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**McDowell Exchange School
Gettysburg, PA / Washington, DC tour
May 13-16, 2020**

Dear Parents:

McDowell Exchange School, in conjunction with Prodigy Student Travel, Inc., is organizing an exciting trip to Gettysburg, PA & Washington, DC, set for May 13-16, 2020. This tour will give your student an opportunity to experience first-hand the excitement & history of these legendary cities!

Arrangements for the tour will be made through Prodigy Student Travel, a fully licensed and insured educational travel company based in Columbus, OH.

The trip package, priced at **\$670** per student (based on **quad** hotel occup. & **40** min. paid per bus) includes the following: round-trip ground transportation, three (3) nights of accommodations, eleven (11) meals, tours of the Gettysburg battlefields, Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, the National Cathedral and the U.S. Capitol Building; visits to the Smithsonians, all of the major memorials, and more! This price also includes tour directors & night hotel chaperone staff, and all taxes & gratuities.

A **non-refundable*** deposit of **\$130 per student** will be due to **Prodigy Student Travel by Fri., October 18, 2019**. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Prodigy Student Travel and mailed to the mailing address listed at the bottom of this page, or you may make deposits/payments online at www.prodigystudenttravel.com. **ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS, REGARDLESS OF FORM OF PAYMENT, SHOULD REGISTER THEIR STUDENT ONLINE FIRST!** If for any reason you are unable to register online, please call our office at 877-845-1463.

*** The following is the planned payment schedule (after deposit). These payments should be sent directly to Prodigy Student Travel by the following due dates:**

**Fri., November 29, 2019: \$135 due
Fri., January 17, 2020: \$135 due
Fri., February 28, 2020: \$135 due
Fri., April 10, 2020: \$135 due** (final payment)**

** The final balance due may be less depending on fundraising credits earned by your daughter/son. **You will be notified by MES of that exact credit no later than Fri., Feb. 14, 2020.** Any overpayment through direct payments will be refunded if the student goes on the trip. If not, only the direct payment portion, subject to the normal refund/cancellation policy, will be refunded.

INDIVIDUAL REFUND POLICY:

1) \$130 deposit is non-refundable, 2) Beyond the non-refundable portion, as of 3-13-20, portion of trip costs refundable to PST will be refunded to customer if PST is notified up to 30 days before departure date, 3) refunds requested to PST within 30 days of departure date will be made at the discretion of Prodigy Student Travel.

**** IF THE SCHOOL DECIDES TO CANCEL THE TOUR FOR SECURITY REASONS AT ANY TIME THRU 3-12-20, EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A 90% REFUND OF THE TOTAL TRIP PRICE (\$603*) SCHOOL CANCELLATION AS OF 3-13-20 WILL RESULT IN AN 80% REFUND OF THE TOTAL TRIP PRICE (\$536*).**

*** based on quad hotel occupancy**



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Wednesday, May 13

- 6:00 am -- buses arrive at school, load luggage
- 6:30 am -- depart for tour
- 8:30 am -- rest stop – PA Welcome Center
- 11:45 am -- **lunch: fast food – Breezewood, PA (\$10 to each)**
- 12:45 pm -- depart lunch
- 2:30 pm -- arrive at Gettysburg Visitors Center
- 3:00 pm -- **Gettysburg battlefield tour w/step-on guides (included)** *confirmed*
- 5:15 pm -- depart for DC
- 6:15 pm -- **dinner: Golden Corral (included)** *confirmed – depart by 7:15p*
- 8:00 pm -- MLK / FDR / Jefferson Memorials
- 9:15 pm -- depart for hotel
- 10:00 pm -- **hotel check-in: Hilton Garden Inn – Woodbridge, VA 703/590-2500**
-- **night chaperone staff on duty**

