

## Your kid asked us to pass this note to you.

Dear Parents:

There's only a few weeks left before I return to school. Sure, I could spend the rest of summer texting friends and hanging out poolside. But, um, I'd rather spend some quality time with you, bonding over something educational. I know if I said that outright, you'd spit your coffee clear across the room. So I enlisted my [Facebook friends](#) in [Fairfax County, VA](#) to help me out. Here's what they suggest:

- [George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Museum & Gardens](#). Apparently the guy who lived here went all Superhero on the British and had ivory teeth. This [planning tool](#) will ensure we see the best stuff.
- [Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center](#). They have a bunch of cool planes here, the Space Shuttle Discovery, IMAX movies and simulator rides, too.
- [Wolf Trap](#). This is the country's only National Park for the Performing Arts. So no wolves are really trapped here. Maybe we could [see a show](#)?
- [Frying Pan Farm Park](#). I've always wondered what food looked like before it got to the grocery store. This place shows how farms and farm animals work.
- [Great Falls National Park](#). Apparently there is a massive waterfall here. You can climb on rocks, and run through the woods on trails...this might entice me to get to bed early after we visit!

Fairfax County is right outside of Washington, DC, so maybe we can see some [monuments and museums](#), too. Plus there are tons of other [attractions](#) and [activities](#) to enjoy. And my friend's mom said the [hotels](#) and [restaurants](#) were a really good value. So what do you say? Can we [make plans](#) to go? PLEEEAAAASE?

Sincerely,  
Your Loving Child