

Life Defenders Washington D. C. Bus Trip 2024

Wednesday, January 17th - Departure

7:00 pm - Registration begins at Blackhawk Ministries (7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)

7:30 pm - Parent meeting starts

7:45 pm - Bus loading starts (**Note:** no luggage access until Thursday night)

8:00 pm - Bus departure

Thursday, January 18- Sight Seeing

6:00 am - Stop for breakfast outside D.C. (\$) - Water from under bus- Reload at 7:00-7:30 am

9 am - Drop at the L'Enfant Plaza for sightseeing time, lunch in groups (\$)

1:40 pm - Tours of the Capitol begin (one at 1:40 pm, one at 2:00 pm, and one at 2:20 pm)

3:15 pm - Prayer and photo on Capitol steps (east side above Visitor's Center) with Cong. Banks

4:00 pm - Buses pick up at NW Circle; go to hotel

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

6-7 pm - Y4Life registration begins; conference exhibits

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

Friday, January 19 - 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

8:30 am - Pack and move luggage to buses; bring key card

NOTE: you will not have access to luggage until we're back home, so pack everything you need for Friday and Friday night in a backpack and take it with you. You also will not have access to your hotel room after this point, since the bus leader will collect your room key and your luggage at this time.

Friday, January 19 - March for Life Cont.

9 am - Conference starts; session #2

10:15 am - Pre-march devotion

10:45 am - Y4Life hands out lunch snack bags

11:00 am - Load buses (**NOTE:** No luggage access)

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

12 pm - Pre-march Rally

1 pm - March for Life

3:30 pm-4:15:pm - Head to Union Station after march and wait for bus pickup

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

5:45 pm - Head back to hotel

6-7 pm - Social time at conference

7-8 pm - Devotion and Post-March Discussion

8-9:30 pm - Session #3

9:30 pm - Get water and go to the bathroom

9:45 pm - Load buses

10 pm - Buses leave

Saturday, January 20

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

8:00 am approx. - Bus arrives at Blackhawk Ministries (7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)

My Chaperones:

_____ Phone # _____

_____ Phone # _____

RLNI Representative: Phoebe Adams - 260-450-7852

Abigail's Number (night watch chaperone): 260-615-8175

DC Attractions in Walking Distance

These sightseeing locations are all within walking distance from the place we will be dropped off (L'Enfant Plaza). A map is at the end of this packet and can also be brought up on Google Maps by scanning the QR code.



International Spy Museum

Hours: 10-6

Price: ~\$27

Ticket Needed? Y

Walking Time: 1 min

Enid A Haupt Garden

Hours: all day

Price: free

Ticket Needed? N

Walking Time: 6 min

Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle)

Hours: 8:30-5:30

Price: free

Ticket Needed? N

Walking Time: 7 min

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art

Hours: 10-5:30

Price: free

Ticket Needed? N

Walking Time: 8 min

Museum of the Bible

Hours: 10-5

Price: \$14-25

Ticket Needed? Y

Walking Time: 10 min

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

Hours: 10-5:30

Price: free

Ticket Needed? Y

Walking Time: 10 min

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial

Hours: all day

Price: free

Ticket Needed? N

Walking Time: 10 min

DC Attractions in Walking Distance Cont.

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Hours: 10-5:30 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* N *Walking Time:* 13 min

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Hours: 10-5:30 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* Y *Walking Time:* 13 min

National Museum of the American Indian

Hours: 10-5:30 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* N *Walking Time:* 14 min

Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Hours: 10-5:30 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* N *Walking Time:* 15 min

National Archives Museum

Hours: 10-5:30 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* N *Walking Time:* 15 min

National Gallery of Art with Sculpture Garden

Hours: 10-5 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* N *Walking Time:* 16 min