Thursday, May 14

- 6:00 am -- wake up
- 6:30 am -- **full breakfast @ hotel (included)**
- 7:30 am -- depart hotel
- 8:30 am -- arrive at U.S. Capitol Building – clear security
- 8:50 am -- U.S. Capitol Building tour – *pending*
- 10:30 am -- **group photo (included)** *confirmed*
- 11:15 am -- **Firehouse Subs – picnic lunch (incl.)** *Smithsonian Mall - confirmed*
- 12:00 pm -- **Smithsonians – choice of:** American & Natural History Museums, National Gallery of Art & National Air & Space Museum
- 3:00 pm -- bus pick up at Natural History Museum, mall side
- 3:30 pm -- Arlington National Cemetery; Kennedy graves, Challenger/Columbia Memorials, Audie Murphy gravesite, John Glenn gravesites
Changing of the Guard @ Tomb of The Unknowns
- 5:30 pm -- depart Arlington
- 6:00 pm -- Pentagon 9/11 Memorial
- 6:45 pm -- **dinner: Pentagon City Mall food court (food vouchers included)**
- 8:15 pm -- Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts – observation deck
- 9:15 pm -- Iwo Jima Memorial
- 9:30 pm -- depart for hotel
- 10:00 pm -- arrive at hotel, curfew TBA
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Friday, May 15

6:30 am --- wake up
7:00 am --- **full breakfast @ hotel (included)**
8:00 am --- depart hotel
8:45 am --- t-shirt shopping near Ford's Theatre
9:30 am --- **Ford's Theatre – ranger program/museum walk-through (included)** *pending*
10:30 am --- White House picture stop – Lafayette Park
11:15 am --- **lunch: Reagan Building food court (food vouchers included)**
12:30 pm --- depart lunch, drive up Embassy Row
1:15 pm --- **National Cathedral tour (donation included)** *pending*
2:45 pm --- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum – permanent exhibit - *pending*
4:30 pm --- depart for dinner
5:15 pm --- **dinner: Magill's Buffet (included)** *pending*
7:00 pm --- WWII, Vietnam, Lincoln & Korean Memorials
9:00 pm --- depart from near Korean Memorial
9:30 pm --- arrive at hotel, curfew TBA
--- **night chaperone staff on duty**

Saturday, May 16

6:15 am --- wake up
6:45 am --- **full breakfast @ hotel (included)**
7:30 am --- load luggage on buses
7:45 am --- depart hotel
8:15 am --- **Mount Vernon tour (included)** *mansion times pending*
11:15 am --- **lunch: at Mt. Vernon food court (\$15 to each)**
12:00 pm --- depart for home
2:45 pm --- rest stop – Breezewood, PA
6:00 pm --- **dinner: fast food – St. Clairsville, OH (\$10 to each)**
7:00 pm --- depart dinner
9:15 pm --- arrive back at McDowell Exchange School



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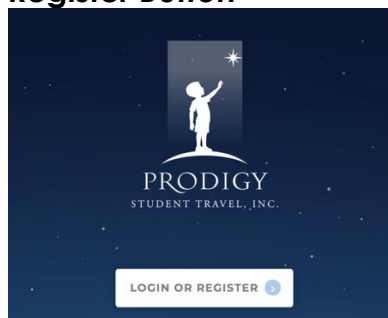
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Prodigy Student Travel

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1. Go to Website address: www.ProdigyStudentTravel.com
2. Click on "Login or Register Button"



3. On the Login Screen, click on 'Create an Account.'

Login

Not Signed Up? [Create an Account](#)

Email Address *

Password *

LOG IN

Remember me

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4. Create an Account – Input trip code (insert pass code) & other details

Create an Account

Trip Code *

If you do not have your school's trip code, please reference the online account document you received at the parent meeting, contact the school or you may [contact us](#).

E-mail address *

A valid e-mail address. All e-mails from the system will be sent to this address. The e-mail address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by e-mail.

Confirm e-mail address *

Please re-type your e-mail address to confirm it is accurate.

Password *

Confirm password *

Provide a password for the new account in both fields. Passwords are case sensitive.