

**DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
WASHINGTON, D.C. &
BALTIMORE TOUR
MARCH 15-20, 2016**



TRIP WEB PAGE –

Go to <http://www.deerfield.k12.wi.us/faculty/petersenr/2016dctrip.cfm>

**** Visit the website for updated Itinerary, Information, and PHOTOS while we are in Washington ****

TEACHER LIST

Karen Frey, Special Ed Teacher
Meg Kaster, English Teacher
Deb Kohlwey, English Teacher
Amanda Lange, Choir Director
Ryan Petersen, Band Director

CHAPERONE LIST

Carri Bohn
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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

- Educational Tours: 1-800-654-4560 - 24-hour line. They will know where we are at all times and will have multiple ways of getting in contact with us.
- Mrs. Frey's Cell Phone: 608-212-5407
- Mrs. Kaster's Cell Phone: 319-270-7210
- Mrs. Kohlwey's Cell Phone: 608-239-9335
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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES SUMMARY

I - General Trip Rules

Please read the list of rules and regulations carefully. All students and parents will be accountable for this information. Our first responsibility is to ensure the safety and responsible behavior of all of the students. Please contact one of the trip advisors if you have any questions.

1. All school rules are in effect for the duration of any DHS field trip.
2. Students are responsible for all meeting times. Please be early!
3. Students must remain in their room after curfew.
4. No Student is allowed in the room of a member of the opposite sex at any time. Students will be sent home immediately for violating this rule.
5. Respect all chaperones and staff.
6. Students must remain on the hotel "campus" at all times while the group is on hotel grounds.

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in:

- School consequences upon return to DHS
- Loss of certain privileges
- Change in curfew time
- Potential loss of all future DHS travel privileges
- Being sent home

In addition to the above rules, students will be held accountable for any behavior that they knew, or reasonably should have known to be dangerous to themselves or others, against the law, disrespectful to property or people, or behavior that is continually disruptive resulting in a negative experience for others.

If major infractions occur on the trip, parents may be held responsible for their DHS students, which would mean arranging transportation for the student home from the trip. If students break local or state laws and are subsequently turned over to authorities, parents/guardians or their representatives will be responsible for student travel back to Wisconsin.

Here is a copy of the conduct agreement that students and parents signed earlier this year:

DEERFIELD TRIP CONDUCT AGREEMENT

I _____ (student's name) agree to abide by the following conduct agreement created by the directors of this trip. I fully understand that I will be responsible for my actions both in and out of the classroom. It is my responsibility to earn passing grades as well as behave in an appropriate manner. I understand that the teachers have the right to revoke my privilege of participating in the Washington, D.C. trip at any time for failure to comply with this agreement. This includes,

but is not limited to: disrespect to the teachers or other students, classroom violence, lack of participation, failing grades in any subject areas, truancy, tardiness, code violations, suspensions and multiple detentions. If I violate the co-curricular code for behavior reasons at any point during the school year, I will not be allowed to participate in this trip. I must also remain academically eligible for the entire third quarter. After December 18th, 2015, I am responsible for the complete cost of the trip (even if I become ineligible to go and/or decide not to participate). I understand that I will be representing Deerfield High School during the entire trip and will be expected to act in an appropriate manner at all times. I also fully understand that if I violate this conduct agreement at any time during the trip that I will be sent home immediately at my own expense.

BEING ON TIME

We are frequently going to be on a tight schedule. Promptness will be essential. Make your own clothing and equipment checks before you leave your hotel room. You may not have a second chance. BE SURE YOU ARE WHERE YOU NEED TO BE WHEN YOU NEED TO BE ON TIME. If you are not you will be confined to the hotel or sent home.

TOURING

While we are touring the sites, you must be with a chaperone at all times. *Do not go wandering off without adult supervision.* Students who do so will be sent home immediately.