United States Botanic Garden

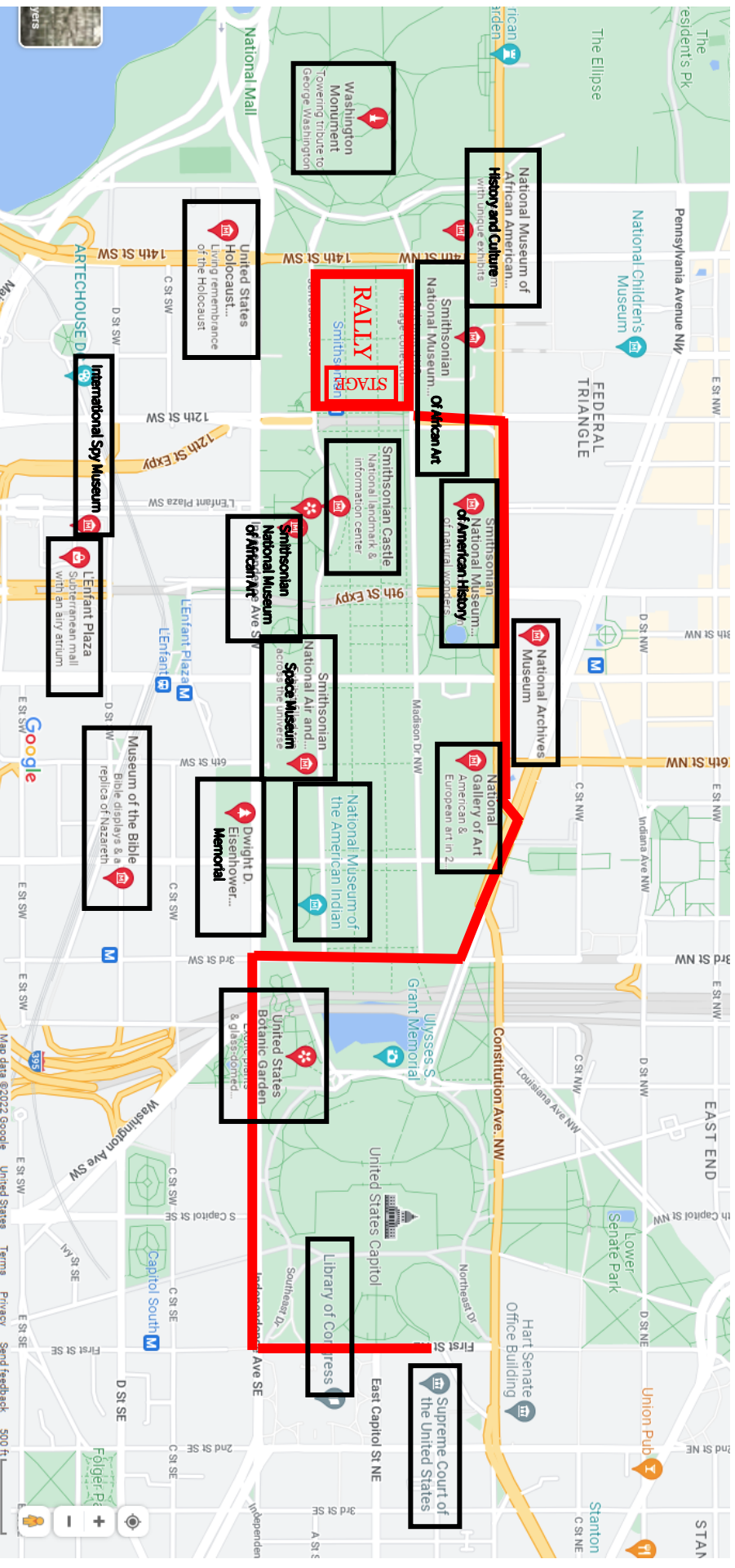
Hours: 10-5 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* N *Walking Time:* 17 min

National Museum of African American History and Culture

Hours: 10-5:30 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* Y *Walking Time:* 18 min

Washington Monument

Hours: 9-5 *Price:* free *Ticket Needed?* Y *Walking Time:* 19 min



WASHINGTON D.C. SECURITY :

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:

- liquid, including water (in capitol)
- food or beverage of any kind, including fruit and unopened packaged food (in capitol)
- aerosol containers
- non-aerosol spray
- any pointed object (pens, pencils permitted)
- any bag larger than 18" w x 14" h x 8.5" d
- electric stun guns, martial arts weapons
- guns, replica guns, ammunition, and fireworks
- knives of any size
- mace and pepper spray
- razors and box cutters

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. If they have to take it, consider it gone.

**Have fun,
be flexible,
don't get lost!**

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