



Annapolis Field Trip Information

Dear Parents: In conjunction with our study of Maryland, we have planned a field trip to Annapolis on **Thursday, May 25, 2017.**

Our Annapolis tour begins with the Heritage Tour, tracing our rich African-American history in Annapolis and its international impact. The Kunte Kinte-Alex Haley Memorial and Thurgood Marshall Memorial are among two of the historical sites we will visit. After lunch in a pavilion at the Annapolis Landing Marina, we will begin a pirate adventure, learning songs, pirate lore, and how to be pirates. Then we commandeer a ship for an hour, questing for treasure along the Severn River.

We will be departing for Annapolis from Forcey Christian School at 7:45 a.m. sharp, so we are requesting that all **students and chaperones arrive at 7:30 a.m.** in order to take attendance and get organized. Please be prompt, as we will need to leave on time due to a tight schedule. The bus will not wait for latecomers. We expect to return around 3:00-3:30pm. Neither AM nor PM patrols will be available to assume their posts that afternoon; fifth grade has been notified.

Chaperones, **it is highly recommended that you ride the bus** instead of driving. Parking is expensive, and we will be transported to the marina, where I don't believe parking is available – you will be spending much of your time trying to find and catch up with the tour. The bus ride is less than an hour.

Students and chaperones will need to bring a bag lunch to be eaten at the marina. We will be doing a lot of walking, so comfortable shoes should be worn. Also, watch the weather reports and dress appropriately. Student costs have already been paid via your activity fee. **Please see the information on the next page if you wish to chaperone.** We are looking forward to a fun and exciting time in Annapolis!

Steve Shapero
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Annapolis Trip Agenda

- 7:30 Be at school, use the restrooms, place lunches in teacher boxes, gather with your chaperones. Meet in the lobby – not the classrooms.
- 7:45 Board Bus
- 9:05 Bus arrives at the Susan Campbell Park at the city docs where we will begin our African-American Heritage tour (from Kunte Kinte to Thurgood Marshall)
- 11:05 Bus picks us up from the intersection of College Avenue and St. John's Street. We then drive to the pavilion at the Annapolis Landing Marina (980 Awald Street) where we will eat lunch. Students gather their lunches as we drive.
- 11:20-11:50 Eat lunch at the pavilion and use the bathroom facilities.
- 11:55 Pirate tour – land excursion amid pirate lore, pirate songs, and learning how to be a pirate.
- 12:55 Pirate tour – sea excursion as we commandeer a ship and cruise along the Severn River questing for treasure.
- 1:45-2:30 Return to shore at the Annapolis Landing Marina, board the bus for Forcey.
- 3:00-3:30 Arrive back at Forcey

Caution: Before You Sign Up as a Chaperone ...

Last minute refunds are not easy to obtain. Watermark Cruises, the company we are dealing with, has a strict refund policy: they will adjust our chaperone numbers up until a week before the scheduled field trip; however, they will not guarantee their ability to issue refunds or add to our numbers beyond that time. However, it is usually easier to add a chaperone than to drop out.

For those parents who know they are able to come as a chaperone (and we need our chaperones), you can conveniently sign up on the link shown on the following page.

Because this is not an inexpensive trip, I want to caution any parents who are uncertain about making the field trip. You have another option:

- Let your child's homeroom teacher know you are interested so they can plan their chaperone assignments
- If you become certain about your attendance before the cutoff date for signing up, sign up on the link on the next page
- If you cannot make the cut off date, plan on making out a check payable to Watermark Cruises for the exact amount shown on the following page, and bring that check with you that day and give it to Steve Shapero, who will turn it in along with the school's check.

4th Grade Field Trip Information

Where: **Annapolis, Maryland**

When: **Thursday, May 25, 2017**

How: **By Bus, (or Chaperone car pools if bus space is limited or a bus is unable to leave due to mechanical breakdown.**

Be at school by: **7:30am**

We Return: **Between 3:00-3:30pm (it varies, but plan for 3:30)**

What to Bring: **bag lunch** and beverage (lunch will be around 11:20).

Mark your lunches/drinks with your name

Students who purchase a hot lunch at school will have a bag lunch and water bottle supplied.

Payment for **students**: **(already paid via activity fee)**

Payment for **chaperones**: **\$32.00 – pay online (see below)**

Students not attending the field trip must remain at home.

Chaperone payments must be made by **Monday, May 8, 2017.**

HOW TO SIGNUP AS A CHAPERONE ONLINE:

Chaperone payments are to be made at the following Link:

<https://bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=t3e2iu1ygy5>

