



EDUCATIONAL TOURS, INC.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the tour moderator for Educational Tours, Inc., I am for the 27th consecutive year offering the 8th grade students of Crone, Granger, Gregory, Hill, Scullen and Still Middle Schools the opportunity to participate in an outstanding tour of Washington, D.C. from Saturday, February 14 through Monday, February 16, 2009. Your student will have the unique opportunity to experience the nation's capital, a virtual "living classroom," with fellow classmates and teachers. They'll experience government in action and visit some of the country's most important historical treasures. A list of sites and special features of this tour is presented on the next page.

The tour has been prepared for us by Educational Tours, Inc., a fully insured agency specializing in student group travel to Washington, D.C., with 40 years of experience.

The price of the tour, based on 40-50 paid participants per bus, is \$999.00 plus \$105.00 for REFUND GUARANTEE PROTECTION (RGP). The RGP option provides the opportunity to cancel the tour at any time, for any reason, and receive a full refund less the cost of the protection. The cost of the RGP option will be added to your 2nd payment invoice. **Please read the General Information page carefully.**

Standard features of this all-inclusive tour are:

- Roundtrip Airport Transfers
- Flights on Scheduled Airlines
- Meals Beginning with Lunch on Day 1 through Dinner on Day 3
- Adult Chaperone for Every 10 Students
- Hotel Security
- Excellent Hotel (2 nights; quad occupancy)
- Premium Sightseeing Bus(es)
- Complete Lectured Sightseeing
- ET Staff/24 Hour Service
- All Taxes, Tips/Insurance Coverage
- All Admissions

To register your child for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, please visit www.educationaltours.com and enter **Booking Code 502-73482**. You may also register by sending a \$200.00 deposit by check (payable to Educational Tours, Inc.) or Visa/MasterCard/Discover along with the completed application form to Educational Tours, Inc. by **Monday, October 6, 2008**. A 2nd payment of \$250.00 is due by **Monday, November 3, 2008**. A 3rd payment of \$250.00 is due by **Wednesday, December 3, 2008**. Final payment is due approximately 8 weeks prior to departure. Invoices will be sent. **NOTE: As a limited amount of air, bus and hotel space has been reserved, applications will be accepted on a first come basis.**

If you have any questions about the tour, please call me (Mike Bednar) at 815-954-0364. You may also call Educational Tours, Inc., 9:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday, at 847-509-0088 or visit ET's website at www.educationaltours.com.

Finally, Indian Prairie School District No. 204, DuPage County, is not sponsoring this tour, is not connected with this tour and does not assume any liability concerning this tour. The tour is sponsored by me (Mike Bednar) and operated by Educational Tours, Inc. Since this tour is not school-sponsored, the right to refuse a student's application in the best interest of the tour is reserved.

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Sightseeing in Washington is prepared from the list of sites indicated below. The sites included depend on specific appointments and optional excursions requested by the group as well as the time of year and days of the week the tour is planned.

WASHINGTON, D.C. SITES

- Capitol Hill
 - U.S. Capitol Building
 - Supreme Court
 - Library of Congress
- Iwo Jima Marine Memorial
- Smithsonian Institution
 - Air and Space Museum
 - Natural History Museum
- National Archives
- Union Station
- National Zoo – Panda exhibit
- Embassy Row
- Korean War Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- World War II Memorial
- United States Holocaust Museum (permanent exhibit by appointment only)
- White House
- Mount Vernon – George Washington’s estate
- Ford’s Theatre and Petersen House
- Kennedy Center
- Old Town Alexandria
- Arlington National Cemetery
 - Guard Change - Tomb of the Unknowns
 - Wreath Laying (by appointment only)
 - Challenger Memorial
 - Kennedy Gravesites
- FDR Memorial
- National Cathedral (by appointment only)
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Washington Monument (by appointment only)

SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDED:

- Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery (if confirmed)
- Performance of “Shear Madness” at the Kennedy Center
- Holocaust Museum
- Color Copy of Group Photo
- Evening Tour of Memorials
- Evening dance and swimming at a local recreational center (when available)

** IMPORTANT WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP MEETINGS **

<i>Meeting #1</i>	Informational meeting for all interested students and at least one parent/guardian of each student. Parents/Guardians are asked to sit with your child.	
<i>Place/Date/Time:</i>	Crone M.S.	Wednesday, September 10, 2008 – Commons – 7:30-8:30 PM
	Granger M.S.	Monday, September 15, 2008 – Commons – 7:30-8:30 PM
	Scullen M.S.	Thursday, September 18, 2008 – Commons – 7:30-8:30 PM
	Hill M.S.	Monday, September 22, 2008 – Commons – 7:30-8:30 PM
	Gregory M.S.	Thursday, September 25, 2008 – Commons – 7:30-8:30 PM
	Still M.S.	Monday, September 29, 2008 – Commons – 7:30-8:30 PM

NOTE: Parents and students may attend the meeting that best fits their schedule.

