Middle School Student Trip Proposal

Where: 4 Night/5 Day trip to Philadelphia (1 Day, 1 Night), Baltimore (1 Day), and Washington DC (3 Days, 3 Nights).

Who: Open to New Prague Middle School students that have finished grades 7th or 8th grade.

When: Trip dates are not specific as of now, but would be sometime between 6/3/16 and 6/17/16

Why: To offer an opportunity to students to experience the nation's capital and see multiple historical sites.

Cost: $1400 price includes all travel (plane and bus), all lodging, guided tours, all admissions, and meals.

Why we chose to go with Global Travel Alliance:

- There is a professional tour director with the group at all times.
- 3 star or better hotels with a central location at our destination. The hotels are safe, clean, and have inner corridor room access.
- Uniformed private nighttime security to monitor the hotel hallways at night
- All meals are provided and included in the overall price.
- The group will be on a private deluxe passenger motor coach.
- All travel and lodging is booked and insured by the company.
- All payment transactions are handled by the travel company.

Activities of educational value on the proposed trip:

- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Independence Hall, Liberty Bell
- Fort McHenry
- Smithsonian Museums (Air and Space, American History, and Natural History)
- Capitol Building
- Library of Congress
- Monuments/Memorials (Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., FDR, Jefferson, Iwo Jima, Lincoln, WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War)
- Supreme Court
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Holocaust Museum
- Mount Vernon
- Ford's Theater
- National Archives

Itinerary

4 Nights/5 Days-Middle School trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington DC

Day 1 - Arrive in Philadelphia

- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Lights of Liberty program at Independence Park

Day 2 - Focus: Initiators of Independence

- Independence Park area – Visitor's Center, Independence Hall, Liberty Bell
- The Constitution Center
- Franklin Court
- Betsy Ross house
- Proceed to Baltimore
- Fort McHenry
- Baltimore Inner Harbor
- Proceed to Washington, D.C.
- Orientation to National Mall
- Kennedy Center
- Iwo Jima Memorial

Day 3 - Focus: Branches of Government and Balance of Powers

- United States Capitol Building
- Library of Congress
- Supreme Court
- White House area – Lafayette Park and Ellipse
- Washington Monument
- Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
- FDR and Jefferson Memorials

Day 4 - Focus: “Freedom is not Free”

- Arlington National Cemetery
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Smithsonian Museums of Air & Space, American History, and Natural History
- Lincoln Memorial
- WWII, Vietnam, Korea War Memorials

Day 5 - Focus: Role of the Citizen

- Mount Vernon
- Lunch in Old Town Alexandria
- Ford’s Theater and Peterson House
- Souvenir Shopping
- National Archives