

# Application - The Trojan Experience



The Trojan Experience is an innovative high school transition program focused on building *connectivity, comfort, and community*. For more information, please visit [www.TrojanExperience.com](http://www.TrojanExperience.com). Students who are registered to attend Gaithersburg High School as a first-time 9th-grade student during the 2019-20 school year are eligible to apply to The Trojan Experience. Please print clearly and use blue or black ink. Space is limited - a completed application does not guarantee acceptance. Submit completed applications to the Main Office at FOMS, GMS, or GHS or email to [christopher\\_w\\_edmiston@mcpsmd.org](mailto:christopher_w_edmiston@mcpsmd.org) by **5/15/19**.

**INFORMATION**

**Student:** First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

MCPS Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (Adult Small through XXL) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Language (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list if the student listed above has any allergies, dietary restrictions, medical conditions, or medications. Students must self-administer all personal medication.

Does your child require accommodations/modifications? If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian #1:** First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Language \_\_\_\_\_






**Parent/Guardian #2:** First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Language \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCES**

The chart below provides a brief description of some of the experiences that are planned for this summer and a QR code to view the video from last year's experience. In the event that any field trip must be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the field trip will be rescheduled for later in the week or the beginning of the school year. Any change to the itinerary will be communicated to parents/guardians and posted at the top of [www.TrojanExperience.com](http://www.TrojanExperience.com)

<p><b>High Adventure</b></p>	<p><b>The Adventure Park at Sandy Spring - 16701 Norwood Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860</b> Participants will have the opportunity to engage in team-building exercises during the high-adventure field trip. Previous trips have provided an opportunity for participants to show themselves that they are able to conquer fears and create meaningful relationships with their new classmates and teachers. Scan the QR code with your smartphone to see more.</p>	
<p><b>Hands-On Science</b></p>	<p>Participants will have the opportunity to experience their first scientific experiment in a GHS science lab, led by GHS science teachers! Previous experiments have included extracting DNA from a strawberry, exploring the properties of static electricity with a Van de Graff generator, and more. Scan the QR code with your smartphone to see more.</p>	
<p><b>Trampoline Park</b></p>	<p><b>ZavaZone Rockville - 40 Southlawn Ct, Rockville, MD 20850</b> Participants will have the opportunity to engage in team-building exercises during the trampoline park field trip. Previous trips have provided an opportunity for participants to overcome obstacles and widen their circle of trust to include new classmates and teachers. Scan the QR code with your smartphone to see more.</p>	
<p><b>Sources of Strength</b></p>	<p>Participants will have the opportunity to explore the eight sources of strength (SOS) that become a theme for their first year. Previous participants have credited the SOS model for positioning them to become peer-leaders at GHS. All SOS group meetings will be led by our professional facilitator (<a href="http://sourcesofstrength.org">sourcesofstrength.org</a>). Scan the QR code with your smartphone to see more.</p>	
<p><b>Mindfulness Practice</b></p>	<p>Participants will be offered an introduction/refresher for Mindfulness Practices. All sessions will be led by our professional Mindfulness Coach. "Mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us" (<a href="http://mindful.org">mindful.org</a>). Scan the QR code with your smartphone to see more.</p>	

**REMIND.COM**

The Trojan Experience team utilizes **Remind.com** to include *every family* in student learning. Remind.com enables The Trojan Experience team to participate in regular, two-way communication and build stronger relationships with parents, guardians, and students. All communication will be sent from one sender (The Trojan Experience Site Coordinator) to avoid receiving similar messages from multiple senders. All communication will be relevant to your student. Personal information is secured by privacy policies certified by iKeepSafe.

\_\_\_\_\_ Opt- In      \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to not receive communication that is relevant to my student via Remind.com

Note - No further action is needed at this time. Parents/Guardians of registered Trojan Experience participants will be added to The Trojan Experience group. At that time, Remind.com will send easy-to-follow instructions for joining the group. Parents, guardians, and/or students may choose to opt-out at any time.

**WAIVERS**

Please review the waivers below relating to medical emergencies, transportation, field trips, and surveys. Please initial each row to confirm that you have read and understood each waiver. Please direct any questions/concerns to The Trojan Experience Site Coordinator at christopher\_w\_edmiston@mcpsmd.org

<b>Medical Emergencies</b>	In the event of an emergency requiring immediate medical attention, I understand and agree that the student listed on this application will be taken to the nearest hospital. I waive my rights of informed consent to such treatment and understand that I will be contacted as soon as possible.	<b>Initial:</b>
<b>Morning and Afternoon Transportation</b>	The Trojan Experience offers morning and afternoon transportation for students with pick-up/drop-off locations at Forest Oak Middle School and Gaithersburg Middle School. The student listed above may ride the Identity, Inc. or MCPS approved bus to and/or from GHS. (schedule forthcoming)	<b>Initial:</b>
<b>Field Trips</b>	Field Trips planned during the week may include, but are not limited to, the following: The Adventure Park at Sandy Spring, SkyZone, ZavaZone, The Water Park at Bohrer Park, and/or Germantown Indoor Swim Center. I give permission for the student listed above to attend all Trojan Experience field trips under the care of Identity, Inc.	<b>Initial:</b>
<b>Field Trip Transportation</b>	I give permission for the student listed above to participate in field trips using the Identity, Inc., MCPS approved, and/or City of Gaithersburg (Student Union) buses.	<b>Initial:</b>
<b>Surveys</b>	The Trojan Experience participants complete a survey at the beginning and conclusion of the experience to provide insight and feedback. A copy of the survey will be provided to parents/guardians upon request. I give permission for the student listed on this application to participate in The Trojan Experience surveys.	<b>Initial:</b>

**WEEK PREFERENCE**

Students who are registered for The Trojan Experience will participate in a one week (five day) session from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM each day. Please rank your order of preference, based on the student listed on this application's ability to attend all five days of The Trojan Experience. Rank the order of preference 1 through 4, with #1 being your first preference and #4 being your last. If the student listed above is not available during any part of one of the weeks, please do not rank that week.

\_\_\_\_\_ July 8th through July 12th      \_\_\_\_\_ July 15th through July 19th      \_\_\_\_\_ July 22nd through July 26th      \_\_\_\_\_ July 29th through August 2nd

**SIGNATURE**

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that a student's participation in The Trojan Experience is a privilege and is strictly voluntary. I acknowledge that The Trojan Experience abides by the MCPS Student Rights and Responsibilities and requires participants to adhere to the MCPS Student Code of Conduct. I understand that The Trojan Experience team reserves the right to dismiss any participant from The Trojan Experience at any time, with just cause. I understand that absence during The Trojan Experience summer program may result in the participant being dismissed from The Trojan Experience. I have read, understand, and initialed the waivers above relating to medical emergencies, transportation, field trips, and surveys and acknowledge that all participants of The Trojan Experience and their parents/guardians shall be deemed to have waived all claims against Identity Inc., Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery County Public Schools staff, Gaithersburg High School, and Trojan Experience volunteers/staff for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of participation.

**Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit completed applications to the Main Office at FOMS, GMS, or GHS or email to christopher\_w\_edmiston@mcpsmd.org by **5/15/19**.

Acceptance and waitlist notifications will be sent to the email addresses provided during the week of **6/3/19**.