

EASTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE 8
GETTYSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2020
8:30AM – 4:15PM



**RETURN THE ATTACHED PERMISSION SLIP
AND MONEY BY WEDNESDAY APRIL 1**

DESTINATION/DATE: Gettysburg National Battlefield and Visitor Center
1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, PA 17325
Tuesday April 21 For more info: <http://www.nps.gov/gett>

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 a.m. / 4:15pm

STUDENTS WILL NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY. STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO TAKE THE ACTIVITY BUS HOME THAT DAY OR YOU MAY ARRANGE OTHER TRANSPORTATION HOME. PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOUR STUDENT WILL BE GETTING HOME THAT DAY ON THE PERMISSION SLIP.

TRANSPORTATION: Gunther Bus Service

PURPOSE: To experience the site of a turning point in the U.S. Civil War where General Robert E. Lee's second invasion of the North ended. The visit will correspond to the events studied in the 8th grade curriculum.

LUNCH: Please bring a bag lunch to school for this field trip (no glass please). Students will indicate whether they would like a lunch from the cafeteria through a survey they will take in their U.S. History or ESOL class.

COST: **\$34.00**
*Payable by cash, check made out to Eastern MS or by credit card at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/montgomeryMD/> (3.5% fee applies to credit cards)
Please also consider donating to our scholarship fund for this trip so that all students can participate despite financial hardships.*

TO BRING: Please bring a bag lunch! Wear a jacket, coat, sweater, sweatshirt, and/or raingear as well as comfortable closed toe shoes for walking outdoors.

NOT TO BRING: **Electronic devices are discouraged. If you choose to bring an electronic device it is your responsibility.** You may **not** use it on the trip unless given permission by a teacher. It should be off and out of site during instructional time.

DUE DATES: Money and the attached permission slip must be returned to your ESOL or History Teacher by Wednesday April 1.

*In case of emergency, you will be contacted via Connect-Ed with information on where to meet your child.
Please provide accurate contact information on the permission slip attached.*

If you are in need of a full or partial scholarship for this trip, please return the permission slip with a signed note requesting this scholarship. Please contact Mr. Halpren, Ms. Peterson or Mr. Kerwin with any questions.



PLEASE BE SURE TO ALSO COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM!

Gettysburg Field Trip Transportation Plan April 21, 2020

Following the 8th grade field trip to Gettysburg, students will return to Eastern Middle School at approximately 4:15pm. Regular buses will have already left, but students may take the Activity Bus home.

Indicate the transportation option your student will use that day below:

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Cell Phone Number _____

On April 21st my student will use the following method of transportation home:

_____ Activity Bus

_____ Ride-On Bus

_____ Car Pickup. My student will be picked up by _____

_____ Walking/Biking

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

If this transportation home changes, please update Mr. Halpren at [Joshua Halpren1@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Joshua_Halpren1@mcpsmd.org) or 301-650-6650 as soon as possible.



Parent/Guardian Approval For Trips

MCPS Transportation Is NOT Provided

MCPS Form 560-31
July 2018

Office of School Support and Improvement
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Part I: To Be Completed by the Trip Sponsor

School Eastern MS - 775 Grade Level/Group 8th Grade

Date(s) of Trip April 21, 2020 From 8:30 a.m./p.m. To 4:15 a.m./p.m. Student Cost \$34.00

Location of Trip (include city and state) Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA

Transportation Arrangements: MCPS Approved Bus Carrier (Name: Gunther)
 Public Transportation (Specify: _____) Walking
 Riding in a vehicle with: Parent Guardian Staff Student

Purpose of Trip: Students will learn about the Battle of Gettysburg as a turning point in the American Civil War.

School Staff Sponsor Joshua Halpren, 8th Grade Team Leader Date 10 / 23 / 19

The student named below may be excused to engage in the above-described activity.

Signature of Principal _____ Date 10 / 23 / 19

Part II: To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian or Eligible Student

- A. Parent/Guardian Financial Responsibility**
Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) wants you to know about your financial responsibility for field trips.
- Cost**—Depending on the trip, the cost may include transportation, ticket or entrance fee, food, hotel, and/or a travel company's fee.
- Payment**—Payment may be made by check made out to the school, cash, or, if available, through an online payment system. However, it is recommended that you do not send cash to school with your student(s). A check returned by the bank for any reason is subject to a \$25.00 returned-check fee. Please contact the school counselor or school administrator to make alternative arrangements for payment. Scholarships, reduced fee, or modified payment schedules are available if the cost of the field trip would create a hardship for your family.
- Delay, Change, or Cancellation**—Sometimes it is necessary to postpone, change, or even cancel a trip for safety, bad weather, or other reasons. Sometimes, when a trip is cancelled, changed, or delayed, cancellation fees or other payments have been made in advance that MCPS cannot get back. For example, there may be transportation reservations, tickets that have been purchased, or fees paid to a travel agent. A refund is not always possible, but we will do our best to refund all or part of your payment.
- Additional Cost**—If a trip is delayed, interrupted, or changed once it has begun and students need to remain away from home and school longer than anticipated for safety or other reasons, there may be additional costs for such things as food, lodging, and additional or alternative transportation. If this happens, we will do our best to keep additional costs to a minimum, but you are responsible for paying these additional expenses for your child(ren).
- B. Prescribed Medication**
School personnel will, when it is absolutely necessary, administer medication to students during the school day and while participating in overnight field trips if the parent/guardian has completed MCPS Form 525-13, *Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication, Release and Indemnification Agreement*, and/or MCPS Form 525-14, *Emergency Care for the Management of a Student with a Diagnosis of Anaphylaxis, Release and Indemnification Agreement for Epinephrine Auto-Injector*.
- My child will need medication administered while participating in this field trip. MCPS Form 525-13, and/or MCPS Form 525-14, has been completed (at least one week in advance of the field trip) and is on file in the Health Room at my child's school. *Note: Prescription medication must be properly labeled by a pharmacist, medication label and authorized prescriber order must be consistent, and over-the-counter medication must be in an original container with the manufacturer's dosage label and safety seal intact. See Forms 525-13 and/or 525-14 for more details.*
- C. Information Regarding Travel Insurance**
Travel insurance may help cover costs if the trip is cancelled, delayed, or interrupted, or if your child is not able to go on the trip for reasons such as an illness. The cost of travel insurance varies depending on the company and plan you choose. Be aware, however, that travel insurance companies will not cover a trip that is cancelled by the school as a precaution. Unless the school has made arrangements for group insurance that is included in the cost of the field trip, the decision on whether to purchase travel insurance is yours. If you wish to purchase travel insurance, you must make the arrangements and pay the cost.

Student Name _____ Teacher _____

- I give permission for my child to participate in the above-described activity.
- I do NOT give permission for my child to participate in the above-described activity.

~~Parent/Guardian Signature~~
*Please be advised that all volunteers must complete online training on the prevention, recognition, and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Volunteers for extended-day (returning after 7:00 p.m.), and overnight field trips must also undergo fingerprinting and background checks.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____/_____/_____