

Information Sheet

2019 SPA FIELD TRIP

Museums of Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia

JUNE 13-16, 2019

Bus:

We will be using a motor coach again this year and are making arrangements with LENZNER COACHLINES, COACH USA as we did last year. If you are from Western Pennsylvania and would find it convenient, you can meet the bus in California, PA on Thursday afternoon June 13, at 1230 PM, and leave your car there. Departure time from California is 1:00 pm. Please contact John Nass, nass81@atlanticbb.net for more details about this option for your car.

Otherwise, you will be boarding the bus in Hagerstown early Friday morning. Those driving from eastern Pennsylvania or other areas in the mid-Atlantic region will meet gather at the hotel Thursday afternoon no later than 4:00 pm.

Accommodations:

Participants need to make their own room reservations at the hotels where the bus will be stopping. Please make room reservations as follows:

Thursday, June 13: Unless you live in the immediate vicinity of Hagerstown, MD you will need to book a room for the night before our trip starts because we will be leaving very early Friday morning. Arrangements have been made at the Sleep Inn and Suites, 18216 Col Henry K. Douglas Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740 (301) 766-9449, <https://www.choicehotels.com/maryland/hagerstown/sleep-inn-hotels/md133?source=gyxt> . Double rooms rates for the SPA group including taxes are \$92.96. Breakfast is included. We expect to be able to arrange for participants to leave their cars here during our trip unless you are coming with the bus from California, PA. **Please reserve no later than May 13th.**

We will as a group leave for dinner at 5:30 pm. Within a five minute drive is a Cracker-barrel restaurant, a Fratelli Pizzeria and Grill, and a Longhorn Steakhouse. After dinner, there will be an orientation about the itinerary and the different museums, etc. After the orientation, there will be refreshments.

Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15: The other two nights we will be staying in the same hotel in Frederick, MD. Please book a room at the Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, 5579 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD 21703, (301) 695-2881 https://www.countryinns.com/frederick-hotel-md-21703/usafmd?s_cid=os.amer-us-cis-USAFRMD-gmb . **Please reserve your room no later than May 14th.**

If you would like to share a room and would like us to match you with another participant, contact Sarah Neusius (sraahneusius@gmail.com or 724 388-0459 by **May 10**.

Itinerary:

The itinerary for our trip is still being finalized but the overall plan is as follows. Some changes concerning departure and arrival times probably will be made as we work with staff at the museums and with the bus company to finalize trip plans.

1. Our trip begins **Thursday night June 13 at 8:00 PM** when we gather for an orientation and get-acquainted gathering at the Sleep Inn in Hagerstown, where we will be spending the night.

2. On our first day, **Friday, June 14** we will need to be up early and on our way by 7:00 AM. We will drive to the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum in Saint Leonard, MD, where we are scheduled for a 10 AM tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab. This state of the art facility houses major archaeological collections from Maryland, and it will be the main focus of this stop, although we will have approximately one additional hour to get acquainted with the Visitor Center or the Indian Village as well as eat our box lunches.

In the afternoon we will be touring the Cultural Resource Center of the National Museum of the American Indian in Suitland, MD. This facility houses the extensive Native American object collections of the Smithsonian. Our group will have a tour of their Conservation lab as well as of the collections. Next door to this facility is the Museum Support Center where the Anthropology Collections of the National Museum of Natural History are housed. After we finish with the CRC we will head over there for a tour of their facility. We are still working out what exactly we will see but one probability is the clean aDNA lab where ancient DNA is extracted.

We will then travel to the Country Inn and Suites in Frederick to register, get dinner and have time to socialize and relax.

3. On our second day, June 15, we will need to be on our way by 8:30 am. We will drive to the NMNH where we will meet Dr. Douglas Owsley at 10:00 am for a tour of the Physical Anthropology Lab. We will have two hours with Dr. Owsley. We will have a box lunch at the museum and Dr. Owsley will join us.

After lunch we will travel to Alexandria, Virginia, to visit the Alexandria Public Archaeology Museum for a lecture and tour of the ship conservation area and a walking tour of the historic neighborhood.

For dinner, we will be eating at the nearby historic Gadsby's Restaurant in Alexandria. After dinner we will return to the Country Inn and Suites.

4. On Sunday morning, June 16, we need to checkout of the hotel and be on our way by 9:00 am. We will be heading back to D.C. to visit the National Museum of the American Indian and There is no formal tour at the NMAI so there will be plenty of time for a self-guided exploration. Everyone will have a food voucher for lunch at the museum's Mitsitam cafe. After lunch we depart for Hagerstown and then continue onto California.

If you have further questions:

Please contact either Sarah Neusius at sraahneusius@gmail.com or John Nass at nass@calu.edu