

EJRP 8th Grade Field Trip to Washington, DC 2026

September 9, 2025

Dear 8th Grade ADL Students and Parents,

We are excited to announce preliminary information on our 2026 Essex Junction Recreation and Parks 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. The trip will take place during April break, April 19-23, 2026. We would like to invite all 8th graders attending Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School/living in the City, to join us on this fun and educational exploration of our nation's capital.



SAVE THE DATE!
DC Info Meeting
Sept. 23 @ 6:30PM
Maple St. Rec Center

On the reverse of this page you will find a copy of the prospective itinerary. Please join us (both students AND parents) for an informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30pm** at the Maple Street Recreation Center, where we will provide in-depth information on trip logistics, answer any questions you may have, and give registration information.

We need a minimum of 40 students to make the trip happen. The capacity of the first bus is 48 students. If there are more students interested, we will begin a waitlist. If the total number of students reaches 80, we can add a second bus. The cost of the trip is \$975.

Registration will open **September 24 at 9:00am** on our website, at our office, and over the phone. We have switched to a new software provider, so all families will need to create a new account if they have not done so since August 20. We recommend you visit www.ejrp.org prior to the registration date to create your account.

We believe this will be a great experience for students to see firsthand the sites they have learned about in history class and thoroughly explore our country's rich history. Please not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. We can be reached at 802-878-1375 or by email at acallan@ejrp.org.

Sincerely,



Brad Luck, Director & Alyssa Callan, Business Services Administrator

Washington, DC Trip Sample Itinerary

Please note that this is a sample itinerary and is subject to change for 2026 based on availability of certain aspects.

Day 1: Sunday, April 19

6:45am	Arrive at Maple Street Recreation Center, check in, load bus
7:00am	Depart Maple Street Recreation Center. Stop occasionally for restroom & stretch breaks
7:00pm	Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe
8:00pm	Sightseeing Tour-Monuments at Night
11:00pm	Check into Springhill Suites in Sterling, VA

Day 2: Monday, April 20

6:30-7:00am	Breakfast at hotel, depart for DC at 7:15am
8:30-10:30am	Arlington National Cemetery w/ Tour Guide
10:45-12:00pm	Natural History Museum
12:00-12:45pm	Lunch at Food Trucks
12:45-2:00pm	African American History and Culture Museum
2:30-4:00pm	Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
4:30-6:00pm	West Potomac Park- FDR and MLK Memorials
6:30-7:30pm	Dinner at Kennedy Center
7:30-10pm	Kennedy Center Production of <i>Shear Madness</i>

Day 3: Tuesday, April 21

7:00-7:45am:	Breakfast at hotel, depart for DC at 8:00am
9:00-10:15am:	Korean War Memorial, World War II Memorial, Washington Monument
10:15-11:00am	National Archives
11:00-11:30am	Lunch at Ulysses Grant Memorial fountain
11:45-1:00pm	Capitol Tour
1:00-2:00pm	House and Senate Galleries
2:00-2:30pm	Botanical Gardens
2:30-4:30pm:	Holocaust Museum
5:00-6:00pm:	Paddle boats at Tidal Basin
6:30-7:30pm:	Dinner at Crystal City Sports Pub

Day 4: Wednesday, April 22

8:00-8:30am:	Breakfast at hotel, depart for DC at 8:45am
10:00-11:30am:	Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum
12:00-1:00pm:	Lunch at Pentagon City Mall
1:30-3:00pm:	DEA Museum Tour
3:30-5:30pm:	International Spy Museum
6:30-8:00pm:	Dinner near hotel

Day 5: Thursday, April 23

7:00-7:45am	Breakfast at hotel, load bags onto bus, and depart for DC at 8:00am
8:30-11:00am	Lincoln and Vietnam War Memorial
11:00am-12:15pm	American History Museum
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch at Food Trucks
1:15-3:00pm	National Zoo
3:30pm	Depart DC for Vermont (stop for dinner on the way back)

Day 6: Friday, April 24

2:00am Arrive Maple Street Recreation Center