

A wide-angle photograph of the Philadelphia skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of deep blue and warm orange, with soft clouds. The city's skyscrapers, including the Comcast Center and the Philadelphia City Hall, are silhouetted against the sky. In the foreground, a river reflects the city lights and the sky. A bridge is visible on the right side of the river. The overall scene is a vibrant and scenic view of the city.

Abington Middle School Philadelphia Adventure  
June 6th - 8th 2024

Who is...



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classroom





Grand Classroom is a student travel company that specializes in taking young people on educational trips around the world.

Grand Classroom began with trips to our National Parks in 2002 and has grown to include historic U.S. cities and international destinations. Our programs span from Washington, D.C. and New York to the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Florida, Puerto Rico, the Pacific Northwest, Galapagos, Belize, Iceland, Costa Rica, and more!





## Benefits of Student Travel

- \*Builds confidence
  - \*Encourages leadership and team building
  - \*Harvests friendships
  - \*Provides education outside the classroom
  - \*Bestows stewardship towards the environment
  - \*Instills independence
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## Safety is our main concern...

- \*24 Hour Grand Classroom guides
  - \*24 hour emergency contact number
  - \*Medical and dental insurance while on tour
  - \*Liability insurance
  - \*Security at hotels
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## Student Health on Tour

- \*Grand Classroom will take note of all medical conditions and dietary concerns before the trip
- \*Notify Grand Classroom of any food allergies and we will work directly with our vendors to accommodate.
- \* Abington PS has provided a nurse for all prior Philadelphia trips and plans to this year as well.







# Trip Highlights

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# The Franklin Institute



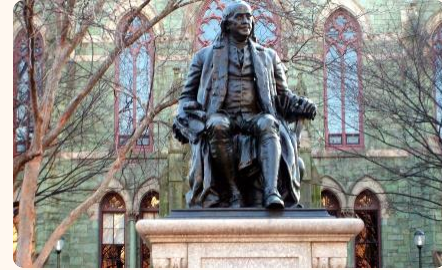
## Interactive Science Exhibits

Dive into the fascinating world of science through hands-on exhibits, such as the Giant Heart and Space Command.



## Voyage to the Stars

Embark on a celestial journey in the Fels Planetarium and explore the wonders of the universe.



## Experiential Learning

Engage with science concepts through interactive displays that encourage curiosity and critical thinking.



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- Tour Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed
- Enjoy a dinner cruise on the Delaware River aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia



# Independence Hall



## Historical Significance

Explore the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and learn about the American Revolution's pivotal moments.



## Guided Tour Experience

Embark on a captivating journey led by knowledgeable guides who bring history to life.

