

# **Washington D.C. 2010**



**FINAL ITINERARY PACKET**  
**3/11/10**

## Final Itinerary

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Event: Washington D.C. 2010  
Dates: April 8-11, 2010  
Group Total: 38 Students 5 Chaperones

### **YOUR ASSIGNED HOTEL:**

**The Hyatt Arlington**  
**1325 Wilson Boulevard,**  
**Arlington, Virginia, USA 22209**  
**Tel: 703 525 1234 Fax: 703 908 4790**

### **IMPORTANT FOOD NOTE:**

Students will be expected to cover THREE meals on their own totaling roughly \$40. An average of at least \$40 spending money should be considered for each student as well. We **HIGHLY** recommend placing \$40 in a separate envelope or placing the total amount on a Visa card that can be refilled so that you don't spend your food money during our many shopping excursions.

### **Day 1 Thursday, April 8, 2010**

7:30 AM Arrive at BHS Band Room – You should have already eaten breakfast  
8:00 AM Load Bus and Depart to D.C.  
12:00 PM Stop for lunch – fast food (***Student meal purchase #1***)  
6:00 PM Meet with our destination Tour Escort and eat at Union Station Food Court –  
Meal Voucher Provided  
7:30 PM Load Bus and depart for Hotel  
8:30 PM Check into the Hyatt Arlington  
11:00 PM Lights Out!.

### **Day 2 Friday, April 9, 2010**

6:00 AM Wake-up calls  
7:00 AM Breakfast – Full American Breakfast Buffet at the hotel  
7:45 AM Load the bus  
8:00 AM Depart for the National Mall  
9:30 AM **Visit the Museums on the National Mall – National Air and Space, American History, Natural History, National Archives, and National Gallery of Art.**  
12:30 PM Meal Voucher for National AIR AND Space Museum  
1:15 PM Back to Museums  
3:30 PM Band meets up to depart and prepare for performance

- 5:00 PM National Performance of the Berkmar Patriot Band at the Washington D.C. Cherry Blossom Festival!**  
 5:45 PM Conclude Performance and load up bus  
 6:17 PM Depart for Dinner  
 7:00 PM Dinner at Fashion Centre at Pentagon City – Meal Voucher Provided – mall stores and shopping time available  
 8:45 PM Load bus and return to hotel  
 11:00 PM Lights Out!

### **Day 3 Saturday, April 10, 2010**

- 6:00 AM Wake-up calls  
 6:30 AM Breakfast – Full American Breakfast Buffet at the hotel  
 7:30 AM Load bus to visit Arlington National Cemetery  
 9:30 AM Meet our guide and visit **Arlington National Cemetery: Kennedy Graves, Arlington House, Tomb of Unknown Soldier (view guard changing ceremony)**  
 11:15 AM Load bus to lunch  
 11:30 AM Depart for Fashion Centre Mall  
 12:15 PM Lunch at Fashion Centre at Pentagon City – Meal Voucher Provided  
 1:00 PM Afternoon Step-on Guided Bus Tour: guide service for tour of **Embassy Row, The National Cathedral and the National Zoo**  
 2:30 PM Load bus for cruise boarding  
 3:30 PM Arrive at dock for boarding of **Twilight/Afternoon DJ Cruise aboard the Spirit of Washington – cruise the Potomac River – dining, dancing, live entertainment, and other band students from around the country.**  
*Student Buffet Menu: Tossed Garden Salad, Beef Fajita Strips and Peppers, Oven BAKED Chicken, Pasta Primavera, Seasonal Vegetables, White Fluffy Rice, Fresh Fruit, Desert Du Jour, Soda & Juice.*  
 4:00 PM Boat pulls away from dock – Dinner, Dancing, and fun aboard the cruise  
 6:00 PM Boat returns to dock and load bus  
 6:30 PM **Illuminated Tour of Washington DC Memorials and National Museums including Lincoln, Jefferson, Korean War, Iwo Jima, and others.**  
 9:30 PM Load bus and return to hotel  
 11:00 PM Lights Out!

