

# A HISTORIC TRIP to the WINDY CITY

## ABOUT THE GROUP LEADER

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### *Bringing the classroom to life:*

"Our students write a reflection before and after the trip, and our social studies students do independent research projects about the city."

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### *Tradition for Students*

Our school has been traveling to Chicago with Brightspark for about 10 years. The younger students get excited for 8<sup>th</sup> grade because they see the trip as a culmination of their middle school experience. Around 95% of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders join us every year.



### *Ease for Group Leaders*

Every year, we try new things that Brightspark offers, so the trip stays fresh and exciting for us as group leaders and chaperones. Brightspark does a great job of making the trip as painless as possible for us. The customer service for school staff, as well as our families, is top notch!



### *Memorable Connections*

The bonds the students form are the highlight of the trip. I always enjoy getting to know the students outside of the classroom since it is important for them to see the teachers in a new light and for us to see them in a different setting. Our days on the trip seem to fly by!

