Aynor Middle School Performing Arts

 Williamsburg Music Festival Trip

April 21-24, 2016

Thursday April 21

5:15 am Meet at School – 5:30 – load buses for departure

6:00 am Depart for Williamsburg

TBA Stop for Breakfast on our way (**$5.00 per paid participant will be given for this meal)**

12:00pm Arrive Colonial Williamsburg

**Student Group Tours Escort will meet group here upon arrival**

12:00-1:00pm **Box lunch** provided on arrival in Bicentennial Park next to Colonial Williamsburg

1:00-5:00pm Guided tour **Colonial Williamsburg/Governor’s Palace**

America’s largest living history museum. From 1699 to 1780, Williamsburg was the political, social and cultural capital of Britain’s largest, wealthiest and most populous colony. Colonial Williamsburg encompasses over 500 buildings and 180 acres of magnificent gardens. In the shops, taverns, government buildings, homes and streets George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, George Mason and other Virginia Patriots debated the ideas – liberty, independence, and personal freedoms – that led to the founding of American democracy. Interaction with hundreds of costumed interpreters of varied age, race, and social position provides a first-hand view of live when the town was the capitol of the Virginia colony.

5:00 Visit the shops in Merchants Square or to discover more of Colonial Williamsburg in your group. Over 40 locally-owned shops and restaurants await you in Merchant’s Square, located directly adjacent to the Historic Area.

6:15 Board Bus and go to Buffet dinner at **Rocco’s Smoke House Grille** (included)

8:00pm Check into hotel: **Comfort Inn Williamsburg Gateway -** Hotel has indoor hallway/corridors leading to all rooms for added security**. Hotel Security provided.**

11:00 pm Lights out – Hotel Curfew Enforced.

**Friday – April 22**

6:30 am Wake up call and Deluxe continental buffet included at hotel-

8:15 am Board bus and go to **Yorktown Victory Center**

The drama of the American Revolution and the birth of our great nation comes to life at the Victory Center, where in 1781 a decisive battle of the “War for American Independence” took place. In provocative indoor galleries, witness the Revolution through the eyes of those who were there. Outdoors, experience the sights and sounds of the Revolutionary War in the re-created Continental Army encampment. Nearby, interpreters in the garden, tobacco house, farmhouse and kitchen introduce life on an 18th Century farm.

 **Followed by:Narrated driving tour through** **Yorktown Battlefields**

The motor coach will tour the Battlefields to learn about the events surrounding the last major battle of the American Revolution. Visitors encounter the British defenses around the town, the American siege positions and how General Washington successfully surrounded and defeated the British army. Time permitting, a stop will be made at the Yorktown Victory Monument, commissioned by the Continental Congress in 1781 and completed in 1884 to commemorate the victory at Yorktown.

**Friday (Continued)**

11:30 Board bus to Jamestown with stop for fast food **($10 per person provided)**

1:30 Visit **Jamestown Island Glasshouse**

Jamestown Island is site of the original Fort James, built by colonists in 1607 to maintain the first permanent English Settlement in the New World. Visitors can tour the Glasshouse and watch costumed artisans as they blow and fashion glass in the 17th Century manner. These handmade items are available for purchase

2:30 Guided tour **Jamestown Settlement**

This interactive living history museum commemorates America’s first permanent English Colony, established 13 years before Plymouth Rock. Replicas of the three sailing ships that carried Captain John Smith and 103 other Englishmen here in 1607 are ready to board in Virginia’s James River. Visitors can explore the re-created version of the colony and the Powhatan Indian village to discover what life was like for America’s early settlers.

5:00\pm Browse through the gift shop and then dinner buffet at **Jamestown Settlement Café** (included)

6:30 Board Bus to Yankee Candle Village – Tour of and shopping for Yankee Candles

8:30- **The Hauntings of Williamsburg** – Candlelight walking tour

Revisit Colonial Williamsburg in a whole new way. Journey through the streets listening to eerie tales of Williamsburg’s only witch trial, Black Beard and his crew, the “Wagon of Death,” which can still be heard bringing prisoners to the gallows, and accounts – told centuries apart – of ghostly parties at Raleigh Tavern. Is that the wind whispering through the trees …or have you become a witness to the “Hauntings of Williamsburg”.

10:00pm Return time at hotel Lights out by 11:00 – Need Sleep - Everyone performs in the AM!

**Saturday – April 23**

TBA Deluxe continental buffet included at hotel

TBA PARTICIPATE IN MUSIC IN THE PARK AT BUSCH GARDENS

 Students will perform in their designated groups – Chorus, Band, and/or Orchestra

 Following adjudication and clinics – we will spend the day in Busch Gardens until park closes.

 Awards Ceremony is held in the evening at Busch Gardens.

 Barbeque Picnic Lunch (included)

 Meal Coupon or cash for dinner (included)

 Park closes return to hotel

11:00 – Curfew ( Be sure clothes are packed and ready to load in morning prior to going to sleep,)

**Sunday – April 24**

TBA Deluxe continental buffet included at hotel

TBA Check out of rooms. Load luggage on motor coach.

TBA Depart for home – Will stop for lunch – each participant will receive **$5** for this meal (Goal is to arrive home by 5 pm and prepare for Monday’s school day) Absence on Monday because child has been on trip and “is tired” is not allowed.