



Philadelphia, PA and Washington, DC

October 21-24, 2025

Website:

Masconomet.org - Middle School - Extracurricular Activities

<https://www.masconomet.org/domain/215>

Details

- Travel by tour bus
- Left early Tuesday morning (leave at 6 AM)
- Returned late Friday night (ETA 11 PM)
- All meals (except breakfast on Tuesday), entrance fees, and tips are included in cost
- **Cost: \$940**
 - \$150 non-refundable deposit due at registration
 - \$5 fee for payment plan
- Scholarships are available (form posted on website)



First Stop: Philadelphia!

Liberty Bell
Independence Hall
Museum of American Revolution
Walking Tour (Franklin stops)
Philadelphia Museum of Art (Rocky Steps)



Security on
every floor
(10PM – 6 AM)

Boys and
Girls on
separate
floors

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express Washington, DC SW
Springfield, VA

Other Details



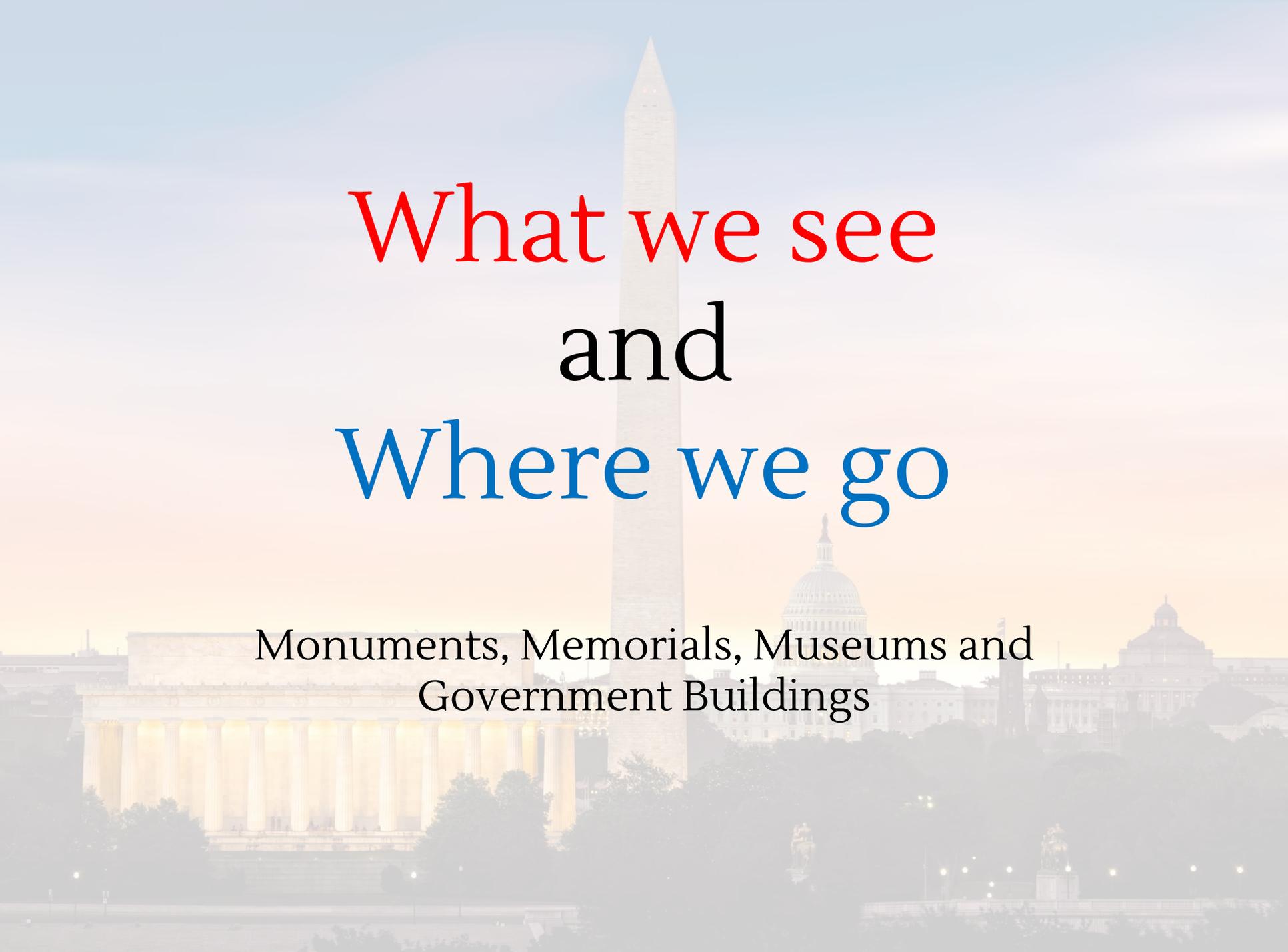
- No downtime in hotel
- Once back at hotel from touring, students are checked in their room by chaperones
 - Lights out - 10:00 PM (No noise – No leaving)
 - Security will let me know if door opens
- Wake up at 7. Everyone **MUST** go to breakfast.
- ALL electronics will be left in hotel room or powered off in backpack on bus or in pocket
 - **NO PHONE USE ON TOUR**
 - Can have a phone with them – but it must be **OFF** while touring
 - Can use on bus ride to and from Washington and in hotel room
 - Can be used as **CAMERA ONLY** - when allowed by chaperone

