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Dear Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

I am writing to give you more information about the Spring Break 2014 trip. Our WorldStrides program in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, and Virginia will give our students a deeper understanding of and appreciation for our nation's history and heritage. During this once-in-a-lifetime experience, we will explore the Smithsonian Museums, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, and many other interesting historical landmarks. We will have supervised activities during the evenings, including an illuminated tour of the monuments. We will also spend time in Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia, the birthplace of our nation's history. In addition, we will visit Gettysburg, the site of the most influential battle in the Civil War. Lastly, we will tour Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and view the Liberty Bell.

For trip dates, price, inclusions, and other information, please refer to the registration packet your child received last May. **The trip is now FULL.** If you register, you will be put on the waiting list. If a student cancels, we will add students to the trip in the order in which students registered. If a spot does not open up, WorldStrides will refund your money.

**There are two simple ways to register your child for this program:**

1. Online – go to [www.worldstrides.org/register](http://www.worldstrides.org/register) and enter your group's **Trip ID, 94516**. You will then be prompted to enter your personal information and method of payment.
2. By phone – call WorldStrides' Customer Service Department at (800) 468-5899.

We understand that this can be a financial burden, so we want to provide your child with multiple opportunities for family and friends to assist through fundraising opportunities. In addition to school-led fundraisers, you can download the gift of education form letter that can easily be customized and sent to loved ones who might want to help your child experience this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

WorldStrides believes that every child, regardless of background, should have access to the wonder of educational travel. To support this vision, \$1 million in FLAG Scholarship funding is available for families with an annual adjusted gross income up to \$85,000. Through a partnership with the Future Leaders of American Government (FLAG) Foundation, they offer these scholarships for students participating in the WorldStrides trip. FLAG Scholarships are available in amounts up to \$400. These are distributed in a first come, first served basis. Call before all money has been distributed! The FLAG Scholarship application process is completely confidential and simple enough to complete in minutes. Contact the Customer Service team at 1-800-468-5899 to apply.

I am always thrilled to hear how the trip to Washington, D.C. touches students' lives, and I hope that your child will have the opportunity to experience this life-changing trip. If you need help registering or have additional questions, please contact WorldStrides' Customer Service Department at (800) 468-5899 or [customerservice@worldstrides.org](mailto:customerservice@worldstrides.org).

Thank you,  
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