



## 7th Grade Springfield Trip

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019  
Time of Departure: 6AM  
Time of Return: 9PM

The goal for this year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Springfield Trip is to provide a memorable and meaningful experience that the students will reflect upon for years to come. This trip also provides a direct connection to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies curriculum and helps student understanding of the history and functioning of Illinois's capital.

This is a school-sponsored field trip provided by WorldStrides.

### General Facts:

- Students will be leaving Highland at 6AM in coach buses. The trip will take approximately 3.5 hours.
- Once they arrive in Springfield, each bus will be joined by an Instructional Leader from WorldStrides. This leader will serve as a guide, and expert, at each stop along the way.
- Students will visit the following sites: the Old State Capitol, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Illinois State Museum, and Lincoln's Tomb.
- These site visits will be staggered from bus to bus to help accommodate our larger population.
- All students will join up for dinner at a local buffet and then head for home.
- Each student will receive an educational journal to document learning throughout the day.
- The overall cost of the trip is \$122. An initial \$49 deposit can be paid now and the remaining cost can be spread out throughout the winter months. This can all be done online through [www.worldstrides.com/signup](http://www.worldstrides.com/signup) (use TRIP ID# 168573)

## **Common Questions:**

### **1) My child has a medical concern or a food allergy. How will they be accommodated on this trip?**

WorldStrides participates in a Doctors On Call program with the local hospital. A medical release form will be handed out closer to the departure date in case of an emergency. Similar to outdoor education, a staff member on each bus will collect medication for the trip.

For food allergies, students will be bringing his/her own lunch and snacks. Dinner will be provided at a buffet style restaurant. For those with specific food allergies, the buffet can provide a separate meal option. A menu for this will be provided closer to departure. Families that are more comfortable sending food from home can also pack a cooler for the trip.

### **2) How will students be grouped?**

Similar to outdoor education, students will be allowed to choose a small group of friends for the bus. Due to the nature of the trip, Maroon and Gold will be traveling in separate buses.

### **3) Is there school the next day?**

No. There is no school scheduled for Friday, April 19.

### **4) Financial concerns**

Highland wants all students to be able to participate in this experience. If you are concerned about the financial aspect of the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hallmark. There are multiple options available to address this concern.

## **Further Questions:**

Have more questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Oshinski at [toshinski@d70schools.org](mailto:toshinski@d70schools.org).