Roommates

Nobody is roomed with a random person.

- 4 people per room
- Students choose 1 guaranteed person
- Then the pair suggest others they would also like to room with
- I then Pair the pairs
- If no pair, a list of others without a pair will be given

Roommate process in SEPTEMBER



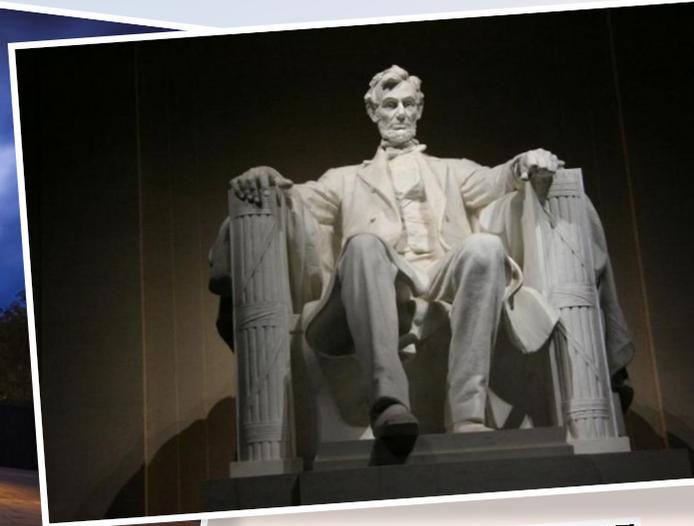
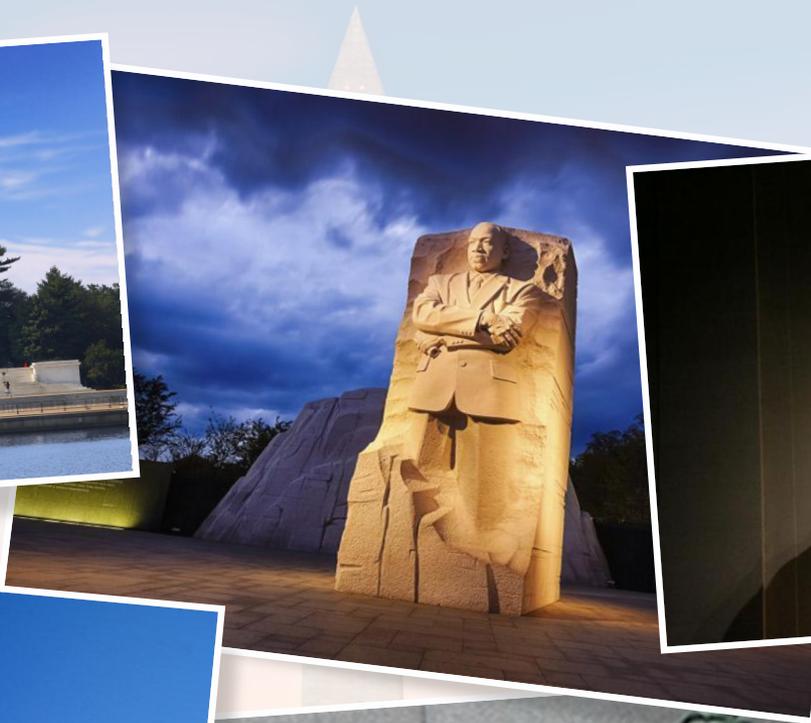
What we see and Where we go

