

2023 GMS Washington DC Meeting Itinerary 10/13/2022

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Fundraisers
 - a. Christmas Wreaths
 - i. Details: See attached
 - b. Smithie Apparel @ January 2023
4. Trip Itinerary
 - a. Overview of the trip
 - b. Chaperone ratio 1:4 or 1:8
5. General Interest Forms
 - a. Student interest forms for attending the 2023 DC trip will go home next week and should be returned to school, no later than Friday 10/21/2022
6. Chaperones
 - a. Chaperone Application & GLS Volunteer Packet
 - i. Chaperon Application (paper) Must be completed and submitted by 10/31/2022
 - ii. Visit: <http://www.green-local.k12.oh.us/district/school-forms-and-information> and read and complete both the forms found on these two links listed on the above website.
 1. Volunteer Information
 - a. Parent/Community Volunteer Packet & Procedures
 - b. Volunteer Waiver Form
 - b. District Requirements
 - i. GLS Volunteer Packet needs to be read and the online volunteer application - BCII/FBI CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK & Waiver Form completed asap
 - ii. You will be added to the list for a background check and then notified
 - iii. You will be notified by Mrs. Courtney Knight when your background check has been completed
 - iv. Note: This notification does not mean you have been accepted as a chaperone**
 - c. Things to understand as a chaperone
 - i. You are not guaranteed to be a chaperone in your child's group.
 - ii. We will be walking over 12 miles a day (quickly). You must be physically fit enough to keep up
 - iii. All chaperones MUST have a cell phone
 - iv. Smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping and the consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited during the entire trip
 - v. As a chaperone you must attend all scheduled events and stops during the trip
7. Cost & Payment
 - a. Trip Costs for students
 - i. \$575 with quad occupancy
 - b. Trip Costs for Chaperones
 - i. \$575 with quad occupancy
 - ii. \$660 with double occupancy (Chaperones only)
 1. You MUST create your own double/quad rooming assignments prior to your first deposit, Tuesday, February 7TH; or you accept anyone you are placed with.
 - c. Payment Dues Dates
 - i. See Attached Sheet
 - d. ACE Paperwork

2023-2024 GMS Washington DC Trip Costs

Reminder Sheet

\$575 with quad occupancy

\$661 with double occupancy (Chaperones ONLY)

All fundraiser credits will be applied to the final payment balance

STUDENT: 1st \$50.00 Deposit 11/8/2022 (Non-Refundable)

STUDENT: 2nd \$100 Payment 2/7/2023

CHAPERONE: 1st \$218 Payment 2/7/2023

Chaperone Payment based upon Double Occupancy. Quad Occupancy Payment would be \$175

STUDENT: 3rd \$200 Payment 5/2/2023

CHAPERONE: 2nd \$218 Payment 5/2/2023

Chaperone Payment based upon Double Occupancy. Quad Occupancy Payment would be \$175

FINAL PAYMENT for STUDENT & CHAPERONE:

\$225 Payment 9/5/23

All fundraiser credits will be applied to this final payment. We will send home a notice of your remaining balance minus your fundraising total prior to the final payment due date

Due Date payments are cash or check only (no fundraiser credits until final payment)

All checks payable to Green Local Schools (In Memo: DC Payment #)

Application of interest to be a Chaperone for the 2023 GMS Washington DC Trip

This form is due to Mr. Mahas no later than 10/31/22

Please understand that completing this form DOES NOT guarantee you a position on the trip

Mr. Mahas needs this completed form for you to be considered. Please do not email him this application.

Thank you for your understanding

Grade Level of your child during the 2023-2024 School Year (circle one)

7th 8th

Student Name: _____

Adult Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Have you been a chaperone on a previous GMS Washington DC trip? If so, what year? _____

- All potential chaperones will be notified if selected
- All potential chaperones must complete the Parent Volunteer Packet (form) as per school requirements
- All chaperones MUST undergo a criminal background check once approved
- All chaperones MUST have a cell phone
- Smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping and the consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited during the entire trip

GMS Washington, D.C. Field Trip

October 18-21, 2023

In October of 2023, the 7th and 8th grade classes at Green Middle School will be taking a trip to Washington, D.C. with Nowak Tours. We will leave Smithville at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct 18th, and leave Washington, D.C. on Friday evening, Oct 20th. We will arrive home about 5:15 a.m. on Saturday, Oct 21st.

Included in the trip is all transportation, two nights in a hotel, all meals, tour guides, and many other perks. All information for the trip will be posted on <https://gmsdc2023.weebly.com>. If you were unable to attend Thursday's parent meeting, a packet of information should be attached to this letter.

The cost for the trip will be \$575 per student. We want you to be aware of this immediately so that your child can begin earning money. There will be two school sponsored fundraisers to help with this. We will be selling Christmas Wreaths & Smithie Apparel. In addition, you might want to encourage your child to earn part of his/her money by doing jobs such as babysitting or lawn work.

In order to make this trip enjoyable for all, we must restrict from the trip those students who continually or seriously violate the school rules. Students will not participate in the Washington, D.C. field trip if they:

- have been assigned three or more cumulative days of suspension (in or out-of-school) between October 13, 2022 – October 17, 2023.
- have been assigned three or more Saturday Schools between January 2, 2022 – June 1, 2023.
- are deemed to be a risk to other students and teachers on the trip.
- have not completed payment for the trip by Sept. 5, 2023

Please refer to the discipline policy in the Green Middle School Handbook for a detailed plan that shows the progression of offenses that could lead to Saturday School or suspension. Students who do not go on the trip, for any reason, will have classes at GMS as normal on October 18-21.

Payments for all students are due on time. Please see attached cost sheet for all due dates

The first \$50 deposit and all money collected through fundraising is nonrefundable.

Thank you for your interest and support. We feel that together, our efforts will result in a great educational experience for our students!

The GMS Staff

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We would like to get an idea of how many students plan on attending the trip to Washington, D.C. Please indicate your preference at this time. This does not bind you to that decision. Please sign and return the bottom of this form indicating that you understand the field trip policy. By signing below, you are agreeing to the cost of the trip, that a portion of the deposit may be non-refundable due to travel deposits outside the control of GMS.

Student's name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

Planning on going to D.C.

Will not be going to D.C.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

****Please return to your homeroom teacher by Friday, Oct. 28th.****

Chaperones will be notified (from those who applied at the informational meeting) by Friday, Nov. 18th, 2022.