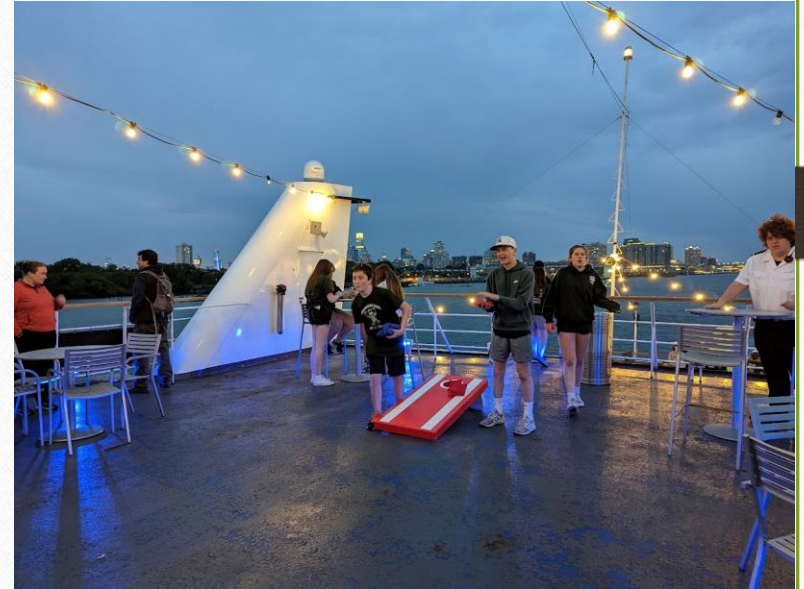
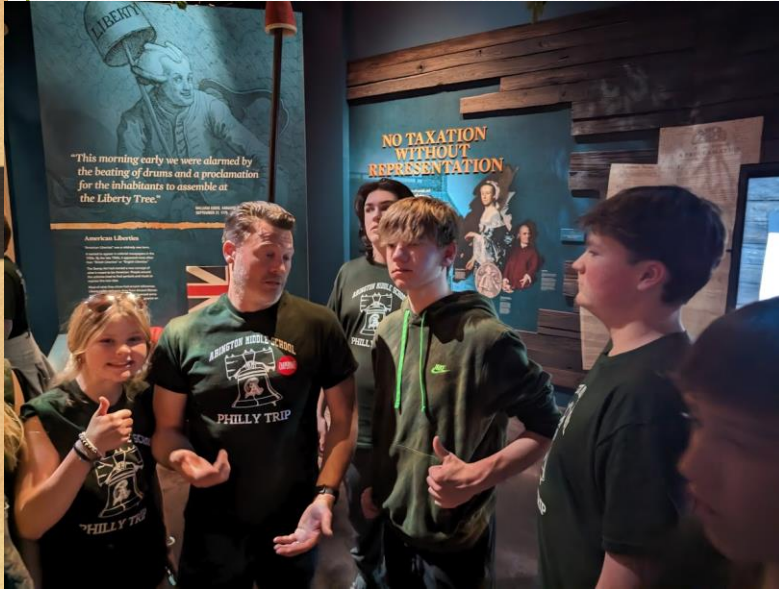


## Symbols of Freedom

Witness the historic sites where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were debated and signed.



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# The Museum of the American Revolution

## 1 Revolutionary Artifacts

Encounter authentic artifacts, including George Washington's war tent and the original draft of the Constitution.

## 2 Storytelling Exhibits

Immerse yourself in the compelling stories of patriots and ordinary individuals who shaped the American Revolution.

## 3 Understanding Significance

Gain a profound understanding of the events that led to the birth of a nation and democratic principles.



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# Eastern State Penitentiary

## Historic Prison

Step into the eerie walls of Eastern State Penitentiary, once a pioneering correctional facility.

## Unique Architectural Features

Appreciate the awe-inspiring Gothic architecture and imposing cell blocks of this abandoned prison.

## Role in Criminal Justice

Delve into the prison's impact on criminal justice history and its lasting influence on the penal system.

## Roommate Selection

- 4 Students per room
- Begins in April
  - Students are asked to identify possible roommates by 2's & 4's
  - AMS Counseling staff will assist students with this if needed
  - AMS Chaperones will use this info to create final roommate & chaperone assignments

Roommates



# Chaperones

## 10:1 Student to Chaperone Ratio

- Nurse & Administrator are additional

## Chaperones are mostly AMS teachers

- Additional chaperone slots are available to parents through a lottery
- Additional adults are able to be paid travelers

