



TRIP COST: The trip will cost \$740 per student. This includes transportation, hotel accommodations, 12 meals, entrance into all activities, group trip cancellation insurance and tips for the bus driver, tour guide and hotel room attendants. The only things not included are two meals (lunch on the way to D.C. and dinner on the way home from D.C.) and spending money for snacks and souvenirs.

FINANCIAL AID: We want all students who would like to go to Washington, D.C. to be able to go and do not want financial restrictions to be an issue. Please mail the financial aid form to Julie Lichtmann at the school by September 30, 2009. Please contact Mrs. Lichtmann if you have concerns related to this matter (jlichtmann@windhamsd.org).

FUNDRAISING: We have been given permission to have one fundraiser to help students defray the cost of their trip. This will only occur if a few parents step up to the plate to coordinate it. Last year a very successful raffle calendar card was sold and many students were able to pay for part of their trip this way. Alternate fundraiser ideas could be chosen, depending on what parents want to do. Please indicate your interest in helping out with this on the yellow registration form. It is important to note that any funds raised, above and beyond the \$740 trip cost, will be donated into the DC scholarship fund. If a student is prohibited from the trip, at any time, due to a grade or discipline issue, any money that student has earned through the fundraiser **will not** be refunded to the student, but will be donated to the DC scholarship fund.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: We will be staying at the Best Western Pentagon Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. It is a hotel with outdoor corridor entrances. This has been chosen because it makes it easy for the nightly security guard to watch all of the rooms from the parking lot. Additionally, it is easier to keep track of students if they need to run back to their rooms for a forgotten item. You can find out more about the hotel by going to the following web site;  
<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=09101>. Even though there is a swimming pool at the hotel, it will not be open until Memorial Day weekend, lessening the concern of pool related safety issues.

ROOMMATES: All rooms are quad occupancy. Sometime in early February students will fill out a request form related to roommates. It is our goal that all students will be able to room with at least one friend. We will have rooming lists ready by the middle of March.