

Life Defenders Washington D. C. Bus Trip 2026

Wednesday, January 21st - Departure

6:00 pm - Registration begins at Blackhawk Ministries
(7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)

6:30 pm - Parent meeting starts

6:45 pm - Bus loading starts

(**NOTE**: no luggage access until Thursday night)

7:00 pm - Bus departure

9:00 pm - Final rest stop before bed

Thursday, January 22nd - Sight-Seeing

6:30 am - Get dropped at Union Station for breakfast (\$);
reload at 8:15 am

(**NOTE**: If you don't do the Capitol tour next, you'll have a while to wait on the bus until attractions open at 10; however, you could decide to stay at Union Station and take the Metro somewhere)

8:45 am - Buses drop off at U.S. Capitol Building (Garfield Circle SW); Capitol tours begin

10:30 am - Photo with Rep. Stutzman on House steps;
afterwards, buses pick up at Peace Monument

(**NOTE**: If you need help finding the pickup spot, the Capitol will be behind you and you'll be facing the Washington Monument; the Peace Monument will be on your right)

11:00 am - Buses drop at the L'Enfant Plaza for sightseeing time and lunch (\$)

4:00 pm - Buses pick up in front of Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (Madison Dr.); go to hotel

4:30 pm - Buses arrive at Hilton Arlington National Landing; pizza is delivered; downtime

6-7 pm - Y4Life registration begins; conference exhibits
(**NOTE**: your Y4Life lanyard must be picked up during this time)

7-10:00 pm - Conference (opening devotions, intros, session #1, and social time)

Friday, January 23rd - March for Life

6:00-7:15 (**A-K** last names); 7:15-8:30 (**L-Z** last names) -
Breakfast in Virginia Ballroom at hotel

9 am - Conference starts; session #2

10:15 am - Pre-march devotion

Friday, January 23rd - March for Life Cont.

10:45 am - Y4Life hands out lunch snack bags

11:00 am - Load buses

11:15 am - Buses leave for march; drop off students at the Holocaust Museum

12 pm - Pre-march Rally

(**NOTE**: Signs for the march are not allowed in any government building or museum, so you will need to leave these outside if you need to enter a building for a restroom.)

1 pm - March for Life

2-4 pm - (*optional*) Senator Young's coffee and cocoa open house at Dirksen Senate Building G-11

3:30 pm-4:15 pm - Head to Museum of the Bible after march and wait for bus pickup (walking route on page #4)

4:30 pm - Go to Fashion Centre at the Pentagon for dinner (\$)

6:30 pm - Load buses and head back to hotel

7-8 pm - Devotion and Post-March Discussion

8-9:00 pm - Session #3

Saturday, January 24th - Return Home

6:00-7:15 (**L-Z** last names); 7:15-8:30 (**A-K** last names) -
Breakfast in Virginia Ballroom at hotel

9 am-11:45 am - Session #4, session #5, closing devotion

11:50 am - Make sure room is packed up!

(**NOTE**: You will not have access to luggage until midnight, so pack everything you need for today/tonight in a backpack and take it with you.)

12:00 pm - Load luggage on bus; DROP KEY CARDS AT FRONT DESK - students are responsible for dropping cards

12:15 pm - Get water and go to the bathroom; board bus

12:30 pm - Buses leave

*** Students to call parents 1 - 1 ½ hours before anticipated arrival (or at last restroom stop)***

Midnight approx. - Bus arrives at Blackhawk Ministries

My Chaperones:

Names: _____

Phone #s: _____

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DC Attractions in Walking Distance

The walking distance listed for these sightseeing locations is from L'Enfant Plaza. A map is on the next page and can also be brought up on Google Maps by scanning the QR code. NOTE: Signs are not allowed in any government building or museum, so you will need to leave these outside if you brought them for the march and are carrying them.

NAME:	HOURS:	PRICE:	NEED TO PRE-PURCHASE TICKET:	ADVANCE PURCHASE GROUP RATES:	WALKING TIME:
International Spy Museum	10-6	~\$30	No	Yes	1 min
Enid A Haupt Garden	All day	Free	No	N/A	7 min
Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle)	Temp. closed	Free	No	N/A	8 min
Smithsonian National Museum of African Art	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	9 min
National Museum of Asian Art	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	11 min
Museum of the Bible	10-5	\$17-\$30	No	Yes (\$17) - book 14 days early	11 min
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum	10-5:30	Free	Yes	N/A	11 min
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial	All day	Free	No	N/A	11 min
Smithsonian Museum of Natural History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	12 min
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	10-5:30	\$1 to reserve	Yes	N/A	14 min
National Museum of the American Indian	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 min
Smithsonian National Museum of American History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 min
National Archives Museum	10-5:30	Free	Optional	N/A	17 min
National Gallery of Art with Sculpture Garden	10-5	Free	No	N/A	18 min
United States Botanic Garden	10-5	Free	No	N/A	19 min
National Museum of African American History and Culture	10-5:30	Free	Yes	N/A	19 min
Washington Monument	10-5	\$1 to reserve	Yes—reserve 30 days prior	N/A	21 min

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Each time we enter a government building, we will need to go through security. In order to expedite security, the following items are strictly prohibited:

- The less stuff you bring/smaller the bag you carry, the easier security will be.
- NOTE: If you try to bring something in that is not allowed they will not hold it for you and will throw it away.

If you do get lost go to the Smithsonian "Castle," but don't get lost.

left on 4th St SW until you come upon the Museum of the Bible on your left. The bus will pick us up along one of the sides of the building.