

COGINCHAUG CLASS OF 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP ITINERARY

Wednesday, November 14th (Day One)

- 5:20 Students assemble in cafeteria to obtain luggage tags and any last minute information. Neil's donuts will be provided. Incidentally, all meals (**except for lunches on Thursday and Saturday, which are your responsibility**) will be provided throughout the trip.
- 5:45 Board buses.
- 6:00 Depart for Oriole Park at Camden Yards (333 W Camden St, Baltimore, MD 21201). This trip will take about 5 hours. this includes on stop for a 15 minute "stretch" When we stop be sure to check in with your chaperone.
- 12:30 Arrive at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Bus drop off and pick up will be at the corner of Camden and Utah Streets. We will eat a quick lunch at Jimmy John's before we tour this iconic baseball stadium. Including walks through the dugouts, the field, the press box, and other behind the scene/no access areas of the facility. Students must be back at the bus by 2:00 so we can leave promptly at 2:15
- 2:15 Depart for the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center (12390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy, Chantilly, VA 20151). This trip will take about one hour 15 minutes.
- 3:45 Arrive at the [Udvar-Hazy Center](#) in Chantilly, Virginia is the companion facility to the Museum on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Opened in 2003, its two huge hangars — the Boeing Aviation Hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar — display thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including a [Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird](#), a [Concorde](#), and the space shuttle [Discovery](#). The Center also offers the [Airbus IMAX® Theater](#) and the Donald D. Engen [Observation Tower](#), which gives you a 360-degree bird's-eye view of Washington Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area. Udvar-Hazy Center is also home to the [Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar](#) where preservation of the National Air and Space Museum's collections takes place. A glassed-in mezzanine provides a view of restoration projects in progress.
- 5:30 Students must be back at their respective buses **by 5:30**.
Leave Udvar-Hazy Center.. This part of the trip will take minutes. We shall be stopping at Buon Appetito to eat dinner. (13932 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly VA, 20151)
- 5:45 Arrive at [Buon Appetito](#), a popular Italian restaurant that serves New York style pizza. Mama Mia! I hope no one ate a big lunch or snacked on too much junk food!
- 7:15 Depart for our hotel in Arlington in Northern Virginia. Barring traffic problems the trip should take about 45 minutes. Depending upon the time, we will first stop at the [US Marine Corps War Memorial](#), the Washington Monument, and the [Air Force Memorial](#) on our way to the hotel.
- 9:45 Arrive at [the Arlington Hilton Hotel](#) 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA, 22203, (703) 528-6000. This hotel will be our "home" for the next three nights. Because there is only one set of elevators, we will always enter the hotel one bus at a time to avoid overcrowding the lobby. Once you collect your luggage, enter the hotel as quietly as possible and proceed up the stairs to our room on the Mezzanine level where room keys will be distributed; students then will go **quietly** to their respective rooms.

Please note the following: no person is allowed on anyone else's floor or in any other person's room at any time, for any reason! **Do not let your room door slam behind you!** Do not horse around in the room! Do not make noise beyond normal conversation! There is **no smoking!** This is a highly rated business hotel. As such, all of us must be courteous to those people in the hotel who must get up in the morning and go to work.

11:00 Students must be in their **own** rooms. Chaperones will conduct "bed-checks."

Thursday, November 15th (Day Two)

6:45 Official wake-up time! Chaperones will be making wake-up calls at this time.

7:15-8:00 Breakfast buffet on the Mezzanine level. **No one will be admitted after 7:30.**

8:15 Depart for ride to the [Vietnam War Lincoln](#), and [Korean War](#) Memorials; at 10:00 we will board the buses near the Korean Memorial for quick trip over to [MLKjr](#) & [FDR](#) Memorials.)

11:00 Board buses for the trip over to the [Capitol Hill](#).

11:20 Arrive at the West Front of [The Capitol](#). The bus will drop the group off at First Street, S.W. We will *quickly* walk up Independence Avenue until we are directly south of the Capitol. We will then proceed to the stairs leading to the House of Representatives on the Capitol's East Front. At this time, (@11:30) we'll take the "official" Washington Trip picture of the class.

Noon We shall proceed into the [US Capitol Visitor Center \(CVC\)](#) located beneath the East Front Grounds. Everyone will have to go through security so this may take some time. **Once through security, make use of the restroom and check in with your chaperone.**

12:20 You now have the next few hours to yourself to eat at the CVC cafeteria, explore the Capitol itself, and visit the numerous attractions in the Capitol Hill Area. **As mentioned, you are responsible for paying for lunch today.** Among the things you may choose to explore during this time: **visit the CVC's Exhibition Hall** exhibit: *E Pluribus Unum - Out of Many One* the only exhibition solely dedicated to the legislative branch of the US government and the building it occupies; **use your House and Senate Gallery Passes** to go into the actual chambers; **visit the [Library of Congress](#)** via the underground access tunnel; **go back outside and explore the [grounds of Capitol Hill](#)** , or visit the [US Supreme Court](#) or the [US Botanical Gardens](#), both nearby. ([See map.](#))

3:30 Board buses (back at First Street, S.W.,) and return to the hotel.

4:15 Arrive at hotel and get ready for dinner and an evening out at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

5:30 Dinner on the Mezzanine at the Arlington Hilton Hotel.