BUS RULES - INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

1. While traveling to and in the greater Washington, D.C. area, we will travel together by motor coach. Students and chaperones will be assigned a bus for the 5 days in which we are gone. Each bus will have an assigned teacher/chaperone leader and each student will have a chaperone that they will need to report to for the duration of the trip. Students must obey any and all instructions from the leader(s).
2. Any student who damages, destroys, or defaces bus property will be held financially liable.
3. Do not distract the driver in any way.
4. Do not use flash cameras, flashlights or any other device that could distract the driver.
5. Keep the bus clean. Food will be allowed on the bus as long as we keep the busses in good condition. Dispose of all garbage in garbage bags. Busses that need to be cleaned will be done so by the students.
6. Keep bus restrooms clean.
7. Do not stand or walk on seats or armrests.
8. Do not block aisles of busses.
9. Report to busses on time, every time.
Be sure to check with the chaperones when leaving the bus to find out how long we will be at that destination.
10. No instrument playing on the bus.
11. At all times, show courtesy and consideration for others traveling with you.
12. Failure to follow bus rules may result in revocation of trip privileges.

HOTEL RULES – INCLUDE BUT ARE NOTE LIMITED TO:

1. Respect all hotel personnel. You are representing the Deerfield School District as well as our community. Respect other guests with appropriate language, politeness, promptness and orderly use of facilities.
2. Do not leave the room after curfew for any reason.
3. No members of the opposite sex in any room at any time. This will be strictly enforced. Violators will be sent home immediately.
4. Checkout instructions will be given on the last night.
5. Anyone found damaging, destroying, defacing or stealing hotel property will be held financially and legally liable. The hotel will bill you for items missing from the room.
6. Any room charges will be the responsibility of the occupants. (phones and pay-per-view *will* be turned off.)
7. Phones will be available to use room-to-room only. All long distance, calling card and local phone calls must be made from a pay phone in the lobby.
8. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR HOTEL ROOM OR ON THE BUS! You can put them in the hotel safe if necessary

During “lights out” time, you are expected to be in your assigned room with the lights off. Please get ready for sleep before this time. Security will be checking to see that all lights are turned off. Keep your door locked at all times and verify who is at the door before opening it. Also, be sure that you collect all of your belongings from the hotel during check out – once we leave you might not be able to retrieve them.



PACKING TIPS

WEATHER: The average high temperature in Washington, D.C in March can be between 40° and 65°. Please plan accordingly. Plan on dressing in layers. Please check the long-range forecast before packing.

UNIFORM/DRESS CODE

School dress code will be followed. This is extremely important as we are representing our school and community. Students should dress in such a way that is comfortable, but does not draw unneeded attention.

In addition, music students will need to bring the following for their Friday performances:

- Boys: Concert Black & Whites (pants, shirt, vest, bowties, black socks, black shoes)
- Girls: Concert Dress & Shoes

We will start Friday dressed for concerts. You will then have time to change afterwards before our next event.

LUGGAGE

Each student will be allowed, and responsible for, **one** suitcase, their instrument, and a garment bag for dress clothes. Each bag and instrument case must be clearly marked with the student's name. Please take a reasonable amount of clothing.

Suitcase size and weight should not exceed the student's ability to carry it. Remember to save room in your suitcase for items purchased. One carry-on bag is also permitted on the bus. **ALL LUGGAGE WILL BE SEARCHED BEFORE WE DEPART AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO SEARCH AT ANY TIME DURING THE TRIP.**

ALL LUGAGE THAT WILL BE UNDER THE BUS MUST BE IN THE BAND ROOM ON TUESDAY MORNING BY 8:00 AM.

PACKING OF EQUIPMENT

All Brass and percussion instruments and cases must be packed under the bus. Make sure your case has a nametag. Woodwind instruments must be on the buses due to the damage cold weather will cause. **DO NOT LOCK YOUR CASES!** Large instruments (percussion, tuba, etc.) will be loaded first, then smaller instruments. *You are responsible for your instruments at all times during this trip!*

USE AND CARE OF INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC

Please make sure your instrument is clean, polished and in working order. Please make sure you have spare reeds, extra valve oil, etc. to keep your instrument in playing condition. Your instrument and music are like your wallet! It is your responsibility. You will be responsible to see that it is safely stored in your room or on the bus at all times that you are not playing it.

