

American Shakespeare Center Field Trip Agenda

Honors Shakespeare, Jennifer Bennett, Instructor

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

- 2:20 PM Load cars in stadium lot
- 2:45 PM Depart from SHS; drive to Staunton, VA (approx. 4 ½ hours); students should have snacks for trip—late dinner in Staunton
- 7:30 PM Check in at Stonewall Jackson hotel in historic Staunton
- 8:00 PM Late dinner together at local restaurant, The Baja Bean Company
- 9:30 PM Walk through town back to hotel; unpack, shower, etc.
- 11:00 PM Lights out!

Thursday, March 2, 2017

- 8:00 AM Breakfast with chaperones in hotel
- 9:00 AM Shakespeare class time :0)
- 10:00 AM Head to Blackfriars Playhouse
- 10:30 PM Matinee performance of *The Merchant of Venice*
- 1:00 – 3:30 PM Light lunch and free time in historic Staunton (chaperoned small groups)
- 4:00 PM Dinner at Shenandoah Pizza (group buffet)
- 5:30 PM Attend “Inside Plays” pre-performance lecture on *Shakespeare’s Sister* by ASC co-founder and distinguished professor, Dr. Ralph Alan Cohen (Blackfriars)
- 7:30 PM Attend *Shakespeare’s Sister* performance (Blackfriars)
- 10:00 PM Participate in “Talkback” post-performance Q & A session (Blackfriars)
- 10:40 PM Back to hotel
- 11:30 PM Lights out

Friday, March 3, 2017

- 8:30 AM Eat breakfast at hotel and pack up
- 9:30 AM Check out, load cars, and depart
- 11:30-ish AM Lunch on road
- 3:00/3:30 PM Arrive back at Sanderson HS for parent pick-up

Venue Contact Information

Stonewall Jackson Hotel

24 South Market Street
Staunton, Virginia 24401
(540) 885-4848

The Blackfriars Playhouse

10 South Market Street
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 851-1733 or (877) 682-4236

Amer. Shakespeare Ctr.

20 S. New Street, 4th fl.
Staunton, VA 24401
Phone (540) 885-5588
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More Information

Departure and Arrival Details

- On Wednesday morning, bring your bags to my room (220) by 7:00 AM where we will load them on carts and keep in the office.
- Drivers:
 - I will meet you in the stadium parking lot near the auditorium entrance at 2:20 with the carts so we can start loading them in cars. Please park along the sidewalk closest to the fenced-in activity bus/band truck area. You'll need to stay out of the way of the buses, and you'll want to be there by 2:00 to avoid the teenage traffic.
 - I will have maps and directions for you. We travel as a convoy.
 - Please be gassed up and ready to go—we won't have much time to stop along the way.
 - *And thank you, again, for the generous gifts of your time and money to make this trip possible for all of us!*
- We will leave Staunton on Friday at 10:00 AM and will return to school by 2:30/3:00 PM. Please be prompt in picking up your student.

Packing

- Check the [weather forecast for Staunton, VA](#) (ZIP code 24401) before packing. (UPDATE) Wed. **73/39** | Thurs. **48/30** | Fri. **41/21** **Pack for the weather!**
- School dress code applies while we are on this trip. Represent us well!
- Bring nice/business casual clothes to wear to the theatre. No jeans, t-shirts, etc.
- In between the performances, we'll be doing a good bit of walking between the playhouse and restaurants, historic sites, and shops, so 5" heels are not recommended.

Meals and Snacks

- Bag a snack for Wednesday that will tide you over until we eat a late dinner (8:00 PM) in Staunton.
- You will be responsible for your meals on the road (two lunches and two dinners); \$50-60 should be plenty.
- Baja Bean Co. has a specific menu for large groups (in your driver/chaperone's folder).
- Shenandoah Pizza will have a buffet prepared for all of us.
- **No shellfish** on this trip!
- Feel free to bring your own snacks and water bottles.
- If any parents wish to donate water and snacks for the trip, we'll gladly accept them!

Please contact me with any questions either by email: jbennett@wcpss.net or by phone (919) 426-4646.

Looking forward to a wonderful trip!

Jennifer Bennett