
HOLLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAY 21-23, 2024

Student and Family
Informational Packet



Timeline of Events

2024 American History Trip

Year	Date/Time	Event
2023	June	Parent meeting – Holley Auditorium
	November 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Requirements Agreement due • 1st Choice Travel Educational Tours Trip Registration Form due • 1st Choice Educational Tours Covid-19 Release Form due • 1st Choice Educational Travel Guard Insurance Election Form due • Check for purchase of optional Travel Guard Insurance made out to: 1st Choice Educational Tours • \$225 DEPOSIT due (includes nonrefundable \$75 booking fee) – check made out to:
2024	January 15th	Student Balance Sheet mailed home
	January 26th	\$225 payment due – check made out to:
	February 15 th 6:30pm	Parent Meeting – Holley auditorium
	March 4th	Rooming Group Sheets handed out to students. Complete forms to be turned in as soon as possible. Buses will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis
	March 15th	Final Payment due – check made out to:
	April 12th	Completed Health Form due to Mrs. Hill (School Nurse)
	May 20th	Luggage drop-off
	May 21st 6:30am	Depart for Washington DC
	May 23rd appx. 10pm	Return to Holley Jr/Sr High School

- ✓ The first deposit of \$225, which includes a non-refundable \$75 booking fee, is a commitment to attend the trip
- ✓ Please turn in **all forms and payments** to Mr. Thomas. **DO NOT send ANYTHING** to 1st Choice Educational Tours.
- ✓ No student will be permitted to attend the trip who has not completed the Health Form and submitted it on time. Please be prompt in handing in forms so as not to jeopardize your trip.

Trip Cost: \$631.50 (includes trip insurance)

TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO MR. THOMAS BY NOVEMBER 3, 2023

**HOLLEY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
8TH GRADE AMERICAN HISTORY TRIP – MAY 2024
STUDENT REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT**

Dear Families,

All students attending the 8th grade American History Trip are representatives of Holley Central School District and must act in accordance with Holley School District's Code of Conduct, Board policies, and administrative regulations (available online or by visiting the school). You are receiving two copies of this agreement. Please sign and return ONE copy of the agreement to Mr. Thomas by November 3, 2023. The second copy is for your information.

Eligibility Requirements (before the trip):

- **Behavior**
 - It is the expectation that students abide by the Holley CSD Code of Conduct, both leading up to the trip, as well on the trip itself.
 - Students may be unable to attend the trip if they are in ISS or OSS during the dates of the trip due to disciplinary referrals.
 - Any student that is unable to attend, due to ISS or OSS, will be provided meaningful work that will further their education, while here at school, as well as being monitored by a Holley staff member.
- **Attendance**
 - It is very important and vital for students to have consistent attendance in school, throughout the school year, leading up to the trip to have the best educational foundation for understanding.
- **Deadlines**
 - Students may be unable to attend the trip if they do not meet the deadlines for (a) financial obligation(s), unless previous arrangements have been made with Mr. Thomas. This will be the policy enforced by the travel company due to their hard-and-fast deadlines for payments to the various entities.
 - Students may be unable to attend the trip if they have not turned in all forms, on their due dates, provided in the student/family informational packet. This is a policy enforced by the travel company due to their hard-and fast-deadlines they must abide by.

Behavioral Requirements (on the trip):

- **Be Respectful**
 - Students must follow the requirements set forth in the Holley Central School District's Code of Conduct, Board policies, administrative regulations, and by 1st Choice Educational Tours, LTD.
 - Students must behave maturely and must follow directions of the staff members and tour leaders at all times.
 - Students must be courteous of other visitors and all property.

- **Be Responsible**
 - Students must be prepared and meet all time requirements by the chaperones.
 - Students must wear appropriate clothing at all times.
 - Students must not use their cellphones during limited times designated by tour leaders to be inappropriate for use.
- **Be a Learner**
 - Students must follow the itinerary set by the tour organizers and must participate in trip activities.
 - Students must be prepared with appropriate materials.

Violations of this Student Requirements Agreement may result in:

- The inability to attend the trip if they have ISS or OSS during the dates of the trip.
- Warning to the student regarding behavior.
- Call to parent or guardian regarding behavior.
- Loss of privileges on the trip and/or placement of the student under the direct supervision of an administrator.
- Sending a student home at the parent or guardian's expense.
- Additional consequences, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

----- Sign and return ONE copy of this Agreement to Mr. Thomas -----

With deposit of \$225 by November 3, 2023
(checks payable to:)

We, the student parent/guardian, understand and agree to follow the rules and requirements set forth in this Student Requirements Agreement.

