



St. Mary's City Field Trip Information

Dear Parents,

In conjunction with the Maryland unit, the fourth grade will be taking a field trip to Historic St. Mary's City on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**. During the tour, students will be visiting various historical areas. These areas include the Maryland Dove (a replica of a merchant vessel that brought over the first Maryland settlers), the Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation, and the Woodland Indian Hamlet as well as smaller sites within these historic grounds.

Please be at Forcey at 7:15 am as we will be leaving at 7:30 sharp. Please make any arrangements with your car pools if necessary. The tour itself is about four hours long. The travel time is about 2 hours each way. Please monitor the weather as the day approaches, dress comfortably and according to the forecast, and plan to do a lot of walking. Weather not withstanding, we will be eating lunch outside. Please bring a bag lunch and something to drink. Juice and soda machines are available on site, so you may also bring change.

In order to return to school between 4:00-4:30pm, we plan to leave St. Mary's around 2:00pm. To leave on time, we will not be able to make a visit to the gift shop; however, I have ordered \$5 goodie bags for every 4th grade student. The cost of each goodie bag has already been included in your activity fee, so no additional payment is needed. Items typically include a souvenir pencil, ruler, Maryland Dove sticker, postcard, and a quill pen.

The cost of the trip will be **\$10.00** for chaperones. Student costs have already been paid via your activity fee. Please login to Smart Tuition by **March 29**. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting trip to Historic St. Mary's City!

To sign up for the field trip, please purchase a ticket online **under your own homeroom teacher**.

Link: <https://bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=p12d2cq0xw1>

If you have any questions about the field trip, please direct them to your own homeroom teacher.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Shapero". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Steve Shapero

St. Mary's Trip Agenda



7:25 Board bus, leave for St. Mary's City

9:30 Bus arrives at Visitor's Center. Students will stay on the bus until we receive further instructions from the tour guides. Students will have a quick bathroom break before our tour.

10:00 Tour begins – can be at any of a number of places. The tour will consist of 1 or 2 stops before we eat lunch. Lunch-time will begin sometime around 11:30 - 12:30, depending on our tour, where other schools are at that time, etc. Lunch will only last for 30 minutes.

Lunchtime Somewhere around 11:30 to 12:30. No way to predict. We will eat at outside picnic tables. If inclement weather, we will eat inside the bus. Lunch will be only 30 minutes, so eat quickly and make any bathroom stops within that timeframe.

After Lunch Tour continues

1:45 Visit bathrooms – a MUST for EVERYONE! Chaperones – *get your students to the bathrooms* across from the gift shop. Don't take "I don't have to go!" for an answer! It's a two hour trip back and it will be much longer if we have to stop on the road.

Note: Although the bathrooms are across from the gift shop, there will be ***NO VISITS*** to the gift shop ***OR WE WILL BE MUCH LATER*** getting back! However, see note below about souvenirs.

2:00 Board Bus for home.

4:00 – 4:30 Arrive back at Forcey

SOUVENIRS: Although we will not have time to stop at the gift shop, all students will receive a top of the line goodie bag containing various souvenirs.

4th Grade Field Trip Information

Where: **Historic St. Mary's City**

When: **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

Times: **Depart from Forcey 7:30am –
Return around 4:00 – 4:30pm**

How: **bus or chaperone carpools (if bus is suddenly
unavailable)**

What to Bring:

- **Disposable bag lunch with name on the bag**
- **Beverages**
- **Optional: Money for vending machine drinks**

Those ordering hot lunches this quarter will be provided with a bag lunch and a bottle of water.