

Field trips have the power to:

- Engage students in history and culture
- Make what they learn in the classroom come alive
- Create cherished memories
- Encourage lifelong learning
- Promote personal growth
- Shape leadership
- Expands perspectives
- Develop cultural understanding



Trip Highlights March 22-28, 2026

Depart Tallahassee (Sunday)

Travel Day

Day 1 (Monday) - New York City

Midtown Sightseeing Cruise, One World Observatory, Dinner in Times Square, and Empire State Building

Day 2 (Tuesday) - New York City

Central Park, Museum of Modern Art, Time Square Exploration, and Broadway Show

Day 3 (Wednesday) – New York City to Washington, D.C.

Shopping in Chinatown/Little Italy, Penn Station Exploration, Train ride to Washington, D.C., and Pentagon Memorial



Trip Highlights

Day 4 (Wednesday) – Washington, D.C.

U.S. Capitol Building, the Smithsonian Musuems, White House, World War II Memorial, and DC Signature Dinner Cruise

<u>Day 5 (Thursday) – Washington,</u> D.C./Tallahassee

Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, MLK Jr. Memorial, and depart to Tallahassee

<u>Day 6 Return to Tallahassee (Saturday)</u> *Travel Day*



Academic Expectations

Must maintain a D - or better in ALL courses on the 2nd Nine-Weeks report card and 3rd Nine Weeks progress report.

Failure to maintain a D - or better on progress reports (2nd and 3rd Nine Weeks) will result in trip probation.

Trip probation means: The student MUST improve the failing grade, or risk being removed.

Administration will weigh special circumstances.



Behavior Expectations

Behavior Contract Highlights:

- Students must maintain good behavioral standing and cannot receive:
 - One (1) Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) referral or
 - Two (2) Opportunity to Improve (OFI) referrals during the 2nd and 3rd Nine Weeks

During activities, students:

- Must follow all rules and directions of any RMS chaperone during the event.
- Must comply with any given direction the first time it is given.
- Must follow all RMS rules, dress code, and student handbook expectations apply during each activity.
- Attire must be appropriate.
- CANNOT have any illegal substance such as tobacco, alcohol, and/or drugs at any time. Violations will be dealt with according to <u>Leon County</u> <u>School Student Code of Conduct.</u>

How Much Will the Trip Cost?

Total cost of \$1,522.00 includes:

- Transportation cost <u>\$469.56</u>
- Hotels (with security) \$328.60
- Meals \$303.15
- Tickets, activities, & materials \$420.69

Trip payments break down:

- Deposit of \$306 on September 30, 2025 (non-refundable)
- 2nd payment of \$304 on October 31, 2025
- 3rd payment of \$304 on December 1, 2025
- 4th payment of \$304 on January 5, 2026
- 5th payment of \$304 on February 2, 2026

When and How to Pay?



PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE EFUNDS FOR SCHOOLS SYSTEM. LINK TO EFUNDS PORTAL WILL BE AVAILABLE ON 8TH GRADE DC & NEW YORK TRIP WEBPAGE ON RAA'S WEBSITE.

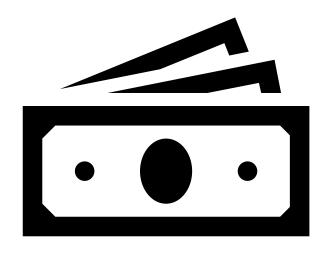


Families may begin to make payments **Monday**, **September 30**, **2025**.



IMPORTANT: Please forward the eFunds payment confirmation email to Ms. Wallace and/or Mrs. Williams.

Interested in Fundraising?



Contact:

 Ms. Benette -<u>Esther.Benette@leonschools.net</u>

Next Step:

 Will send out information when plans are finalized.



Refund Information



\$610.00 of student fees will be non-refundable after October 31, 2025.



After the deposit and expenses are paid, the district cannot recover this non-refundable amount to issue student refunds.



If the non-refundable portion of the student fee was used to purchase tangible items (T-shirts, tickets, etc.) for your student, those items will be provided to your child.

Activate



How to use Akitivate.com to fill out your Field Trip Permission / Activity Form

- Parents must make an account for themselves, then add their student as an "athlete" (even if they're not playing a sport.)
- Once they add their student as an athlete, they
 must start a new registration for their child
 (there's a blue button that says "New Registration
 +") and from the list of sports, choose the sport
 called "Field Trip."
- Once that's chosen, the system will take you step-by-step through the Activity Form process, including e-signing the form and submitting it to the school.
- Visit Activate.com here: https://www.aktivate.com/

How to Stay Connected?



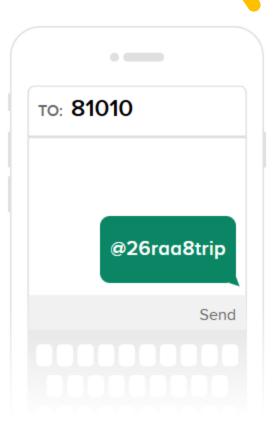
Sign up for our Remind account to receive text updates about payment dates, trip information, and status reports while we are on the trips!!

How

Text the message @26raa8trip to 81010 to sign-up for the Raa DC/NYC trip

Why

Trip documents, details and rooming information will be sent home through Social Studies classes and available on the Raa website.



Trip Planning Team

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Key Contacts



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