



2009 SECONDARY FAMILY FIELD TRIP CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA- ITINERARY

Wednesday, November 4th

After 3:00 Leave after School to Travel to Charlottesville, VA

Thursday, November 5th

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast at hotel and initial instructions

9:00 – 12:00 Monticello - House, Grounds and Plantation Tour

Monticello was a home designed by Thomas Jefferson for his family. The house, gardens and plantation will be a magnificent sight for our students. The newly opened (April 15th) Jefferson Visitor Center will give visitors of all ages distinctive opportunities to become well-acquainted with Jefferson and Monticello at their own pace. We will start in the visitor center and will then split up into two groups; one touring the house, the other the grounds. We will then rotate the other group/groups through the house tour. We will have a docent-led guided tour of the house and will be self-guided on the grounds. www.monticello.org

1:00 Historic Michie's Tavern Tour and Lunch

Historic Michie Tavern, established in 1784 by Scotsman William Michie, served as the social center of its community and accommodated travelers with food, drink and lodging. In 1927, the Tavern was moved 17 miles to its present location close to Monticello, serving as a prime example of the Colonial Revival period. The tour highlights colonial games and dancing. We will enjoy a Hearty Midday Fare served by costumed wait staff. Our meal will include:

Fried Chicken,
Hickory smoked Pork Barbeque,
Black-eyed Peas and stewed Tomatoes,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Hot Green Beans,
Whole baby Beets,
Cole-slaw,
Home-made Biscuits and Cornbread

After lunch and the tour we will have the opportunity to explore the grounds and shops. They have a General Store, Clothier and Metal Shop. www.michietavern.com

3:30 – 5:30 Ash Lawn-Highland Tour

Ash Lawn-Highland is an historic house museum, 535-acre working farm, and performing arts site in Albemarle County, Virginia. President James Monroe and his wife, Elizabeth Kortright Monroe of New York, owned Ash Lawn-Highland from 1793 to 1826 and made it their official residence from 1799 to 1823. We will tour the house and the grounds. There will be open-hearth cooking along with many other on-going demonstrations. Additionally, we will be able to sign up and participate in a number of workshops. There will be workshops in: tin-lantern making, candle-making and paper-quilling. Please annotate if you are interested in a workshop. www.ashlawnhighland.org



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5:30

Dinner on your own.

This is a great time to fellowship with other families. You may want to consider swimming in the hotel's indoor pool after dinner.

Friday, November 6th

8:00-9:00

Breakfast at hotel and initial instructions

9:15-11:00

Tour of University of Virginia Rotunda and Gardens and Art Museum

You can find more information about UVA at www.virginia.edu

11:30-1:30

Tour of Historic downtown Charlottesville and the Courthouse and lunch on the historic mall

We will have a tour of the historic downtown by trained docents. The size of our group will require us to break up, with some attending the tour first while others enjoy their lunch. We will ensure everyone is able to enjoy the tour.

12:30-1:30

Lunch on the downtown mall on your own

1:30-4:00

Options:

- Shopping historic mall (on your own)
- Discovery Museum (on your own)
- Western wine trail driving tour where we will visit Veritas Winery. We will caravan for the tour. See the following website for more information: www.monticellowinetrail.com and www.veritaswines.com.

5:00-7:00

Dinner on your own

7:00-9:00

First Friday Art Walk, downtown Charlottesville

Saturday, November 7th

7:30-8:30

Breakfast at hotel and initial instructions

9:00-6:00

**Two locations to choose from for the day:
Montpelier visit and 75th Annual Hunt Races**

We will visit Montpelier, President Madison's home, as well as attend the 75th Annual Hunt Races. You can visit the website at www.montpelieraces.com for more information and to read the history of the race. We will have our own tent with seating and will be right along the fence where the horses will run, having an up close view of one of the jumps. There will be numerous horse vendors, displays to visit as well as the paddocks and possibly the historic home. This should be an exciting day for all in attendance. www.montpelier.org

Visit Walton's Mountain Museum and Oak-Ridge Estates

The Walton's Mountain Museum includes numerous house replicas from the set of the classic family friendly TV show, "The Waltons." www.waltonmuseum.org



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After Walton's Mountain we will visit the home and grounds of Oak Ridge Estates. This was the home of Thomas Fortune Ryan, one of the ten richest men in the United States during the early twentieth century. www.oakridgeestate.com

6:00 **Dinner on your own**

Sunday, November 8th

7:30-8:30 **Breakfast at Hotel and Check-out**

9:00-10:30 **Church Service at the Historical Christ Episcopal Church in Charlottesville**
See the following website for more information on the church www.christchurchville.org

11:00 **Travel Home**