

2025 TOUR OVERVIEW

Sunday, March 16

- Meet at Bridge / Leave @12:30pm
- Drive to Richmond, VA
- Hyatt Place, Richmond

Monday, March 17

- Drive to D.C.
- Tour Washington D.C.
- Capitol Building
- National Mall
- White House
- Smithsonian Museums
- Nighttime Tour
- Hyatt Place, National Harbor

Tuesday, March 18

- Museum of the Bible
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Concert, TBD
- Hyatt Place, National Harbor

Wednesday, March 19

- Missions Opportunity, TBD
- Drive to Danville, VA
- Youth Choir Concert
- Mount Hermon Baptist Church
- Drive to Lynchburg, VA
- Fairfield Inn, Liberty University

Thursday, March 20

- Tour Liberty University
- Choral Workshop
- Other Special Events, TBD

Friday, March 21

- Drive Home
- Arrive at Westside Baptist Church
- Time TBD

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Dear Parents, We are excited for another incredible touring opportunity for our Westside Youth Choir. This year we will be taking our incredible students to Washington D.C. where they will have the opportunity to sing and serve at and around our nations capitol. This trip will include many incredible sights from the White House, to the Capitol Building, the National Archives and the Library of Congress, along with many monuments and memorials. This will be an unforgettable experience for your students. Thank you for trusting us with them as we lead them to love and serve the Lord. Here are some practical details you need to know to make sure your student is prepared.

Packing Overview:

We will travel for six days. The weather during our visit will typically range from 40 to 60 degrees. We recommend packing warm clothes and a light jacket. Mostly pants and warm shirts. Here are the details for the apparel, and other miscellaneous items your student should bring. Please ensure that your student only brings one suitcase and one backpack. With 50 People traveling together, we cannot overpack.

Concert Apparel:

Each student will wear their tour shirt and a pair of dark blue jeans during our concerts. Please ensure these jeans are not ripped with no significant fading.

Other Clothing to Pack: Enough warm clothing for 6 days. We will be traveling to various places around Washington DC, some outdoor restaurants, and a ministry day. Please bring clothes that are modest and appropriate during both the day and while touring and sleeping at night. Please also consider packing a small umbrella or raincoat in case we have rain.

Other Items to Pack: Each student should give special attention to personal hygiene especially in the context of taking showers daily, putting on deodorant and brushing their teeth at least two times per day. Please bring tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo, a comb or brush, etc. Also, consider packing a refillable water bottle.

Cell Phone / Technology: Students may bring their cell phones, but they are encouraged to engage in personal interactions over mobile device interactions. If the leaders see any individual isolating themselves or engaging in questionable content, we reserve the right to confiscate any electronic devices.

Spending Money:

The cost of the trip covers everything except five meals and souvenirs. Please give your students enough spending money to buy 5 fast food meals along the drive and any gas station snacks or Washington D.C. souvenirs that they would like to purchase. We recommend around \$100 cash.

Pool: There is no allotted time for Hotel Pools on our agenda, however if there is any opportunity for an early morning swim, and your student is interested, it is required that they go with an adult leader and that they wear a modest bathing suit.

Disciplinary Issues: We expect no disciplinary issues or bad attitudes during this trip. If your student is involved in any inappropriate actions or attitudes, we will try to deal with those matters on site with our leadership team. If the matters progress to the level that we feel we need to call the parents at home, you may be asked to come and get your students or provide some alternative accommodations to see that your students get home. You will be financially responsible for any costs required to send your child home.