PACKING OF PERSONAL ITEMS

Everyone is limited to one suitcase, a garment bag, and a carry-on. DO NOT OVERPACK! You will not need a lot of clothing. We will not reach the hotel until Wednesday night, (after spending all day in Washington), so make sure to have everything you need in your carry-on. The buses will not unload until we get to the hotel Wednesday Night. *ALSO: we will be attending a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday evening – please think about dressing “nicely” for that performance.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING – we will not have changing rooms Wednesday morning. Students can clean-up and change clothes at a rest stop on the way. We will not unload the buses for your suitcase – please have extra clothes with you on the bus.

PICTURE IDENTIFICATION

Please have some form of picture identification with you at all times.

INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT AND WARDROBE CHECKLIST

All Music will be collected by Mr. Petersen and Mrs. Lange before we leave. Don't forget valve oil, extra reeds, cork grease, etc!

CASUAL WEAR

- _____ Jeans
- _____ Shirts
- _____ Sweatshirts
- _____ Socks
- _____ Comfortable shoes/footwear
- _____ Coat/Jacket

PERSONAL WEAR

- _____ Good Walking Shoes
- _____ Pajamas
- _____ Sunglasses
- _____ Underwear

NECESSITIES/OTHER ITEMS

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| _____ Shampoo / Hair Products | _____ Toothbrush / Toothpaste |
| _____ Watch – so you're on time | _____ Camera and Film |
| _____ Sunglasses | _____ Eye / Contact Care |
| _____ Hairbrush / Comb | _____ Other beauty or hygiene products
you may use |
| _____ Hair Dryer | |
| _____ Deodorant | |

** You may want to talk with your roommates about doubling-up/sharing things such as hairdryers, etc.

THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT/MAY NOT BRING

- Audio devices *without* headphones are not allowed. No loud music in hotel room or on bus any time.
- No glass containers on bus.
- No Game Consoles (Playstations, Xbox, etc.)
- Please limit amount of jewelry or valuables that you bring. We will not have time to help you find lost or stolen items - CELL PHONES INCLUDED
- Squirt Guns or Water Balloons are prohibited.
- Alcohol or illegal substances are strictly forbidden. There will be zero tolerance on this issue.
- Extra luggage!
- Do not use nail polish, nail polish remover, strong perfume or cologne on bus.

We do have some students with various food allergies. There will be food restrictions on the bus and/or hotel room.

OTHER ITEMS:

DEPARTURE ON TUESDAY –

We will be loading the buses starting at 3:10 with a 4:00 departure. *Make sure you have a bag dinner with you to eat on the bus. We will not be stopping for dinner Tuesday night.*

SPENDING MONEY:

You are responsible for purchasing the following meals:

- ❑ TUESDAY: BAG DINNER (WE WILL NOT STOP FOR DINNER)
- ❑ WEDNESDAY: BREAKFAST & LUNCH
- ❑ THURSDAY: LUNCH
- ❑ FRIDAY: LUNCH
- ❑ SATURDAY: LUNCH
- ❑ SUNDAY: BREAKFAST

You may also want some spending money for souvenirs and snacks. You may want to have your student use a cash card or pre-paid debit card. Most banks will offer these.

HOTEL:

We are staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Largo, MD. The hotel’s contact information is: 9101 Basil Court, Largo, MD 20774; 301-636-6090. We have access to free internet and wifi at the hotel. There is a small swimming pool at the hotel, but we may not be there during the hours that it is open, depending on night time activities.

CELL PHONES:

Depending on your cell phone plan, you may want to check ahead of time to see if we will be traveling in an area that is not covered in your current plan. This could avoid some unwanted phone/text “roaming” fees.

ADVANCED MAKE-UPS:

Each trip participant will be given an Advanced Make-up slip and will need to have their teachers fill it out for work to complete before or during the trip. Students will need to show this completed form to a Trip Leader before they will be allowed to board the bus.

END OF TRIP ASSIGNMENT:

Because we are missing three days of school, all students will be responsible for completing a project upon return from Washington. Students will be given the specifics for this assignment at our trip meeting. Their project will be due April 11th.

