



TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS TO VISIT FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL THANKS TO PIRATES CHARITIES GRANT

SOMERSET, PA. – School districts from Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Westmoreland County and Somerset County are encouraged to apply for transportation funding to visit Flight 93 National Memorial thanks to a generous education grant from Pirates Charities.

The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, the official nonprofit partner of Flight 93 National Memorial, received \$25,000 from Pirates Charities to support expanded educational programming at the memorial.

The curriculum-based programming launched last fall with two pilot programs based around the National Park Foundation's Every Kid in a Park initiative, which focused on fourth graders. Now in its second year, the current program implementation includes lesson plans geared towards fourth and fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade and grade levels nine through twelve, respectively.

The educational programs at Flight 93 National Memorial focus on the themes of action, honor and teamwork. Each program can be altered depending on time available. The on-site educational component includes an orientation and facilitated dialogue in the memorial's Learning Center where students are assigned a passenger or crew member to connect with. The class is then guided through the Visitor Center where the students are given the opportunity to learn about their assigned passenger or crew member, while learning about the story of Flight 93 and the actions of the forty passengers and crew members. To conclude the program, students walk along the 1.7-mile Allée down to the Memorial Plaza and Wall of Names to be immersed in the memorial landscape and themes of Flight 93, while taking part in recreational activities to promote healthy lifestyles and sustainability.

These programs utilize multimedia, exhibits, oral presentations and the memorial landscape to deliver a unique learning opportunity. The overall objective of these programs is to expose students to the various passengers and crew members of Flight 93: who they were, their names, what made them unique, and how do we remember them today at the memorial. There will also be special emphasis on the story of Flight 93, and the actions actions of the passengers and crew members.

The Flight 93 National Memorial Learning Center is a classroom where teachers, students, park rangers and volunteers identify and explore the story of Flight 93 and September 11, 2001. Upon arrival to the park teachers will bring their students to the Learning Center where they will review tribute items, watch a video, and be given a photographs/worksheets as part of an orientation of what will happen within the next two or four hours of their visit. Program lengths

are adjustable depending on visitation time.

To apply for funding, please complete the transportation funding application. Completed applications may be sent to: Flight 93 National Memorial, PO Box 911, Shanksville, PA 15560. Applications can also be emailed to Education Program Specialist Gregory Zaborowski at greg_zaborowski@nps.gov with the subject line "Friends Transportation Funding Request."

ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Established in 2009, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is the official non-profit supporting partner of Flight 93 National Memorial. The Friends focus on awareness, education, volunteer support, preservation and stewardship. The Friends of Flight 93 is a registered 501 (c)3 organization, donations to which are tax deductible. The Friends of Flight 93 membership includes family and friends of the passengers and crew of Flight 93, people nationwide who have been inspired by these acts of courage, and many residents of Western Pennsylvania who want to be part of the Friends' mission in a hands-on way. To learn more about the Friends, make a donation to support the memorial, or become a member visit www.Flight93Friends.org.

ABOUT FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

On September 24, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Flight 93 National Memorial Act. The Act created a new national park unit to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our nation's capital. The memorial is near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where Flight 93 crashed with the loss of its forty passengers and crew. For more information on Flight 93 National Memorial visit www.nps.gov/flni.

ABOUT PIRATES CHARITIES

Pirates Charities, the philanthropic arm of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to strengthening the community by supporting organizations and programs aimed at improving the lives of children and adults in the Greater Pittsburgh region. Pirates Charities places a special emphasis on supporting youth programs focused on health, fitness and education by developing partnerships with those who share in our mission. In addition to helping youth, Pirates Charities provides assistance to military families and veteran and offers support to those in our community who are fighting cancer. To learn more about Pirates positive impact in the community, visit pirates.com/community.

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