



## **Boys & Girls Club offers all-expenses-paid educational trip to Washington DC for 40 Janesville middle school students**

Scholarships made possible by a grant from the Herbert H. Kohl Charities Foundation will allow 40 Janesville middle school students to take an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington DC with Boys & Girls Club of Janesville this summer from Monday July 11 to Friday July 15. Costs covered by the scholarships include motor coach transportation, all meals, and admittance and entrance fees for the entire itinerary.

Interested students must submit a scholarship application to Boys & Girls Club of Janesville no later than **6:00 pm on Friday, March 18th**; and meet all additional requirements for the trip (*see application packet*). 40 students will be selected and notified by Friday April 22nd, along with 5 male and 5 female alternates. (Brightspark Travel notes that alternates almost all end up with a seat on the bus!)

The trip will be chaperoned by adult employees of Boys & Girls Club of Janesville, along with School District of Janesville volunteers. The itinerary is being planned and managed by Brightspark Travel, a trusted and experienced company that has organized hundreds of educational youth tours. Brightspark Travel is based out of Chicago, Illinois, with regional offices throughout the country. Learn more about them at [BrightsparkTravel.com](http://BrightsparkTravel.com).

### **Learn more: Informational meeting for families**

Boys & Girls Club of Janesville will host an informational meeting on **Wednesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30-7:00 P.M.** Join us at 200 West Court Street for a free pizza dinner and a presentation about the trip, during which questions will be answered. Families are required to RSVP for the meeting. Please call 608-755-0575 to reserve your spot.

### **Trip details** (*\*Tentative itinerary, subject to change based off of availability and guidelines*)

Monday, July 11 – Travel day: Students board motor coach at 5:00am, and arrive in Washington DC in time for bedtime at the hotel (TBD)

Tuesday, July 12 – Walking tour of George Washington University; White House photo stop; lunch at Ronald Reagan Trade Center; timed passes to National Museum of African American History and Culture; dinner at Crystal City Sports Pub; rooftop walk-through of Kennedy Center.

Wednesday, July 13 – Marine Corps War Memorial; Arlington National Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony; lunch at Pentagon City Mall; Lincoln, Vietnam Veteran and Korean War Veteran Memorials; Jefferson, FDR and MLK Memorials; and World War II Memorial. Dinner at Ben’s Chili Bowl.

Thursday, July 14 –Library of Congress; group activity at Capitol Building; lunch at Union Station; visit to the Pentagon Memorial; and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Dinner at California Pizza Kitchen. Group departs Washington, DC (travel overnight).

Friday, July 15 – Travel day: arrive back at Boys & Girls Club.

### **Scholarship requirements**

Boys & Girls Club is offering the all-expenses paid trip to 40 Janesville middle school students, on a scholarship basis. Requirements for the trip include:

1. Students must currently be in grade 6, 7, or 8 and must be passing all classes. Preference will be given to low-income students, as well as 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
2. Students must complete and turn in the scholarship application to Boys & Girls Club no later than 6:00pm on **Friday, March 18th**.
3. Students must join and remain active members of Boys & Girls Club of Janesville through summer. The \$10 fee covers school year and summer membership.
4. Students must complete no fewer than six (6) “Career Launch” sessions, one time per week, through Boys & Girls Club of Janesville. (Classes offered your choice of two nights per week, after school, at Boys & Girls Club.

Career Launch - This nationally-developed curriculum offers fun and interactive activities for youth to explore a broad range of career areas, match their interest to career clusters and identify the skills and education needed for their particular career path.