Monuments, Memorials, Museums and
Government Buildings

Monuments



- Jefferson
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Lincoln
- Washington
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt



Memorials



- Vietnam
- Arlington National Cemetery
 - Korea
 - Iwo Jima
 - WW II
 - Pentagon 9/11





Memorial Wreath

In the Fall, students who wish to be part of the ceremony will be asked to write a short essay explaining why they should be chosen to lay a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Principal will choose students based on essays submitted.

Museums



□ Holocaust

□ Smithsonian

(There is usually time for 2 Smithsonian Museums
– bus and chaperone discussion for which ones)

□ International Spy Museum

□ Ford's Theater



INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

A stylized logo for the International Spy Museum. The word 'SPY' is written in large, white, bold letters. The 'S' and 'Y' are partially overlaid by red and blue geometric shapes that resemble stylized flags or architectural elements. Below 'SPY', the word 'MUSEUM' is written in smaller, white, spaced-out letters. At the bottom right, there is a red and white graphic element that looks like a stylized 'S' or a flag.



Food

- All meals included in price
 - (except breakfast on Tuesday)

Food allergies?
No problem!

We will work with places to make sure students have something they can eat!

- Breakfasts – All you can eat buffet every day in hotel
- Lunches - money (\$20) or coupon - food court
- Dinners
 - In Philadelphia (usually the Bourse)
 - Restaurants (Dave and Busters (+ \$20 game card) and Hard Rock Cafe)
 - Ride home – Money given for food court (around NYC)

Bus and Hotel



- On the bus, snacks are encouraged!
 - No nuts
 - Drinks in non-glass containers and no cups with straws

- In hotel room, snacks are also encouraged!
 - Check with roommates regarding allergies
 - No purchasing food in hotel
 - No ordering food to hotel



Chaperones

- Teachers and Staff
- 1:10 ratio
- Medical staff on call – 24 hours/day
- Masco nurse on trip – handles all meds
- Overnight Security (10-6) provided by Gerber Tours
 - Contact me if there's a problem (student opens door, homesickness, illness, etc.)

Discipline

- If warranted, student will be sent home on first available flight – parent's pay and pick up student at Logan
- Zero tolerance for breaking school rules (drugs, alcohol, tobacco/vaping)
- Behavior – fighting, bullying, etc.

Medical



- Forms available in May on the website – and sent home
- Email will be sent with reminder to fill out and return ASAP
- May have online option for forms (I will keep you posted!)

NOTE:

All stimulants **MUST** be administered by nurse

Doctor's orders needed for all medication

All medications **MUST** be dropped off to MS nurse no later than 2 weeks before the trip!

Trip Insurance

Insurance - through company
Details in registration packet

- **StudentDeluxe** (\$46 - last year's price)
 - MUST be a covered reason
 - Needs doctor's note/verification
 - 100% of trip costs
- **CFAR** (Cancel For Any Reason) – (\$69 - last year's price)
 - Recover up to 75% of trip costs for any reason (no verification needed)

INSURANCE MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

Cannot go back and get it

All payments
are made
directly to
Gerber
Tours

Sign up Online

Registration will start March 31

Instructions and information on
website

(Masconomet Middle School – Extracurricular
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Register by April 30.

- After April 30, registration will continue until the last bus is filled.
- A waitlist will then be created until there are enough students to fill another bus.

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Guarantee a spot by registering
between
March 31 and April 30!

Questions?

Contact Mrs. Calzini

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