

8th Grade Williamsburg Trip: Rules and Packing Tips



BUS RULES: Check in approx 5:00 a.m. at Bailey Gym entrance with your parents.

***Please take your bags to your chaperone when you arrive at school on Wednesday morning. They need to be checked (in the presence of your parents) before they are loaded on the buses!**

*Obey the bus driver's requests. Loud noise or movement in the aisle is a safety risk that must be avoided. Do not play with any buttons, curtains, or window shades. No standing while the bus is moving and no standing in the seats to remove packages from the above rack. Girls on one side, boys on the other side of bus.

*Each individual is responsible for picking up trash and articles in their personal area. Each bus is equipped with a trash can.

*Forbidden items: chewing gum in museums, canned/energy drinks, sticky candy, popcorn

*Permitted items: Snacks, dried/fresh fruit, **bottled water SEALED**, chips. No cans of food or canned drinks

*Restroom: Each bus is equipped with a restroom. Please use only in emergency if possible. Never put trash or any other items in the toilet.

HOTEL RULES:

*Enter the hotel in an orderly manner and as quietly as possible.

*Students are to check each room for any damage or shortage of towels, etc... and report it to the chaperone.

*No running or horseplay in the lobby, halls, or rooms.

*No loud talking or screaming (think library voices!!)

*Use the elevator in a safe and orderly manner (no jumping or pressing alarm)

***You are restricted to your floor. No visiting other floors.**

*Telephone: Your room telephone will be cut off so that you may not make long distance or local calls. Please do not try to use the phones in the rooms!! Cell phones are permitted, please use those instead.

*Security Guard: A private off duty police officer will be assigned to monitor the hallway at night from 10:00pm to 5:00am. Any student that misbehaves, makes loud noises, or leaves their room will be reported to the administrator. The doors will be taped so that the officer can recognize if the door has been opened.

*Keys will be collected by chaperones on the last day and then turned in to the front desk.

*Curfew: Students must be in their rooms by 10:00. We ask that lights are out by 11:00. Remember we have a long day ahead of us! The Security Guard, administrators, and teachers will be doing periodic hall checks!!

Rooms will be taped with masking tape by teachers at 10:30. Taping allows teachers to monitor if any one tried to come out of the room after curfew. It does not prevent someone coming out if there is an emergency.

TOUR RULES:

***All CMS Rules will apply on this trip, just as you are in school! If there is a problem, your parents will be asked to come and get you in Williamsburg. *We will follow the CMS Rights and Responsibilities...**

*Any students possessing or using weapons, laser pointers, alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, or drugs will be sent home immediately at the parents' expense along with the school's disciplinary actions according to the CMS policy.

*Itinerary: You are being supplied with a general itinerary for your bus. It is a must that you and your group abide by the posted times. We have scheduled appointments at each attraction; if the group is late they will not be able to do the full program as designed. It may be a good idea to wear a watch to keep track of time.

*Lost student: If at any time you get lost on the trip... remain calm, look for a policeman to ask for help or find a telephone to call your chaperone.

Emergency Contact: If a parent needs to contact the tour group while in Williamsburg, please call Bailey Middle School (980) 343-1068 and they will be able to contact the administrators on the trip.

Packing List

1. One small bag for underneath the bus and one carry-on (like a book/sling bag) Be careful when bringing your electronics – do not leave them unattended at any time! We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
2. \$25 - \$30 spending money is suggested
3. Breakfast to eat on the bus on the first day (or eat before you come)
4. Bagged lunch for day 1
5. Money for lunch (on your own) at Busch Gardens on Day 3
6. NO sleeping Bags or air mattresses!!!
7. No gaming systems or laptops!
8. Medications/Prescriptions listed on the yellow medical form should be kept in their original containers. Dosage needs to be for the 10th through the 12th only and in original container. All meds will be given to Mrs. Bright, our grade level AP, in a Ziploc bag w/name, prescription dose and original container. You cannot bring prescription or OTC medication without the CMS Authorization forms signed by a doctor!
9. Shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, toiletries in a container/bag (there are blow driers and towels in the rooms)
10. Casual, comfortable clothing that is dress code appropriate. Layering is suggested due to unpredictable weather. BRING A SWEATSHIRT!!!! A poncho or umbrella is a good idea. Make sure you have an extra change of clothes should you get wet.
11. Comfortable shoes (There will be a lot of walking!) NO flip flops are allowed. Tennis shoes work best. *
12. Umbrella/Poncho/Raincoat (In case it rains)- you choose! Required to bring at least one of these items!
13. You do NOT need a swim suit.
14. Pillow
15. Non-perishable snacks and sealed bottled water.
16. A black garbage bag is suggested for dirty/wet clothes.

***Cameras, Cell Phones, iPods are OK for the BUS and the ROOMS. However, students are responsible for their own items (not the chaperones) AND these items may not be out when we are on our excursions. Per CMS/BMS policy if any of these items are lost or stolen, the school is not responsible/liable.**

*Do not bring any materials that would be involved in pranks. This will not be tolerated and such behavior will be dealt with according to CMS policy.

Cell Phone Usage on the trip

DO use cell phones to:

- Take Pictures
- Listen to music on the bus (using ear buds)
- Keep track of time
- Communicate with group, chaperone, and parents as needed

DO NOT use cell phones to:

- Play music loudly in hotel room or on the bus
- Take pictures of school/tour staff, chaperones and other students ***without*** their consent
- Post pictures on social media of school & tour staff, chaperones and other students (***violation of this rule can get you sent home***)

****Cell phones should be put away and silenced during guided tours throughout the trip!***

Luggage will be checked!

Sample Itinerary (order of events may vary by group):

Day 1:
Depart Bailey
Picnic Lunch on drive out
Jamestown
Dinner at Jamestown
Ghost tour in Williamsburg

Day 2:
Yorktown Victory Center
Boxed Lunch in Williamsburg
Williamsburg
Dinner at Sal's
Bowling

Day 3:
Busch Gardens
Arrive home at 10:00-1:30