<i>Meeting #2</i>	Final pre-trip meeting for all students who have sent in deposits and at least one parent/guardian of each participant. (REQUIRED)	
<i>Time/Place/Date:</i>	Thursday, January 15, 2009 – Waubonsie Valley H.S. Auditorium – 7:30-8:30 PM	

GENERAL INFORMATION

(KEEP TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS)

1. The price of the Washington Educational Tour is based on 40 paid participants per sightseeing bus and the best available base airfare at the time the group booked. The price is subject to change if there are less than 40 paid participants per sightseeing bus or variations occur in fuel surcharges, taxes or vendor fees (such as airline baggage fees). Per person bus surcharges are: \$20.00 for 35-39 paid per bus, \$60.00 for 30-34 paid per bus and \$100.00 for 25-29 paid per bus. For less than 25 paid per bus, the surcharge will be provided.
2. Per person insurance coverage: \$5,000 life, \$1,500 illness, \$5,000 accident and \$750 dental.
3. The deposit and additional payments are required by the dates indicated in the cover letter. Personal and/or business checks will not be accepted 28 days or less prior to the tour. Prior to departure, information will be sent specifying final details of the tour.
4. Failure to completely pay for the tour by the deadline date may result in the participant being dropped from the tour. If space is still available after the deadline date, a \$50.00 late payment fee will be assessed plus any extra airfare, if applicable.
5. A service fee of \$35.00 is assessed for NSF checks or stop payment checks.

CANCELLATION POLICY: ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING TO EDUCATIONAL TOURS, INC., P.O. BOX 828, NORTHBROOK, IL 60065-0828. The date of the postmark is the date used to determine the amount of the cancellation fee. Refunds take approximately 4-6 weeks and will be issued in the same form as payment was made.

* Individual cancellations, for any reason, will be subject to the following fees to be retained by Educational Tours, Inc.:

more than 60 days before the tour	\$150.00
from 59-31 days before the tour	50% of tour cost
from 30 days before the tour to date of departure	100% of tour cost

* If the tour moderator or school cancels an individual or the tour, individual cancellation fees apply.

* If the tour moderator or school changes the tour date or destination, all monies received will be transferred to the new tour date/destination. Individual cancellations after the date/destination change will be subject to the same cancellation fees.

* If Educational Tours, Inc. changes the date/destination and you feel it necessary to cancel because of the change(s), a full refund will be provided as long as a letter is received postmarked no more than 14 days after the change is announced.

REFUND GUARANTEE PROTECTION (RGP) – Should a tour participant need to cancel for any reason prior to departure, RGP guarantees you a full refund of all monies paid, less the cost of this option and any NSF or late fees. By accepting RGP, the cost will be included in your invoice. To decline RGP, simply check the box below. By not accepting RGP, the above stated cancellation policy applies with no exceptions. *ET strongly recommends accepting RGP as part of your tour package.*

RESPONSIBILITY: Educational Tours, Inc. is not responsible for any services or accommodations provided by third parties and disclaims any liability for personal injury, property damage, or other loss to the traveler unless such damage, injury or loss is caused by the willful and wanton negligence of Educational Tours, Inc. With respect to the student traveler, the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian assume full responsibility for any damages, injury, or losses that might occur during the tour except as stated above. Any photo or video likeness taken of a participant and any comment or statement made by him/her while taking part in an ET program may be used in materials published by ET without compensation.

To register for this tour, please visit www.educationaltours.com and enter Booking Code 502-73482. If you are unable to register online, please detach and return with your payment to:

Educational Tours, Inc. – P.O. Box 828 – Northbrook, IL 60065-0828

Participant's Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please check one:

CRONE M.S. GRANGER M.S. GREGORY M.S. HILL M.S. SCULLEN M.S. STILL M.S.

INDIAN PRAIRIE #204 – #73482 (08/09 TS)

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ E-mail _____

Work Numbers: Father (____) _____ Mother (____) _____

I do not accept Refund Guarantee Protection (RGP). By declining RGP, I understand that I will be subject to the full cancellation policy as outlined above and agree that 100% of the trip price is non-refundable if I cancel within 30 days of departure for any reason.

I permit my child to participate in the Washington Tour on February 14-16, 2009. I have read and agree to the above General Information including the Cancellation Policy, Surcharges, Responsibility, and Refund Guarantee Protection.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

UNSIGNED APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED WITH DEPOSIT

If paying by credit card: Please charge my [] Visa, [] MasterCard or [] Discover account for \$ _____.

*Since an original signature is required, phone calls and faxes will NOT be accepted for credit card payments.

Please check one:

CRONE M.S. GRANGER M.S. GREGORY M.S. HILL M.S. SCULLEN M.S. STILL M.S.

INDIAN PRAIRIE #204 – #73482 (08/09 TS)

Participant Name _____ Street _____ Zip Code _____

Account Number _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on the card _____ Home Phone _____

Cardholder's Signature _____ Work Phone _____

For Office Use: ID # _____ Approval # _____ Ref # _____ Today's Date _____

FILL OUT COMPLETELY. Registration will be processed only when credit card information is complete.