

Life Defenders Washington D. C. Bus Trip 2025

Wednesday, January 22nd - Departure

7:00 pm - Registration begins at Blackhawk Ministries (7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)
7:30 pm - Parent meeting starts
7:45 pm - Bus loading starts (Note: no luggage access until Thursday night)
8:00 pm - Bus departure
10:00 pm - Final rest stop before bed

Thursday, January 23rd - Sight-Seeing

6:00 am - Stop for breakfast outside D.C. (\$) Get water from under bus- Reload at 7:00-7:30 am
9 am - Drop at the L'Enfant Plaza for sightseeing time, lunch in groups (\$)
1:40 pm - Tours of the Capitol begin (*tentative time)
3:30 pm - Prayer and photo on Capitol steps (east side above Visitor's Center) with Cong. Banks (*tentative time)
4:00 pm - Buses pick up at NW Circle; go to hotel
4:30 pm - Buses arrive at Hilton Arlington National Landing; pizza is delivered to rooms; downtime
6-7 pm - Y4Life registration begins; conference exhibits (NOTE: you must pick up your Y4Life lanyard during this time to have breakfast on Friday)
7-10:00 pm - Conference (opening devotions, introductions, session #1, and social time)

Friday, January 24th - March for Life

6:00-7:15 (A-K last names); 7:15-8:30 (L-Z last names) - Breakfast in Virginia Ballroom at hotel
8:30 am - Pack and move luggage to buses
NOTE: You will not have access to luggage until we're back home, so pack everything you need for Friday and Friday night in a backpack and take it with you.

Friday, January 24th - March for Life Cont.

9 am - Conference starts; session #2
10:15 am - Pre-march devotion
10:45 am - Y4Life hands out lunch snack bags
11:00 am - Load buses and DROP KEY CARDS AT FRONT DESK - students are responsible for dropping cards (*NOTE:* No luggage access for rest of trip)
11:15 am - Buses leave for march; drop off students at the Holocaust Museum
12 pm - Pre-march Rally
1 pm - March for Life
3:30 pm-4:15:pm - Head to Museum of the Bible after march and wait for bus pickup (walking route on page #4)
4:30 pm - Go to Fashion Centre at the Pentagon for dinner (\$)
6:30 pm - Load buses and head back to hotel
7-8 pm - Devotion and Post-March Discussion
8-9:00 pm - Session #3
9:00 pm - Get water and go to the bathroom
9:15 pm - Load buses
9:30 pm - Buses leave
11:00 pm - Final rest stop before bed

Saturday, January 25th - Return Home

*** Students to call parents 1 - 1 ½ hours before anticipated arrival (or at last restroom stop)***
8:00 am approx. - Bus arrives at Blackhawk Ministries (7400 E. State Blvd. Fort Wayne)
NOTE: Signs are not allowed in any government building or museum, so you will need to leave these outside if you brought them for the march and are carrying them.

My Chaperones:

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Name: _____

Phone # _____

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DC Attractions in Walking Distance

These sightseeing locations are all within walking distance from the place we will be dropped off (L'Enfant Plaza). A map is at the end of this packet and can also be brought up on Google Maps by [scanning the QR code](#). NOTE: Signs are not allowed in any government building or museum, so you will need to leave these outside if you brought them for the march and are carrying them.

NAME:	HOURS:	PRICE:	NEED TO PRE-PURCHASE TICKET:	ADVANCE PURCHASE GROUP RATES:	WALKING TIME:
International Spy Museum	10-6	~\$30	No	No	1 min
Enid A Haupt Garden	All day	Free	No	N/A	7 min
Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle)	Temp. closed	Free	No	N/A	8 min
Smithsonian National Museum of African Art	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	9 min
Museum of the Bible	10-5	\$20-\$30	No	Yes	11 min
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum	10-5:30	Free	Yes	N/A	11 min
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial	All day	Free	No	N/A	11 min
Smithsonian Museum of Natural History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	12 min
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	10-5:30	Free	Optional	N/A	14 min
National Museum of the American Indian	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 min
Smithsonian National Museum of American History	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	16 min
National Archives Museum	10-5:30	Free	No	N/A	17 min
National Gallery of Art with Sculpture Garden	10-5	Free	No	N/A	18 min
United States Botanic Garden	10-5	Free	No	N/A	19 min
National Museum of African American History and Culture	10-5:30	Free	Yes	N/A	19 min
Washington Monument	9-5	Free	Optional	N/A	21 min