### **Day 4 Sunday, April 11, 2010**

- 6:00 AM Wake-up Calls  
 6:30 AM Breakfast – Full American Breakfast Buffet at the hotel  
 7:30 AM CHECK-OUT of hotel and load bus completely  
 8:00 AM Depart for KINGS DOMINION  
 9:30 AM Arrive at Kings Dominion and unload instruments for Parade  
**10:00 AM Parade Performance in Kings Dominion Amusement Park**  
 10:30 AM Return to bus to change and load equipment  
 11:00 AM Enter park for the day  
 12:00 PM Kings Dominion Food Money good at restaurants and concession stands in park.  
 4:00 PM Load bus to depart park and return to GA

4:30 PM Depart D.C.  
6:00 PM Stop for food – fast food (*Student meal purchase #2*)  
6:45 PM Load bus and depart for home  
12:00 AM Stop for break and snacks (*Student meal purchase #3*)  
~3:00 AM Arrive back at BHS – All students must clear the bus of belongings and put ALL equipment away.  
3:30 AM Dismissed – get some rest – You’re excused from classes MONDAY!

**Can't reach your child???**

You can always reach us at any time  
(yes, even 3am)

at:

Nick Wiebers, Band Director  
706-614-4690 Cell

Chris Reynolds, Chaperone  
678-439-6201 Cell

Victoria Carter, Chaperone  
770-906-3375 Cell

Angie Myers, Chaperone  
770-713-6729 Cell

## Important Notes

- Some rides at Kings Dominion are water rides, wear clothes that dry quickly. Sandals have to have a strap that holds them completely on the feet. No “flip-flops”.
- A small zip-lock bag works well to keep wallets and other items dry.
- Plan for cool, windy WET weather. **You MUST bring your band hoodie!!!** This will be your “pass” to get on the bus when we leave. Our hoodies and t-shirts are key to staying together when we travel.
- School dress code still applies for EVERYONE for the duration of the trip.
- You may bring bags or small backpacks in Kings Dominion. Locker fees will apply.
- **Bring enough clothes / toiletries for FIVE full days! We will not have access to laundry facilities. But don't pack too much. :)**
- Do **NOT** forget your UNIFORM dress clothes!!!! WHITE long socks, WHITE band shoes, WHITE gloves, and 2010 Band Show Shirt.
- Name tag pouches must be worn at ALL times. These will be passed out and collected every day. Washington DC requires us to wear them. These pouches will store chaperones cell numbers, your group's cell numbers, meal vouchers, and other event tickets.
- Security in Washington DC is tight. **STEALING FROM GIFT SHOPS IS ILLEGAL...YOU WILL GET CAUGHT! WHEN YOU DO, WE WILL GLADLY LET THE STORE PRESS CHARGES...WE WILL CALL DC POLICE AND YOUR PARENTS.**
- If a member of the group gets caught stealing or severely misbehaving, the student will remain at the hotel room for a FULL day with a very unhappy chaperone.
- Food and drink are allowed on the bus. Please use trash bags in aisles and keep the floors clean.

- There is a “**zero-tolerance**” policy for drugs, weapons, and alcohol. You will be immediately put on a plane and flown back to Atlanta **AT YOUR PARENT’S EXPENSE**. Gwinnett County field trip discipline rules will apply when we return consisting of a full discipline panel, and county expulsion. I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH.
- Damage to hotel rooms will **NOT** be tolerated. You (your parents) will be **personally** charged for damage. Smoke detectors are linked to a central computer system. Do NOT use the hotel phones. They cost WAY too much. Do NOT order room service and do NOT order movies on your TV. These options will be turned off in each room.
- Once “lights out” occurs, room doors will have a small piece of tape placed in the corners. Doors **MUST** remain shut the entire night. Chaperones and Mr. Wiebers will be running “random hallway walks” to check tapes. (not kidding) If tape is found broken in morning, **ALL** members of the room will suffer extreme disciplinary action. The entire room will spend the following **FULL** day in the hotel with an unhappy chaperone OR spend the day cleaning up trash all around Washington D.C. If a door is opened (emergencies only) and tape broken, contact Mr. Wiebers immediately.
- Staying up ALL night is fun, but can ruin your enjoyment of the next day’s activities. We will be walking several miles a day. Please keep this in mind when selecting your bedtime.
- When walking around museums or theme parks, groups must contain at least **FOUR** people. Each group **MUST** have at least **TWO** working cell phones.
- Mandatory “check-in” times will occur when groups are given free time. Mr. Wiebers will call a cell phone in each group and speak with each member. Random questions will be asked for proper voice verification.
- Bring your cell phone chargers! Keep phones charged at night.
- Most Important - HAVE FUN!!!

### What To Do If You Get Separated From The Group

- First of all, STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
- It is IMPERATIVE that you contact Mr. Wiebers or a chaperone IMMEDIATELY
- Cell phone numbers are printed on the back of your name tag.
- If you do not have a cell phone, find a policeman or security officer who does. Getting lost is a serious emergency that can result in serious personal harm.

