

East Coast Tour 2025

Washington DC / New York City

**Important Brief / Checklist: Please Read Carefully And Initial Your Approval
On Each Item:**

A trip of this magnitude can be a bit overwhelming and it is difficult to cover each and every issue in a meeting or with a letter. Below you will find a number of items that I want you to be aware of.

Please initial that you accept and you acknowledge alongside the procedures and conditions of this tour and return to Mr. Saindon or Mr. Zoeller as soon as possible:

____ 1. I give Mr. Saindon and Mr. Zoeller permission to speak with my students 7/8 grade teachers for input on student behavior. This will be used in the criteria for the student selection.

____ 2. Please be aware that the itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the tour operators and directors.

____ 3. Due to the social dynamics of middle school students and the number of students and parents that go, we can only try to accommodate room arrangements requests.

____ 4. Adults who want to attend this trip will be expected to help chaperone the students through the "chaperone system". Chaperones will be responsible for monitoring 3 to 6 students: taking roll, escorting through airports, passing out stipends, etc.

____ 5. Space on this tour is limited. Applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis. (Provided student qualifies). Although we need adult chaperones, we also try to take as many students as possible. There is a possibility we would not be able to take a parent to allow room for a student.

____ 6. Like all high school student travel, know that all student travel is quad-occupancy (four to a room).

____ 7. All Adults are charged double occupancy rates. (Approximately \$500 to \$600 more than students)

____ 8. Your child must be covered by a private medical insurance policy.

____ 9. I understand that my child is subject to a two step discipline policy while on tour: STEP I - Reprimand / Call Home /Loss of Freedom; and, STEP II – Student is taken to the airport by the tour representative and **sent home at parent's expense.**

____ 10. I have read over the refund and insurance policy (with regards to dates and amounts) and understand the timetable for refund requests.

____ 11. Students will be expected to attend a number of “Washington D.C. Club” meetings throughout the year. Some Meetings will be held on Wednesdays after school. These are fun meetings but important for helping the kids to bond together as a group. Information, updates, regulations, behavior expectations, history, safety tips, etc... will be discussed during these meetings.

____ 12. This trip is open to Freedom students and their parents or immediate guardians. If an extended family member would like to come on the trip, they will need to be cleared by Mr. Saindon.

____ 13. Student participants can be dropped from the trip (at the discretion of the faculty Chaperones) if proper schoolwide and community behavior is not maintained. Parents will be subject to the refund policy by that date.

____ 14. Due to the constant threat of Covid becoming a problem, we strongly encourage you to buy the ‘trip insurance’ offered by the tour company.

- If you have any questions, please call John-Paul Saindon at: 661-332-6168.

Parent/Guardian _____

Student Name _____

