



Out-of-State Learning

Healey 2026 Niagara Falls

Trip

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History of Offsite Learning at the Healey

- 35 years: Nature's Classroom (5th and 6th grade)
- 10 years: Red Gate Farm (4th grade)
- 15 years: 7th and 8th grade annual trip (Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York City, and Niagara Falls)



Cost of Travel

- No student has been turned away in the past 35 years because of ability to pay
- Fundraising via Friends of Healey, PTA, and teacher/student efforts to cover 100% of scholarship needs





This Year's Trip...

Why Niagara Falls

- Student Voice: Road Trip!
- Value for the \$: 2 nights, all food, more events
- New Cultural and Historical Learning Experiences:
 - Maid of the Mist
 - [Strong National Museum of Play](#)
 - [Women's Rights National Historical Park](#)
 - [Howe Caverns](#)
 - [Anchor Bar](#) for buffalo wings
 - Minor league baseball game (Go [Muckdogs!](#))



Howe Caverns - Spelunking!



Batavia Muckdogs - Play Ball!

- Minor league baseball game
- All you can eat picnic in the stands
- One lucky student will throw out first pitch



Truckin up to Buffalo: Hilton Garden Inn



Niagara Falls - USA

- Maid of the Mist boat tour
- Nature Hikes
- Visitor's Center



Anchor Bar Buffalo Wings & Pizza



Home of the
“original”
Buffalo Wings!



Let's Play!

Strong National Museum of Play

- Pinball playfields
- Game time! Board Game Hub
- High ropes course



Women's Rights National Historic Park

- Site of the very first women's rights convention ever held in the United States (1848 Seneca Falls Convention)
- “Radical Optimism” Exhibit: Women's Suffrage exhibit spanning 80 years
- It's A Wonderful Life



This Trip's Cost

\$550 (full pay) or partial amount with scholarship

- All meals included
- Howes Cavern ticket
- Maid of the Mist ticket
- Strong Play Museum ticket
- Batavia Muckdogs ticket & buffet
- Hotel stay
- Coach bus
- Security at hotel



Finances & Attendance

- Money raised to date: approximately \$14,000
- Projected scholarships: \$10,400 (this amount usually goes up by about 30% as we get closer to the actual trip)
- 91 students attending (87%)
- 15 students taking part in off-site learning in the Boston area (13%)



Safety

- All students supervised at all times
- Security in hotel, monitoring outside hotel rooms all night, give chaperones a write up in the morning
- Cell phones collected at night, students have access to hotel phone for emergencies
- 20 chaperones, chaperone to student ratio 1:5
- Nurse on trip



Testimonials

Hey Mr.Mitchell, I'm Suyogya! I was in ur 8th grade class 2017! I saw the fundraiser to the DC trip! I benefitted greatly from outside sources when raising money to for the trips.

Currently a student at tufts and would love to give back! Would love a Venmo link or something related because me and my brother Manogya would love to give back! It greatly impacted my trajectory and would love to give back! Plz let me know if there is any way I can help

😊 thank you!!

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Testimonials

Hi,

are you kidding? these trips really allowed me to grow as an individual away from my mom and I want Katie to experience something similar if not better, and anything to help make the process for everyone a bit easier hehe !!

Best,
Yeni



Off-Site Overnight Trips...

- Are unique and formative growth opportunities
- Build students' skills and independence
- Connect learning to the world outside
- Define students' Healey experience