

# Arab American National Museum Field Trip

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Arab American National Museum (AANM) is the first and only museum in the United States devoted to Arab American history and culture. Arab Americans have enriched the economic, political, and cultural landscape of American life. By bringing the voices and faces of Arab Americans to mainstream audiences, we continue our commitment to dispel misconceptions about Arab Americans and other minorities. The Museum brings to light the shared experiences of immigrants and ethnic groups, paying tribute to the diversity of our nation. The Arab American National Museum documents, preserves and presents the history, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans. I enjoy this field trip a great deal and work with the Arab American Museum and Michigan Department of Education in developing curriculum devoted to the understanding and teaching of Arab American history in classrooms in Michigan.

My World History classes have the wonderful opportunity to visit the Arab American National Museum on **Wednesday, May 29, 2019** and will leave the school at 9:45 a.m. and we will return before the school day is over at approximately 2:15 p.m. This field trip will be an excellent addition to our study of Arab history in our World History class. Each year my students enjoy this fun learning experience.

Our trip will begin with a tour of the museum then there will be a Debka demonstration/lesson (this is a Middle Eastern dance), and finally we end our experience by visiting Shatila Bakery, a well-known bakery, that specializes in Middle Eastern and French inspired sweets! The students will need to bring a lunch and we will eat our lunch at the museum. If students would like to purchase bakery sweets and/or items from the museum shop, they will need to bring additional money.

Students not attending the field trip will be required to attend all their classes and complete an assignment, for our class, in connection to the Arab American National Museum on the day we attend the field trip. I need chaperones as well, so if you are interested in being a chaperone, please complete a chaperone agreement form (you can find it online on the school's website) and promptly return the form to me. **I need the permission slip and payment returned by Tuesday, May 28, 2019.** Thank you and I look forward to attending this fun field trip with my wonderful World History students!

Sincerely,  
Michelle Cureton, World History Teacher

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\*Please return this portion only\*

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the field trip

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ will NOT attend the field trip

*\*They will be responsible for an alternative assignment in connection to the Arab American National Museum\**

**\*If you are interested in being a chaperone please complete the agreement form and return as soon as possible\***

Parent Signature:

Student's Name:

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