Student Name (printed)

Date

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Washington, D.C. Package Inclusions: (Subject to change)

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
- Hotel Accommodations, 2 nights, 2 breakfasts
- Lunch Stop at your expense enroute
- Self-guided visit Arlington Cemetery and Changing of the Guard
- Dinner Voucher on day one
- Guided illuminated monument tour
- Visit – Smithsonian Museum Complex
- Lunch at your expense – Smithsonian Complex
- Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
- National Zoological Park visit
- Dinner Stop at Wegmans (\$15 gift card)
- Roundtrip services of a 1st Choice Educational Tour Manager
- Gratuity for your motorcoach driver
- All taxes and gratuities
- Insurance – Cancel anytime for any reason

The ONLY thing(s) that students are responsible for:

- Bag lunch on Wednesday for bus trip TO Washington, DC
- Money for souvenirs
- Money for extra food/snacks



2024 Holley Middle School Washington, D.C. Trip Itinerary

Day 1:

6:15 A.M. 2-56 PASSENGER MOTORCOACHES ARRIVE FOR BOARD

6:45 A.M. DEPART FOR WASHINGTON, DC

REST STOPS EN ROUTE-STUDENTS TO BRING BROWN BAG LUNCH FROM HOME

2:15 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. VISIT SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS

5:15 P.M. – 6:15 P.M. DINNER AT PENTAGON MALL – VOUCHER PROVIDED

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. GUIDED ILLUMINATED NIGHT TOUR OF THE MONUMENTS

9:15 P.M. CHECK INTO THE HOTEL: HAMPTON INN-FORT BELVOIR/ALEXANDRIA, VA

PRIVATE SECURITY PROVIDED EACH NIGHT

DAY 2:

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

9:00 A.M. ARRIVE AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR SECURITY

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

12:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. VISIT SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS WITH LUNCH AT YOUR OWN
EXPENSE

PHOTO OF THE FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM – PENDING TIMED ENTRY TICKETS

3:45 P.M. MEET MOTOR COACHES AT PREARRANGED LOCATION

4:00 P.M. DEPART FOR MEDIEVAL TIMES DINNER & TOURNAMENT

6:00 P.M. DOOR OPEN

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. MEDIEVAL TIMES DINNER & TOURNAMENT

10:15 P.M. RETURN TO THE HOTEL

DAY 3:

6:30 A.M. – 7:45 A.M. BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

8:00 A.M. CHECK OUT AND DEPART THE HOTEL

9:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. VISIT NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

12:30 P.M. DEPART FOR WILIAMSPORT - BOX LUNCH PROVIDED TO EAT ON THE BUS

5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. DINNER AT WEGMANS CAFÉ \$15.00 GIFT CARD (INCLUDED)

6:30 P.M. DEPART FOR HOME

REST STOPS EN ROUTE

10:00 P.M. ETA

ESTIMATED PRICE PER PERSON: \$589.00 BASED ON QUAD

OCCUPANCY+\$42.50=\$631.50

\$619.00 BASED ON TRIPLE OCCUPANCY+42.50=\$661.50

\$679.00 BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY+\$42.50=\$721.50

· INCLUDED IN PACKAGE PRICE IS TRAVEL GUARD TRIP INSURANCE “CANCEL FOR ANY REASON” ESTIMATED COST OF \$42.50 PER PERSON.

THE ABOVE PRICING IS BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 80 PAYING STUDENTS PLUS 8 COMP CHAPERONES AT DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.



Washington, D.C. Fundraising Information

The purpose of fundraising is twofold:

- To provide students an opportunity to fund the cost of the trip.
- To have students learn responsibility and appreciation by working towards the privilege of attending their 8th grade trip.

Fundraising Opportunities

Students will have the opportunity to begin the process of preparing for their 8th grade trip in 7th grade.

7th grade fundraiser – Candy Bar Sale

8th grade fundraiser – Sponsorship calendar

(All students may participate in both fundraisers. Check with Mr. Thomas for more information.)

If anyone pays by check, please make payable to:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- The candy bar fundraiser raises 40-45% per candy bar, for each student.
- The Sponsorship Calendar will raise 80% for each student – 20% goes towards the prizes!
- These fundraisers help defray the cost of the trip for you and your child.
- Fundraising for the trip is optional.
- Mr. Thomas keeps track of individual accounts along with his cabinet of officers, so each student fundraises for their own individual trip.
- Students are allowed to fundraiser more than the cost of the trip. They can receive up to \$100 in extra spending money. This will be distributed to individual students prior to the trip.
- You **MUST** collect the money when the candy bars are ordered. Please, no IOU's.

TO PARTICIPATE IN FUNDRAISING, YOU NEED TO:

- Make sure all envelopes and money are collected and turned in **ALL** at **ONCE**.
- Ensure all calculations have been done accurately and total money is enclosed.
- Return all materials **ON OR BEFORE** the given deadlines.