

BCPS Field Trip Request ID # 12534

Trip Request By	April Watkins - BMS
Trip Name	8th Grade Belle of Louisville Trip
Trip Date	05-20-2022
Approx. Pick-up Time	8:45AM
Return Date	05-20-2022
Approx. Return Time	2:00PM
Class/Group	8th grade
Student Count	168
Chaperone Count	17
Number of Vans/Buses	3
Common Carrier	Miller Transportation
Cost to Students	26
How will you pay for students who cannot afford the fee?	Students who are unable to pay will be covered through the student activities fund.

Place of Departure

Name:	Bernheim Middle
Address:	700 Audubon Drive
City:	Shepherdsville
State:	KY

Destination

Name:	Belle of Louisville
Address:	4th Street and River Road
City:	Louisville
State:	KY

Lesson Plans

On May 20th the 8th grade students from Bernheim Middle will travel to Louisville, KY to take a riverboat cruise on the Belle of Louisville.

The purpose of this field trip is to expose students to the geography, landscape, trade routes, and technological innovations that led to the settlement of Louisville, KY as a bustling riverport from the post-colonial era through Reconstruction. Under the umbrella of the Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies students will focus on the following standards during their 90 minute riverboat cruise on the Belle of Louisville:

8.G.KGE.1 Analyze Kentucky's role in the early nation through Reconstruction based on its physical geography and location.

8.G.GR.1 Use maps and other geographic representations, geospatial technologies, and spatial

thinking to analyze settlement patterns in the United States from the Colonial Era to Reconstruction from 1600-1877

8.G.HE.1 Analyze how cultural and technological changes influenced how people interacted with their environments in the United States from the Colonial Era to Reconstruction from 1600-1877.

8.H.KH.1 Articulate Kentucky's role in early American history from the earliest colonial settlement to 1877.

As mentioned in the standards document, "The location of Kentucky placed it in the path of westward expansion and settlement throughout the time period. Geographic features, such as river systems and mountain ranges, influenced the movement of people. During the Civil War, Kentucky was identified as a border state because of its geographic location and reluctance to secede from the Union." During their cruise students will explore how the Ohio River impacted settlement patterns and led to the expansion of Louisville as from a crucial trading port in the 1792-1877 time period to the 16th largest city in the United States today. They will examine the role the river system played in trade and movement of goods; they will also learn about the technological advances that made river travel faster and more efficient as they travel on the "most widely traveled river steamboat in American history" as the Belle of Louisville is known. When Robert Fulton invented steamboat travel in 1807 he solved the problem of traveling upstream and as students cruise along they will consider how this important Industrial Revolution invention impacted the movement of goods and people along the Ohio River. On the way back to Bernheim students will be stopping for a pizza buffet lunch and will reflect on what they learned through collaborative conversations.

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