**Proposal: Washington, D.C. Field Trip**

**Friday, November 11- Sunday, November13, 2011**

**(Two nights/three days)**

**Submitted to:**

Gallatin County Board of Education

75 Boardwalk

Warsaw, Kentucky 41095

**I. Purpose of the Trip**

Freshman and sophomore students of Gallatin County High School have expressed an interest in visiting Washington, D.C. with a desire to learn more about our nation’s history.

A visit to our nation’s capital is a study in U.S. history, government, and civics. This learning experience also parallels students’ learning in the classroom about their immediate community and local and state history and government. This contrast-and-compare process helps the students to make connections to what affects them directly versus what is going on across the country—historically and currently. Study trips to museums, historic sites, and monuments expose students to art, artifacts, documents and people that bring the history alive, enabling students to better understand how the government serves its citizens and our responsibilities as citizens.

The learning experience of visiting Washington, D.C. enables students to practice skills in critical thinking and analytical interpretation to compare and contrast the beliefs, motives, traditions, hopes, and concerns of people from various groups and backgrounds and at various times in the past and present. A trip to our nation’s capital supports these learning skills, as well as the National Standards in U.S. History, Civic Education, Social Studies, and Fine Arts.

This will be a two night/three day field trip which will depart Gallatin County High School early on the morning of Friday, November 11 (Veterans Day) and return during the evening of Sunday, November 13.

**II. Students and chaperones attending the trip.**

A final list of students wishing to participate in the Washington, D.C. field trip will be submitted to GCHS administration for final approval. All adult chaperones MUST be on the Board of Education approved chaperone list (for the school year 2011-12).

This field trip is intended is to be a freshman class opportunity. However, if the minimum number of forty (40) participants is not reached there are sophomores who have also expressed an interest in filling the remaining number of participants up to a maximum of fifty (50).

**Reserved 1st Offering:**

Only freshman students and parents desiring to participate in the Washington, D.C. field trip MAY submit their initial deposit of fifty dollars ($50.00).

**Deadline: Wednesday, May 18 by 3:00pm**

**Open Offering:**

Following the May 18th (2011) date, freshman and sophomores (including parents) will be taken on a first come first serve basis requiring the same initial deposit of fifty dollars ($50.00) until the maximum number of fifty (50) participants is reached.

**Deadline: Thursday, May 26 by 3:00pm**

**The remaining balance of $275.00 will be due approximately sixty (60) days before the departure date.**

**Important Note:**

The cost of the trip is $325.00 based on a minimum of forty (40) participants. If there are more than forty (40) participants the price is still $325.00. However, if there are less than forty (40) participants then the price will increase.

All students will be required to complete a school/district approved permission form, including all relevant medical information.

Students wishing to partake in this field trip MSUT meet all requirements set forth by Gallatin County High School SBDM Council and Gallatin County Board of Education; including academic performance, attendance and/or behavior. Final decision for any student in question shall be made by the administration of Gallatin County High School.

**III. Itemized statement of costs, including transportation, meals and accommodations.**

Brochure containing all charter company information, tour descriptions, and costs is attached to this proposal.

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Each participant is required to submit a $50.00 deposit to hold their reservation. The remaining balance. The remaining balance of $275.00 will be due approximately sixty (60) days before the departure date (approx. September 11, 2011).

**IV. Fundraising**

There is no form of fundraising involved with this field trip.

**V. Donations**

There will not be any form of donation solicitation associated with this field trip.

**VI. Contract**

As of today’s date David E. Stigall, as a teacher for Gallatin County High School, has entered into a verbal agreement with Croswell VIP Motorcoach Services regarding Washington, D.C. Field Trip. David E. Stigall has also verbally stipulated to Croswell VIP Motorcoach Services that any binding contractual agreement is entirely dependent upon, first securing approval of the Gallatin County High School SBDM Council AND final approval from the Gallatin County Board of Education.

There will be no binding contract until all prerequisites for Gallatin County High School and Gallatin County Board of Education have been satisfied.

**VII. Transportation (and Tour) Company**

Croswell VIP Motorcoach Services

Williamsburg Departure Center

975 West Main St.

Williamsburg, Ohio 45176

Phone: (513) 724-2206 / Fax: (513) 724-3261 / Toll Free: (800) 782-8747

Contact: Ellen Croswell Gedling Director of Student Tour Sales

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**Submitted by:**

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