



DC Public Schools Registration Packet

Washington National Cathedral

School & Family Programs

Welcome

The Office of School and Family Programs at Washington National Cathedral is delighted to provide your students with a unique learning experience at the Cathedral.

Our mission is to enrich the lives of local elementary school students by providing them with an engaging educational experience outside of their regular learning environment. Our programs help fulfill the Cathedral's mission of hospitality and education and are separate from the Cathedral's religious mission. All programs emphasize hands-on experiences and discovery learning to teach students about art, history, architecture, math, and science.

We look forward to welcoming your students to one of our programs.

School Program Request

To begin the reservation process, select the program that best meets your needs. Then complete the form on page three. Fax the completed form to the Cathedral at 202-537-2246. A Cathedral representative will contact you by return fax within 72 hours.

Program Offerings

The Office of School and Family Programs offers four educational programs for local public and private schools, as well as home school groups. Each program has been designed to meet academic standards of learning for Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Stories & Symbols

Students take an interactive tour to find stories and symbols in the Cathedral's art. This tour features stone carvings, stained glass windows, and needlework. Groups participate in hands-on activities in our crypt classroom to introduce the skills that artists and artisans use to create the works of art on the tour.

Grades: K, 1, 2, 5

Curriculum Connections: Visual Arts, Language Arts, Math

People of the Past

Students learn how the Cathedral celebrates American history. While looking at the Cathedral's art, students will discover the stories of historical figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, and George Washington. Students interpret the historical significance of famous Americans through a hands-on activity in our crypt classroom.

Grade: 3

Curriculum Connections: Social Studies, Visual Arts, Language Arts

Cathedral Adventures

In this extended program, students visit the Cathedral twice. In this extended program, students visit the Cathedral twice. On the first visit, students focus on architecture by exploring the Cathedral's Gothic style and structure, then designing their own building. During the second visit, students discover artwork in the Cathedral and create their own masterpiece.

Grade: 4

Curriculum Connections: Visual Arts, Language Arts, Science

Great Gothic!

Students explore the Gothic architecture of Washington National Cathedral and discover how and why a building of such magnitude was created. The program offers students the opportunity to take measurements, solve equations, experiment with the force of gravity, and apply practical math and science skills in a real world scenario.

Grades: 6, 7

Curriculum Connections: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts

Cost & Transportation

There is no program cost for a DC public school. Free transportation will be provided for school groups of at least 15 students that are located more than one mile away from the Cathedral. The number of buses available for this free transportation is limited, and they will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please register early to ensure transportation for your students.

Lunch

Please be advised that the Cathedral does not have lunch facilities available in the building or on the grounds. We are happy to recommend alternative lunch sites.

Chaperones

It is Cathedral policy that groups provide one (1) chaperone for every five (5) students. Chaperones must accompany the group at all times.

Changes and Cancellations

Please remember that the Cathedral is a working church and that on occasion, last minute services are scheduled. In such a case, every effort will be made to reschedule your group. Cancellations due to weather or other emergencies will be rescheduled if possible.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding our programs, please call 202-537-2934 for further information.



DC Public School Program Request Sheet

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Fax to 202-537-2246

Thank you for your interest in our School Programs. Submitting this Request Sheet does not guarantee your choice of program dates. A Cathedral representative will contact you to assist you with the reservation process. We look forward to your visit!

PROGRAM, DATE, TIME:

Stories & Symbols People of the Past Great Gothic! Cathedral Adventures*

first choice date _____ 9:30 to 11:30 am or 12:30 to 2:30 pm

second choice date _____ 9:30 to 11:30 am or 12:30 to 2:30 pm

PARTICIPANTS: (each program has a 15 person minimum and a 1:5 chaperone to student ratio)

of students _____ grade level _____ # of chaperones _____

GROUP INFORMATION:

Group Leader: _____

Group Name: _____

Address _____

Fax: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

TRANSPORTATION:

Cathedral bus bus provided by your school walking/public transportation

SPECIAL NEEDS:

School Programs at the Cathedral are accessible to everyone. However, please advise us of any special needs your group may have, i.e. students or chaperones with disabilities or who use wheelchairs:

* Cathedral Adventures is a two-visit program.