



# Whitehall High School Marching Band Washington Tour 2012

Director: Matt Tanzos

**Friday; May 4, 2012**

- 8:00am Depart Whitehall, PA for Washington DC via motorcoach.  
Meals and rest stops at group's discretion.  
Once in Washington DC, a uniformed Group Travel Network Service Host will greet you.
- 2:00pm Arrive at **National Cathedral**. On the way we will enjoy a driving tour of **Embassy Row**. Embassy Row is home to more than 100 foreign ambassadors. The idea for a national cathedral is as old as Washington itself. In 1791, when Congress selected the site to be the capital of the United States, President George Washington commissioned Major Pierre l'Enfant to design an overall plan for the future seat of government. Included in l'Enfant's plan was a church, "intended for national purposes, such as public prayer, thanksgiving, funeral orations, etc., and assigned to the special use of no particular Sect or denomination, but equally open to all."
- 3:30pm Set up at Upper Senate Park.
- 4:00pm **Performance Opportunity** (based on permit approval from Capitol Police).
- 4:30pm Finish performance.
- 5:00pm Depart for dinner on your own at the **Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center**.
- TBA Depart for the \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel  
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- Check in, unpack and freshen up.

## **OPTION:**

- TBA Load busses and depart for the **US Capitol**. *This tour must be arranged through your states congressional offices, either by a Senator or a Representative.*

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### Saturday, May 5, 2012

- 8:00am Complete Buffet **Breakfast**.
- 8:30am Load busses and depart for **Mount Vernon**. Mount Vernon was the beloved home of George and Martha Washington from the time of their marriage in 1759 until General Washington's death in 1799. He worked tirelessly to expand his plantation from 2,000 acres to 8,000 and the mansion house from six rooms to twenty one.
- Lunch on your own.
- 12:30pm Load Buses and depart for **The International Spy Museum** is the only public museum in the world solely dedicated to the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage. Exhibits feature the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display – **OR – The Newseum** - the world's most interactive museum, where five centuries of news history meets up-to-the-second technology on America's Main Street. The Newseum's 14 major galleries and 15 theaters will immerse you in the world's greatest news stories – the people, the places and the times.
- Enjoy the East side of the National Mall including: **National Museum of American History, National Museum of Natural History, National Gallery of Art, National Air & Space Museum, National Archives** and the **Smithsonian Castle**.
- Dinner on your own.
- 7:00pm Load busses and depart for an **illuminated night tour** of DC's most famous Monuments and Memorials including the Washington Monument, Jefferson memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial and more.
- Return to your hotel.

### Sunday, May 6, 2012

- 7:30am Complete Buffet **Breakfast**.
- Pack and check-out.
- 9:00am Depart for **Arlington National Cemetery**. A 500-acre site containing the graves of President John F. Kennedy, his wife Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and his brother Robert, as well as the Tomb of the Unknown, Changing of the Guard, Arlington House and the Women in the Military Memorial.
- 12:00pm Depart for the National Mall, spend the afternoon visiting monuments on the West side of the Mall including: **Washington Monument, White House, World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Veteran's Memorial** and the **Lincoln Memorial**.
- Lunch on your own.
- 4:00pm Depart for home with memories to last a lifetime!