

We're Going to Washington, D.C.!

To: Parents and Students

From: Sandye Ashley

I am thrilled to invite you on a once in a lifetime trip to our nation's capital from **April 23 – April 25, 2010**. Students will experience first-hand the rich history of our nation by touring one of the world's most powerful cities. The Washington, D.C. experience challenges students to role-play life from the perspective of our founding fathers to the legislators and judges who write and interpret the laws of the land today. From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian, students are introduced to the sacrifices and heritage of our great nation. Touring important national treasures such as Arlington National Cemetery, and the Vietnam, Korean, and Iwo Jima Memorials further reinforces the themes of patriotism and sacrifice. Students gain a deeper understanding of our history, the consequences of choices, and of their role in shaping America's destiny. This trip is an opportunity every American should experience!

Our tour, coordinated by **School Tours of America**, is non-school sponsored. The all-inclusive per person tour prices for **students at quad occupancy** and **adults at double occupancy** are:

\$970 (quad occupancy) or **\$1070** (double occupancy) if **registered by July 1, 2009** or **\$1005** (quad occupancy) or **\$1105** (double occupancy) if **registered after July 1, 2009** includes:

- ❖ Round-trip transportation (excluding luggage fees)
- ❖ Secure, quality hotel accommodations
- ❖ All meals (except en route)
- ❖ Sightseeing with professional drivers and licensed guides
- ❖ Nighttime private security chaperones
- ❖ Evening Activities
- ❖ 24 hour on-call company representatives at our hotel
- ❖ Comprehensive medical and accident insurance for students and chaperones

Safety and your peace of mind are always our first priority. Adult supervision is provided at a ratio of 1:15. I will chaperone the group with other adults as necessary. School Tours of America provides the group with the additional security measures of 24 hour, on-call representatives, a toll free 24-hour phone number for both parents and students, and private security chaperones stationed on each floor where students are housed.

Space is limited. To register for the trip, complete the registration form and mail it with the registration fee of **\$99.00** to School Tours of America by **June 25, 2009**. Registration packets are available at the school. Confirmation and optional partial payment forms will be sent to you. Final payment is due by **February 12, 2010**. **Please read and take advantage of the Payment Protection Program (PPP) that is explained on the registration form.**

Follow these instructions to register over the internet:

WEB SITE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

- Log onto the STA web site at www.schooltoursofamerica.com
- Click **“Register and Make a Payment”** Tab
- Click **“here”** after “If you have never registered”
- Read the Terms and Conditions
- Understand the benefits of the Payment Protection Program – clicking the box marked “No” only if you have decided NOT to participate in the program
- Click Next Page
- Complete requested information
- Click “Yes” I agree to the Terms and Conditions
- Click “Submit Payment”

ACCESS TO REGISTRANT ACCOUNT:

Upon processing a registration, participants may enroll in My Account.

- STA mails the registrant's **participant ID number**, **trip number**, and partial payments after receiving a registration (7-10 days transit)
- Log onto the STA web site at www.schooltoursofamerica.com
- Choose "**LOGIN TO MY ACCOUNT**" under the "**Attention Students and Parents**" section
- Click on **Participant** under "**Sign up for an account**"
- Enter the **trip number** and **Participant ID number** to create your account
- Click on **Find Me**
- Your name should appear – click on **Yes, that's me**
- **Enter an e-mail address, login, and password** (The system will retain passwords, not logins so keep a record.)
- Click on **Sign Up**
- The registrant's trip information and payment information will appear along with tabs to access their profile, trip announcements, trip resources, room assignments, and their STA diary.

For more information please contact Sandye Ashley at (706) 235-4695 or e-mail me at sashley@rcs.rome.ga.us. You may also call SCHOOL TOURS OF AMERICA Customer Service at 866-543-9625. To learn more about School Tours of America, visit their website at www.schooltoursofamerica.com.

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