6:45 Board buses for the trip to the [Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts](#).

7:00 Arrive at the Kennedy Center, a magnificent complex established to foster and promote interest in the dramatic arts. There are numerous theaters and a concert hall located throughout. As we have approximately one hour before show time, students will have some time to enjoy the building on their own. **Just remember to make your way over to the *Hall of States* and take the elevator up to the Theater Lab (top floor) by 7:45 pm.**

The play that we will be seeing is *Shear Madness*, the longest-running play in America. As the audience laughs their heads off, can anyone help solve the crime? This comedy whodunit will have people rolling in the aisles with its mixture of murder, mayhem, and riotous improvisation.

- 10:30 Arrive at the hotel.
- 11:30 Students must return to their own rooms; chaperones will conduct "bed-checks."

Friday, November 16th (Day Three)

- 6:30 a.m. Official wake up time!
- 6:45 to 7:30 Breakfast buffet on the Mezzanine level. **No one will be admitted after 7:15!!**
- 7:40** Board buses and depart for Arlington National Cemetery.
- 8:10 Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery. Check in & stay with your chaperones. The class will begin by visiting the Kennedy gravesite: here our 35th President John F. Kennedy, First Lady Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert F. Kennedy & Senator Edward M. Kennedy lie at rest. After paying your respects, begin the walk up the hill to the Tomb of the Unknowns. **You must reach The Tomb by 9:00**. At 9:15, the Class of 2019 will have the privilege of placing a wreath to honor those men "Unknown but to God" who gave their "last full measure of devotion" so future generations might always be free.
- 9:45 Time permitting, the class might visit the Memorial Amphitheater, and the Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial (and the grave of its Commander, Dick Scobee), and the Iran Rescue Mission Memorial. Also be on the lookout for the graves of Audie Murphy, George Marshall, Joe Louis, and the USS Maine Memorial—all in proximity to this area.
- 10:30 The bus will leave Arlington (for a short trip to Union Station)
- 10:45 Arrive at Union Station. Before air travel became *the* mode of transportation to Washington, dignitaries, Congressmen, and Presidents moved in and out of the Capital through this historic station. Now completely restored, Union Station is once again a major transportation link as well as home to an extensive shopping mall, a huge food court to satisfy every palate, and a mega movie-theater for the thousands of workers and visitors in Washington. Chaperones will provide all with a lunch voucher --listen for the details. Enjoy!
- 12:45 p.m. Board the bus for another short trip this time to The National Mall—specifically to the front entrance of the Smithsonian's **Museum of Natural or American History** on Madison Drive.
- 1:00 Arrive at the Museum. We will be on the Mall for five and a half hours. There are many sites to visit in this area such as the numerous Smithsonian Museums--especially the just opened, critically acclaimed, Museum of African-American History (Refer to the enclosed map.) The National Gallery of Art, The Holocaust Museum, The International Spy Museum**, the Newseum**, and the National Archives are also nearby. In short, there is *plenty* to see--check with your chaperons for suggestions so that you can plan this time wisely. (** N.B. Spy Museum charges an admission of \$18; The Newseum charges \$20)
- 6:15 Board buses. Our first stop is Hard Rock Café: DC for dinner; then we will take a night tour of select D.C. Memorials.
- 8:00 After dinner, if it is not raining or too cold, we shall walk over to the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Check in with your chaperones. From there we will board the buses and conclude our visiting of D.C.'s most popular monuments with The World War II, and Jefferson Memorials. We will then board buses (look for our buses along Madison Drive) for trip to the 9-11 Memorial at the Pentagon. Please, in the interest of safety, we ask that the members of the class stay together

during the nighttime visits. Do not wander away from the memorials alone or even in small groups. Remember this is nighttime in a large city; personal safety must always be a priority.

11:00 Arrive back at the hotel.

11:45 Students must be in their rooms. Chaperones will conduct "bed-checks."

Saturday, November 17th (Day Four)

6:45 Wake up time!

7:30 Room ready to vacate --**out by 8!** Do not leave the room until one of the chaperones has inspected it. Remember, **students are responsible for any damage done to their room.** In the past, Coginchaug has received bills that were passed on to the occupants of the damaged room. Leave luggage in your room until *after* breakfast.

7:30-8:15 Breakfast buffet on the Mezzanine. **No one will be admitted after 8:00!**

8:30 Load luggage on bus, board buses, and **DEPART PROMPTLY AT 8:45!**

8:45 Depart for the National Zoo (3001 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008)

9:15 Arrive at National Zoo. The National Zoological Park is a part of the Smithsonian Institution. The National Zoo is a 163-acre zoological park set amid Rock Creek Park in the heart of Washington, D.C. Open to the public 364 days a year, we are home to 2,000 individual animals of nearly 400 different species. Our best known residents are our giant pandas, Tian Tian, Mei Xiang, and Bao Bao.

11:30 Board buses for trip home to Connecticut.

3:45 We will stop for 30 minutes at [The Delaware House](#) on I-95 for lunch: **You are responsible for paying for your own for lunch.**

4:15 Return to buses for final drive home to Coginchaug. We stop as the bus drivers require; students will be told to **phone home** when we are a half-hour away to make arrangements to be picked up.

HERE ENDS THE TRIP. WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE VISITING OUR NATION'S CAPITAL!