# Parent Planning Group

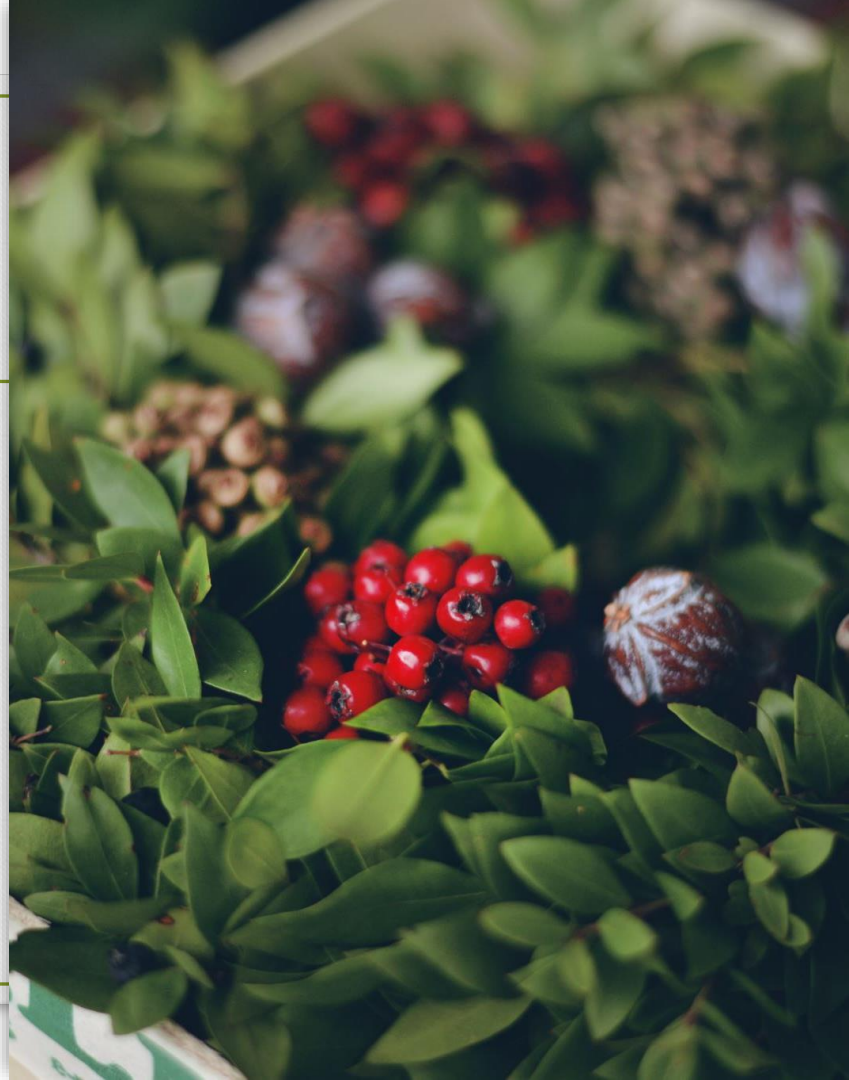
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- We are seeking a small group of parents to assist with:
- Individual Fundraising (Wreaths and Chocolate)
- Group Fundraising
- Hotel & Bus Supplies



# Fundraising

- Individual Fundraising
- Mickman Brothers Wreaths - Now
  - Each Wreath or Spray Sold = \$8.00 towards the trip
  - Wreath sales are due October 26<sup>th</sup>
- Hilliard's Chocolate Sales - February
  - Individual Fundraiser
  - Purchase Chocolates for resale
- Parent Planning Group Fundraising - Ongoing
  - Seek Sponsorships from Local Businesses
  - Provides for Financial Assistance



# How to Register

Help Us Find Your Trip

School Name \* :

State \* :

Visit [www.grandclassroom.com](http://www.grandclassroom.com) and search for your trip by entering your school name and state.

\$837 per student

\$99 deposit due at registration

Optional payment plans available at registration.

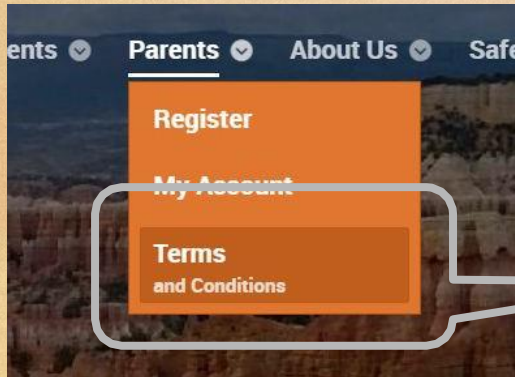
## Trip Protection Options

Travel Refund Program Plus: \$•□  
(includes cancellations due to COVID 19)

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Limited Refund Policy: (included)

See [Terms and Conditions](#) for more information.





# – FAQs



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- **What does the trip cost include?** It is an all-inclusive price that covers motor coach, tour guide, lodging, all meals while on tour, activity admissions, medical/dental coverage, and trip planning.
  - **How much spending money should I bring?** We recommend about \$50-\$100 for snacks and souvenirs
  - **What is the rooming situation?** Students stay 4 to a room. Teachers will assign rooms.
  - **What forms do I need to fill out?** You will be sent a medical form and a behavior contract through the Grand Classroom trip page closer to travel. This is where you will note any dietary restrictions or allergies.
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Questions?

Contact your Grand Classroom representative,

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See you in Philadelphia!