



**American Renaissance School
217 South Center Street
Statesville, NC 28677**



**8th Grade Trip Information
New York City
April 10-13, 2017**

September 9, 2016

Dear 8th grade Students and Parents,

The time is already here for the 8th grade students to sign up for their last big hoorah as the American Renaissance School class of 2017! Yes, that's right! It's time to sign up for the 8th grade trip to New York City! This year we have an amazing trip planned. We will have the opportunity to tour the city for 3 FULL days! We will take a stroll through Central Park, go on a cruise around the harbor and see the Statue of Liberty and see the Broadway show-plus so much more!. Please take some time to read over the enclosed itinerary for all the details. Pricing for the trip is as follows:

Students- \$775
Chaperones -\$775

This price includes the following: transportation on a charter bus to and from the city, transportation around the city, 3 nights stay at a hotel, all tours and entrance fees, tickets to a Broadway show, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners. Not included are meals en route to and from NYC.

Dates: We will be leaving Statesville on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:00am and returning on Thursday, April 13 around midnight.

Lodging: Students will be staying 4 students per room. This is an 8th grade trip, therefore the students will get the opportunity to stay together. All effort will be made to place students in rooms with their requested roommates. Adults will not be staying in the rooms with students. Adult rooms will be located next to student rooms. Adult rooms will also be 4 person per room. Adults who are interested in staying 2 to a room must know that the cost is \$130 extra and you will need to find another adult who is interested in also paying \$130 extra. (Single occupancy for an adult is an extra \$365)

Limited Space-First Come, First Served: Due to the rising cost of travel, we will only be able to take one bus. Therefore, the amount of space is limited to 52 people and the space will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. That includes both students and chaperones. (Chaperone spaces will be wait listed in order of when Mrs. Berkley receives them and filled after students get a chance to register) Get your deposit and registration form in early!

Deposit: A \$150 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is due by October 5 in order to reserve your space on the trip. This is a **non-refundable** due to the fact that we will be purchasing our Broadway show tickets immediately in order to reserve our seats.

Payments: The remaining cost of the trip will be split into payments with specific due dates. You may choose to pay more than the amount due at any time or pay all at once. Please keep up to date with your payments if you choose to follow the payment schedule. You can pay by check/cash brought to the school or by credit card with our Orgs.online payment option.

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| October 5, 2016: | \$150 non-refundable deposit due |
| November 2, 2016: | \$125 payment due |
| December 7, 2016: | \$125 payment due |
| January 4, 2017: | \$125 payment due |
| February 1, 2017: | \$125 payment due |
| March 1, 2017: | \$125 final payment/balance due |

Field Trip Policy:

- * Deposit is non-refundable
- * 1/2 of total amount of payments made are refundable up to 60 days before trip departure.
- * No refunds of payments made up to 30 days before trip departure
- * Students on level 1 or level 2 at the time of the trip will not be eligible to attend the field trip and will forfeit deposit and payments as stated above.

Fundraising: In the past, a group of parents planned fundraisers that the students participated in to raise money that helped to supplement their cost of the field trip. Only students who participated in the fundraisers were eligible for this compensation. If you are interested in organizing this parent fundraising group, please contact Mrs. Waugh.

Questions: Please feel free to contact Mrs. Berkley if you have any questions. See below for her contact information.

This is going to be an exciting and fun-filled trip to New York City so don't miss out! Please send the registration form at the end of the packet along with a \$150 deposit per person to Mrs. Berkley as soon as possible and no later than October 5! We hope you can join us!

Sincerely,
Cathy Berkley
berkeleyc@arsnc.org
704-878-6009

NYC Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Monday, April 10, 2017

- 6:00AM - Motorcoach departs Statesville, NC for NYC
- 1:00PM - Lunch en route at group's expense
- 6:00 PM - Arrival in NYC
- 6:30 PM - Dinner at Johnny's Pizzeria in NYC
- 8:30 PM - Approximate arrival in Harrison, NJ; Check into Hampton Inn Hotel
- 11: 00 PM - Night Supervision will be on duty for 7 hours

Day 2: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

- 7:00 AM - Breakfast buffet at hotel
- 8:00 AM - Motor coach departs for New York City; Meet tour leader
- 10:00 AM - Metropolitan Museum of Art
 - \$15 is included toward lunch
- 1:15 PM - Radio City Music Hall tour
- 4:00 PM - Dinner is included / Carmine's Restaurant
 - 5th Avenue/ sightseeing, shopping, browsing
- 7:30 PM - Top of the Rock 3-tiered observation deck
- 9:30 PM - Meet the motorcoach and return to hotel
- 11:00 PM - Your night supervision will be on duty for 7 hours

Day 3: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

- 7:30 AM - Breakfast buffet at the hotel
- 8:30 AM - Motorcoach departs for touring
 - Staten Island Ferry
- 11:00 AM - Lower Manhattan Guided tour including Wall Street, Battery Park, Federal Hill
 - The 9/11 Memorial
 - \$15 is included toward lunch
- 1:30 PM - Group to metro to Chinatown area
 - Chinatown / bargain shopping
- 3:45 PM - Meet the motorcoach / transfer to Times Square for shopping
- 4:45 PM - Dinner is included /Bubba Gump Shrimp Times Square
- 6:00 PM - Times Square/sightseeing, shopping, browsing
 - Group walks to the theatre
- 8:00 PM - Broadway show
- 10:45 PM - Motorcoach departs for the hotel after the theatre
- 11:00 PM - Your night supervision will be on duty for 7 hours

Day 4: Thursday, April 13, 2017

- 7:30 AM - Breakfast buffet at the hotel
- 9:00 AM - Check out of the hotel / load the luggage
 - Motorcoach departs for Touring
 - Central Park walking tour and sightseeing
 - American Museum of Natural History
 - \$15 is included toward lunch
- 1:00 PM - Motorcoach departs for home
 - Dinner en route is the group's expense
- 12:30 AM - Approximate arrival in Statesville, NC

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Registration Form-due October 5, 2016

Student Name: _____

Deposit: \$150 (Non-Refundable)

Chaperone Name (if applicable): _____

Deposit: \$150 (Non-Refundable)

Deposit Information

Check # _____ Amount: \$ _____

Cash Amount: \$ _____

Orgs Online payment made _____

I have read through all the information included in this packet and asked Mrs. Berkley any questions that I may have. I also understand that adults will not be staying IN the rooms with students but rather near the rooms with students. Students will be staying 4 persons per room and adult chaperones will be staying 4 persons per room. I am aware of the Field Trip policy as stated in the information. Finally, I am aware of the dates of the trip and I am making a commitment to travel with the school to New York City and have a great time!

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____