

Washington, DC Bus 1 Schedule
Friday May 4, 2018

No matter what the forecast, plan for rain and cold weather. Bring the proper amount of warm clothing and rain gear. Although it may be rainy, cold, and windy, there are still more than a couple of places which we will see/walk to which are outdoors. Be prepared.

4:00 AM Students arrive at Emory H. Markle Intermediate School.

4:00-4:15 AM Students will use the restrooms, sit in their assigned row in the auditorium, and meet/check in with their chaperones.

The chaperones will receive a packet that includes a schedule, instructions, scavenger hunt sheets, pencils, “What to do if you Get Lost in Washington” cards.

Chaperones: Give out the schedules and “What to Do if you Get Lost” cards to the students. If students have schedules they should not be asking “what are we doing?”

General Instructions and information will be given to the group in the auditorium.

4:15-4:20 AM Groups will use the restrooms, load their busses, sit in their assigned seat, and quietly wait while the roll is called.

4:25 AM Busses Leave Emory H. Markle. Students will be QUIETLY RESTING on the way down. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT ARE SHINY AND/OR HAVE LIGHTS WILL BE USED UNTIL THE SUN IS COMPLETELY UP.

7:00 AM If busses are fortunate enough to have light traffic and arrive this early, students will use the restrooms on the mall and work with their scavenger hunt sheets to see the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

The restrooms at the Lincoln Memorial and this part of “the Mall” may not be open at this time. Walk around the monuments using the scavenger hunt sheet to take your mind off the large coffee and orange juice that you unfortunately drank this morning.

7:55 AM Busses are loaded on the north side of the Lincoln Memorial, and are driven to the United States Capitol.

8:20 AM- Groups arrive at the U.S. Capitol. We will then walk up the west side of Capitol Hill to the east side of the Capitol.

8:30 AM-Groups line up on the east side of the Capitol to go through security.

8:40 AM Groups line up by the designated auditorium to see the introductory movie.

8:40-10:00 AM Groups tour the Capitol.

10:00 AM Chaperones will hand out tickets for the Senate and the House of Representatives galleries.

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10:05-11:00 AM Groups line up to see either the House of Representatives Chamber or the Senate Chamber.

11:15 AM Groups use the restrooms, and then walk to the bottom of the west side of Capitol Hill to load their busses.

11:30 AM Groups leave from the bottom of Capitol Hill. **This is a good time to start eating your lunch.**

11:50 AM Busses arrive at the White House on the north side near Lafayette Park. Take your cameras off the bus to take pictures.

11:50 AM-12:05 PM Groups will take pictures of the north side of the White House near Pennsylvania Avenue.

12:05 PM Students, Chaperones, Teachers, and Administrators will walk down (south) 15th Street to the area where the buses might be parked on 15th Street.

12:15 PM Groups load the busses on 15th Street near the Ellipse. We will drive to Arlington National Cemetery.

12:35 PM Busses arrive at Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Center. Groups will use the restrooms in the Visitor Center. These are some of the best/largest/cleanest restrooms on the trip. This is also a good opportunity to fill up water bottles if one has them. Groups will be quiet and respectful for their time at Arlington.

12:45 PM Groups should be walking up the hill towards the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Changing of the Guard Ceremony. If they leave on time, they will want to take a detour to President Kennedy's grave and the eternal flame atop his grave, and walk to the Custis-Lee Mansion (Arlington House) for a view of the city and Pierre L'Enfant's grave (L'Enfant drew up the design/plan for Washington, D.C.).

1:30 PM Groups attend the "Changing of the Guard" ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

1:40 PM Groups will walk back to busses. There may another ceremony starting at the Tomb of the Unknowns, but we don't have time to see it. As soon as the Changing of the Guard Ceremony is finished, please quietly slip away towards the Arlington Cemetery Visitor Center. This is the last opportunity to use the Arlington Cemetery Visitor Center restrooms.

2:10-PM Groups will load the buses and leave Washington, D.C.

4:30-5:30 PM Students should arrive at Emory H. Markle Intermediate School.

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Capitol prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: handbags, book bags, backpacks, **purses**, food and beverages of any kind, strollers, **cameras with removal lenses**, tobacco products, personal grooming items (make-up, hair brush or comb, lip or hand lotions, etc...), any pointed objects (knitting needles, etc...), aerosol containers, guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size. The U.S. Secret Service reserves the right to prohibit any other personal items. Umbrellas, wallets, cell phones and car keys are permitted.

Cameras and video recording devices are allowed in the Capitol, but cannot be carried into the House or Senate Galleries. Cameras and/or video recording devices must be “checked” before entering the galleries. **ANY ITEMS THAT YOU CHECK MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME USING MASKING TAPE AND A PEN.**

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