

**November 12, 2009**

Dear Parents of Eighth Graders:

Plans have been finalized for the annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. Please consider this letter notice of the final cost of the trip and the request for **formal commitment to the trip**. Every effort has been made to keep expenses as low as possible. The final cost of the trip is **\$ 806.00 per person going**. This cost is lower than last year's cost. Also, as an extra this year, we are able to leave a day earlier which will allow us to be able to stop on the return from D.C. instead of having to drive straight through to Tyler, as we have done the last two years. Therefore, **our departure date is now Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> but still returning on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**.

The price of the trip includes everything **except** money for eight (8) lunches and suppers, any shopping or souvenir money, and money for the Metro (D.C. subway). Each hotel provides a continental breakfast which is included in the price of our rooms.

1<sup>st</sup> deposit, \$ 400.00 **per person going** (NON-REFUNDABLE) is due Nov. 30th

2<sup>nd</sup> deposit, \$ 200.00 **per person going** is due Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> deposit \$ 206.00 **per person going** (final balance) is due Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Checks will need to be made out to ETCA and must be turned in by the above listed due dates in order to insure the student/chaperone's spot for the trip.**

All paperwork will be sent home with your child at a later date, including an itinerary of the trip. There will also be a trip meeting for parents approximately two (2) weeks before departure. A date and time for this meeting will be announced after our return from Christmas holidays.

Please sign below, which will serve as your commitment to the trip, and have your child return the second page form of this letter to Mrs. Davis no later than Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your first deposit along with this form. If you would prefer, you may submit full payment for the trip on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for allowing your child the opportunity to experience a part of our country's history! If you have any questions, please contact me at [jdavis@etca.org](mailto:jdavis@etca.org).

For the students,

Mrs. Jackie Davis

**Please fill in the information below and return this form to Mrs. Davis, along with your first deposit, on or before Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **My child is committed to the D.C. trip.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **My child and myself are committed to the D.C. trip.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **My child will not be able to participate.**

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Student's name

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Parent's signature