

# ANNOUNCING

## Heritage Academy's Jr.High Northern Arizona Tour

### April 24 & 25 2019

#### Come and See

Grand Canyon (Arizona's Wonder of the World)  
BEARIZONA (See Raptors and the Birds of Prey Show)  
Walnut Canyon  
Flagstaff  
Sedona (Red Rock country)  
Pink Jeep Tour (More fun than you can imagine)

All meals are included in the cost! Spending money is on you.

Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders who pay their deposit by December 20, 2018, and meet the qualifications. (See list of qualifications below.)

**Total Cost: \$340** (PARENTS: Use Tax Credit, see attached instructions)

**Option 1:** Student with GPA 4.0 AND ABOVE will pay **\$255.**

(GPA will be determined at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester)

**Option 2:** Student with GPA lower than 4.0 will pay the full cost of the tour.

<b>Payment schedule:</b>	<b><u>Option 1</u></b>	<b><u>Option 2</u></b>
Dec.20, 2018	\$85	\$85
Jan. 17, 2019	\$85	\$85
Feb. 14, 2019	\$85	\$85
March 7, 2019	\$0	\$85

#### **Qualifications:**

1. 2.5 or higher GPA and passing ALL classes.(GPA will be determined following 1<sup>st</sup> semester)
2. Discipline referrals to administration may prevent eligibility.
3. Will commit to following ALL instructions and expectations of the school and chaperones. Will honor room arrangements, curfew, and safety guidelines.
4. Will commit to honoring Heritage Academy's dress and behavior standards.  
(If commitment is broken, parents will be asked to come and pick up child immediately from tour.)
5. Teacher recommendation- you will receive an email if your eligibility is questionable.
6. Failure to attend the tour due to grades, behavior problems, or for personal reasons will not necessitate a refund. There is a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Full refunds (minus the non-refundable deposit) will be given before January 17, 2019. Partial refunds will be given until March 7, 2019. After March 7, 2019 there will be NO REFUNDS.

**Important Note:** Per State Law, refunds of ECA (tax credit) money can only be made as a credit to the student's Heritage account, and will not be directly refunded to the donor.

## **ARIZONA SCHOOL TAX CREDIT**

***Taxpayers filing in Arizona have the unique opportunity to redirect a portion of state tax dollars they already pay, to public education.*** The credit allows an Arizona taxpayer to contribute \$200 per individual tax return or \$400 per joint tax return to a school's extra-curricular program.

### **Commonly Asked Questions**

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#### **What is the difference between a tax credit and a tax deduction?**

A tax deduction helps determine how much taxes you owe to the state. A tax credit reduces the amount you owe to the state. By making a donation to an Arizona Public School, you can reduce the amount you owe to the state, dollar for dollar, until your liability is zero. This allows you to donate to support Arizona schools at no cost to you.

#### **Who can make a contribution?**

We can accept contributions only from individuals. We cannot accept contributions from businesses or corporations.

#### **Do I have to have children enrolled in school?**

No - Any Arizona individual paying state income tax can make a tax credit contribution to be used towards extra-curricular fees. (This means you can ask your aunts/uncles, grandparents, family friends, and neighbors to donate in your name.)

#### **Do I have to live within the District?**

No - Any individual who pays Arizona State income tax can contribute.

#### **Is a charter school considered to be a public school or a private school?**

A charter school is defined in A.R.S. Section 15-101 as a public school. Therefore, Heritage Academy is eligible for the credit for contributions.

#### **Do I have to donate the full \$200 or \$400?**

No – But remember, you can take this credit on any tax liability for state income taxes up to \$200 on an individual tax return or \$400 on a joint return. You may donate up to your \$200 or \$400 limit in installments during the calendar year or donate it at one time.

#### **How does this work on my tax return?**

This is a CREDIT on your income taxes, which means you get every dollar back on your state return, whether you owe money to the state or the state owes you! As an example, let's say you made a \$300 tax credit contribution. When you file your state taxes, you will note the credit with a 322 form. (Downloadable from the State.) If your State tax return calculates to a \$500 refund, applying the credit will increase your refund to \$800. If your State tax return calculates to a \$400 liability (you owe) then applying the credit will reduce your liability to \$100. However, you cannot receive a refund greater than your State income tax assessment for the tax year.

#### **Can this tax credit also be used as a donation on my federal income taxes?**

Yes, the tax credit is considered a donation to a non-profit organization and may be eligible for a deduction on your federal income taxes.

*\*Please contact a qualified tax advisor for advice on your personal tax situation.*