

# Helpful Hints



Our tour is quickly approaching. We have worked hard to carefully plan an exciting and educational experience for your kids. Here are a few last minute reminders:

## **PRE TRIP REMINDERS**

- Get a copy of the kid's birth certificate, State ID, or School ID.
- Have the kids 5 DC shirts clean and ready to go.
- A suitcase
- Camera

## **PACKING REMINDERS:**

- Limit luggage to one carry on bag. Remember that checked baggage fees (usually \$40 EACH WAY) are not part of your tour package and must be paid upon airport check in. Carry on bags are always free. Your choice. If they want to check a bag, plan an extra \$80 dollars.
- What to pack? 5 DC shirts. Shorts and a pair of pants. Socks and underwear. You could pack rain gear and dress in layers as the forecast often changes.
- SUNGLASSES!!!!
- They have hairdryers in the rooms.
- Pack comfortable shoes for walking and touring in the daytime. (We walk up to 5 miles some days)
- Limit those liquids; you can't take them on the plane.
- Maybe a few snacks for the plane ride and on the bus. Less messy the better.
- Leave all valuables at home. More they bring, the more they lose.
- NO LAPTOPS!
- About \$75-\$200 is PLENTY of money to cover a snack on the first day plus a little spending money. We are not responsible for lost money!

### **TRAVEL DAY REMINDERS:**

- You need to arrive at the airport 2 hours before departure. We have 100 kids to get through security. Adults are required to have government issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license or passport). Students may bring school ID, a copy of a birth certificate, or state ID.
- No, we will not switch seats on the plane. What ticket they give you is where you will sit. You can meet new friends!!!! ☺
- If you miss your flight, no, you can't get on the other one. They are different times, and they are both full!

### **WHILE WE ARE IN D.C.**

- We are staying at the DC: Fairfield Inn & Suites and Hilton Garden Inn
- Address: 2305 New York Ave., Washington D.C / Tel: 1-202-266-3000 and the Hilton Garden Inn Address: 530 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Washington, PA Tel: 855-277-5057
- The blog will be updated daily on CoachKetcham.com. Click on the D.C. Tab and it will be updated with stories, and photos.
- Please "Like" the Hillwood DC Trip facebook page.
- Curfew is 20 minutes after we arrive to the hotel. They must be in their room. They will be tired every night, I promise.
- Boys are **NOT ALLOWED** on the girls floor and vice versa. If on the other floor, they will be sent home on your expense.

### **Anything else?**

- You do not need to include money for a tip, we have already collected that for you.
- They are going to have a GREAT TIME! You should too!
- We have all the kids Medical forms in case of something happening.
- If your child has any medicine they need to take or anything that we should be aware of, please tell our D.C. medical leader Magen Rabatin
- You will get your airplane ticket at the gate when we arrive. We will check in as a group.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **General Questions**

- Brian Ketcham – (817)-808-8274
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#### **Medicine Questions –**

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**Let's have a GREAT TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**