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NORTHERN VIRGINIA

All-Star Student Tour Of Northern Virginia



Tuesday, August 23, 2022

****Individual FAM attendees to arrive at **Holiday Inn Washington Dulles Airport** (45425 Holiday Dr, Sterling, VA 20166) for a **2:00pm departure**.

- 2:15pm Arrive at the **Conche Cake and Chocolate Lab for a BonBon Making Experience**. Loudoun's boutique chocolate restaurant has expanded, now offering all their well-known hands-on classes from BonBon making to chocolate sculpture and gingerbread programs in a space meant for groups. Getting our hands dirty in this very sweet activity.
- 3:45pm Tour **George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor**, the home turned museum of statesman General George C. Marshall, author of the Marshall Plan that rescued Europe after World War II. Walk the rooms of the 19th Century Greek Revival mansion where he and his wife worked, dined and entertained visiting dignitaries.
- 5:30pm Enjoy **dinner and tour at The Zone**. Have a blast with the latest in high-tech gaming, including multi-level adventure themed laser tag, boutique cosmic bowling and 37 awesome arcade games. While here, enjoy dinner from their full-service restaurant.
- 7:15pm Enjoy a **tour of Summit Ropes**, the largest indoor ropes course in the country, where groups can not only climb, but also learn the mathematics and physics behind the sport. Built to resemble Zion National Park, this create your own adventure course is perfect for those with varying levels of skill. Never been climbing before? No need to worry, there is something for everyone here.

8:30pm Check In to the Holiday Inn Washington Dulles Airport.

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

- 8:00 am Breakfast at Holiday Inn Washington Dulles Airport in Loudoun County.
- 9:30 am Visit the **Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** Located in Chantilly this museum displays 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 Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area.
- 11:00am Enjoy a tour of **Uptown Alley**, an elevated bowling, food, and fun experience. With 24 bowling lanes, a full arcade, and two-story laser tag maze, the fun stops only when you want it to. The on-site Red Embers Grill provides from-scratch meals to enjoy before or after your games. Groups could even have a dance or karaoke party in their massive Arena area, with built-in stage. Performance opportunities are available.
- 12:15pm Pay your respects at **Quantico National Cemetery** with a **private flag placing experience** at the graves of veterans whose remains were previously forgotten. Hosted by the Missing in America Project, their mission is to find, identify and provide full military burial for these now remembered heroes.
- 01:10pm Your next stop is an experience at the **National Museum of the Marine Corps**. Uncover the history of the Corps, test your skills as a Marine, and get insight into the lives of those who fight for our freedom. During your visit, catch a glimpse of the incredible Gene Hackman-narrated film "We, The Marines" to get an unparalleled view into the experiences of Marines from boot camp through modern warfare training. Lunch will be provided via meal voucher.
- 02:45pm In the National Museum of the Marine Corps' education wing, you will participate in a **group tour expo**, where you'll meet with numerous group-friendly hotels, restaurants, and attractions from Prince William County that you can put into your itineraries right away! From evening activities and student-friendly restaurants to tour-ready hotels, you will walk away with contacts and resources that will save you and your group time and money.
- 4:00 pm Tour the **National Museum of the United States Army**, the first and only museum to tell the comprehensive history of America's oldest military service branch. These stories are told through the eyes of the U.S. soldier and the impressive museum features several interactive exhibits, a multi-dimensional theater, a Medal of Honor garden experience, and a G-STEM anchored Experiential Learning Center where guests can simulate the work of Army soldiers.
- 5:30 pm **Dinner at Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant.** The first president hosted hundreds of guests at his home each year. The Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant, located at George Washington's historic estate, continues that tradition of hospitality this evening. Savor the flavors of early America where guests can enjoy southern fare such as fried green

tomatoes, chicken and waffles, and one of George Washington's favorite foods — hoecakes.

6:30 pm **“Be Washington” Facilitated Session at Mount Vernon.** Do you have what it takes to lead like George Washington? Put your leadership skills to the test with this special facilitated, interactive experience, “Be Washington”. We will have the opportunity to do a deep dive into one of four scenarios which challenged George Washington, and where we will hear from advisers based on real-life historical figures, including members of the first president's cabinet and military leaders of the Revolutionary War. With their guidance, you'll decide on a course of action and then find out how your choice compared to what George Washington actually did.

8:00 pm Check in to the Hilton Mark Center.

Thursday, August 25, 2022

8:00 am Breakfast at Hilton Mark Center.

9:00 am **Tour of Building Momentum Stem Field Trips:** From learning teamwork to developing independence, Building Momentum's STEM Field Trips teach valuable skills. Designed for children, tweens, and teens, these exciting STEM-based learning courses engage students and encourage the application of classroom concepts in a real world challenge. Students receive hands-on training while learning how to work together as a team.

10:30 am Tour of the newly opened Freedom House: **The Freedom House Museum** is what remains of a large complex dedicated to trafficking thousands of Black men, women, and children from 1828 - 1861. Slavery, race-based laws, and racial terror erased and diminished African American history and contributions from the national narrative. This Museum seeks to reframe white supremacist history. This Museum honors the lives and experiences of the enslaved and free Black people who lived in and were trafficked through Alexandria. We invite you to visit the museum to learn, reflect, and advocate for change.

11:30 am Experience a **walking tour** starting at **Market Square** to include iconic boutique landmarks leading to Alexandria's waterfront.

12:00 pm **Lunch at Fish Market** located on Alexandria's iconic 100th King St block.

1:30pm Experience an interactive and educational visit to Arlington's **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Museum**. First opened in 1999, the DEA Museum has grown from one special agent's collection of narcotics law enforcement badges into an interactive learning environment filled with compelling artifacts, hands-on activities, and diverse, personal histories that underscore DEA's commitment to keeping Americans safe from dangerous drugs.

3:00pm Next up, an unforgettable Tour of the **Arlington National Cemetery (Tram Tour)**. The grounds of Arlington National Cemetery honor those who have served our nation by providing a sense of beauty and peace for guests. This impressive landscape serves as a

tribute to the service and sacrifice of every individual laid to rest within the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery.

4:15 pm Join us to view **The Military Women's Memorial**, the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. This memorial is the only major one of its kind in the United States (and the world!) to showcase the service of women in the military, preserving moments and stories of military women from the Revolutionary War through the present.

5:30 pm Last but not least, Dig into incredible food, and a remarkable dining experience at **Matchbox in Pentagon City**. Enjoy thin crust, wood-fired brick oven pizzas. Grilled angus miniburgers, craft beer and much more. All in an industrial, yet rustic space with an urban feel. Always casual, cool and contemporary, matchbox creates an effortlessly warm and modern atmosphere.

8:00 pm Depart for the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington DC.

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