

Williamsburg, VA Chaperone Meeting

Thank you so much for being here!
We are going to have a great trip together!

Our Speedy Agenda

- Overview of our itinerary and your responsibilities
- Helpful hints
- Student Behavior
- Rooming Info
- Questions

Schedule—Day 1 morning

6:00am: Arrive at Apex Elementary to load buses

You will see signs/posters at each of the 3 buses. As we finalize numbers, we will assign each class to a bus. Chaperones sit on buses with students in their group.

Please take the time to meet the parents/guardians of the kiddos in your group at this time (if you haven't already).

- You will be responsible for your group of students throughout the day
 - On the ferry
 - At Jamestown Settlement
 - At Yorktown Victory Center
 - On the bus
 - At the hotel
 - At dinner
 - At “The Hauntings of Williamsburg” program

Tuesday's Dinner Information

- Dinner: We are eating at Golden Corral. Please be flexible. There are over 100 of us eating at the same place. The restaurant and tour company are incredibly efficient, but we will still need everyone to practice and model patience. Kids should not wander up and down the buffet line (or at that chocolate fountain!) without supervision (or an adult from our group really close by!).
- Behavior expectations are exactly the same as if we are in the classroom.

Schedule—Day 2 morning

7:00am: Continental breakfast at hotel—We will eat in shifts.

7:00am—Bus 1

7:10am—Bus 2

7:20am—Bus 3

***You should be checked out of your room and have your luggage on the bus no later than 8:00am so that we may depart on time.*

8:30am: Depart for Williamsburg

You will be responsible for your group of students throughout the day: breakfast, on the bus, Colonial Williamsburg, Governor's Palace, and Merchant's Square

Dinner on Wednesday will be from a fast food restaurant on the way home. Again, we ask everyone to remember that this is just one meal...on one day...it may not be your favorite (or your kid's favorite), but patience and kindness are expected.

Helpful Hints and Expectations

Be prompt. Even if that means being a few minutes early! Plan for lines at bathrooms and gift stores. We can't get off schedule due to gift stores.

Think like a teacher. This is an educational trip. Pose questions that will challenge the students to think, problem solve, work together, etc. We will distribute a chaperone packet on the bus with a Williamsburg/Yorktown/Jamestown guide and other info.

Be present. Children tend to mimic the behavior of the adults they are placed with. If you are engaged, they will be too! Please limit cell phone usage to the time we are on the bus.

More help than you need?!

Transitions and Down Time Students should be respectful of one another as we transition between sites or stations at sites. Students should not play football, frisbee, soccer, etc. at our stops.

Medical Emergencies: Teachers will have our Red Bags with us. Please come find one of us immediately if there is a problem.

Food: Food is allowed on the bus; however, students MUST clean up after themselves. We will distribute snacks and water bottles to everyone at the same time (there should be a couple of snack breaks a day). Several students have nut allergies—please refrain from bringing products that contain nuts.

Can we be more helpful?! Of course!

Hotel: Students are to stay in their own hotel rooms with their chaperones. Please do not allow students to walk the hotel hallways....either getting snacks, beverages, or ice or visiting friends. **Students nor chaperones are to leave the hotel once we arrive for the evening.** Please do not leave students unattended in the hotel room.

We have a long day ahead of us on Wednesday—everyone needs to rest. We will come by and check on everyone between 8:30 and 9:00pm.

Lights out at 10pm (at the latest).

Calling Home: Thank you for understanding that some students have never spent the night away from home. If someone wants to call home, please have them see their teacher or, only if it is okay with you, allow them to call from your phone.

Student Behavior

Behavior: Students are expected to demonstrate our PAWS expectations at all times. Please remind students that they are representatives of Apex Elementary, Wake County Schools, their families, and their teachers during the trip. If you have any concerns, please see one of us immediately.

You are the **adult**; they are the **child**. What you say goes.

Rooming Info

You will receive information about the students who will be in your care while we are on our trip tonight.

We are doing our very best to honor what we know about our students as well as keep classes together. In a very few cases, we may have to place students from different classes together.

Remember that the medical information is considered confidential, but will be provided to you as needed to guide you as you chaperone our sweet students.

Questions

