1350)