WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT Warren, Pennsylvania REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP

Requested by (Contact Person):	Kathy Ne	al	School: El	MISHS/SAMSHS
(One Contact Person only) Home Phone Number:	First and Last Name - 814-723-1	529		1
Grade Level/Group/Club/Planned	Instruction:G	trades 9-1	2	
Field Trip to:				
<u>Paris</u>			Fra	MCE
City	Stat	-	Country	
Dates(s) of Field Trip: July	10-1/		Overn	ught: [4] [0
Departure Time: July 10		m Time: July	120	
Teacher(s)/Adult Sponsor(s):	ź			
Number of Chaperones: TBA		lumber of Studer	its: <u>TBA</u>	(7-12)
Will there be handicapped student transportation or accommodations	ts or adults particip ? Yes No	pating in the field	trip who requ	nire special
A parental consent form must be Give a detailed explanation on the	back of the form		l benefit of th	ne trip,
including the PA Academic Stand			i e	7 / 7 S
Total Cost of Trip: 34,480 – i	ncludes trans	portation, 190	tcl, dimeal	spacy t+t
Total student/parent expenses, incl	uding "pocket mo	ney": \$ <i>5340 (</i>	MSS ports Je	Elles picket
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Substitute teacher expenses:	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$ <u>72,00</u>	**************************************
Transportation costs paid by WCS	D:		· \$ 0,00	_ · · · · ·
Subtotal of student/parent cost:			3899	\$27,000
Subtotal of WCSD cost:	•			\$ <u>0.00</u>
TOTAL:				\$ 26 /60
Form WCSD-42A attached if t	his is a club, athle	tic, international,	or overnight	trip

Form WCSD-42 Revised 10/5/05 ln

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Educational Benefits (Include PA Academic Standards addressed.)

PA (proposed) Academic Standards	for World Languages:
12.1.1 Communication	
A & B - expansion of was	subulary
C- comprehension of wr	itien sentences and para- graphs
12.3. Culture	
A - Products and costoms	of target language
8- Experiencing cultural ,	latterns in various settinas
C- Desembing difference	in cultures
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8- Interpreting questions	and answers on a hattoral level
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Approvals	
Principal: Kelly Martin	Signature
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Supvr of Athletics/Co-Curricular Activities:	Signature
Assistant Superintendent:	j na rijeta o
(international and/or overnight)	Signature

Initials

Assistant Superintendent:

Acknowledgement

Addendum to WCSD Field Trip Form and Response to Form WCSD-42A

1. The attached sheet from Explorica should provide all the information needed to complete the requirements of Form 42-A.

2. Method of transportation will be a commercial flight from Buffalo, NY to Paris, France on July 10, 2006. Return will be from Paris to Buffalo on July 17, 2006.

3. The address and phone number of the hotel lodging in Paris is also included. It is:

Hotel Campanile Paris (Porte d'Italie) phone # will be provided.

- 4. The contact person at Explorica is Ms. Sonia Tailor. Phone #1,888.310.7120 ext.240.
- 5. The departure date is July 10, return date is July 17, 2006.
- 6. The number of chaperones will be determined by the number of students who enlist to go on the trip. All this is done on-line on our own exclusive web site set up by Explorica. All chaperones will be either employees of the district or the IU.
- 7. No school days will be missed due to the summertime departure date. The proposed PA Standards for World Languages, as outlined on the first page of the application, will be met with everything that the group does. Also, parents will be kept abreast of every detail of the trip by going to the web site where photos taken by the tour director in Paris will be posted every day for their perusal.

Also included in the final price of \$2,040 is a Comprehension PLUS Travel Protection which is optional, yet recommended for purchase at a cost of \$112 (\$14/day). This ensures a complete refund less \$95 if a student has to cancel at the last minute after all fees have been paid.

Other expenses which will be up to the student include:

Passport fees Lunches while in Paris Drinks at all meals Souvenirs, etc.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Neal

EXPLORICA: WHAT'S INCLUDED



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included in your tour

TOUR FEE INCLUDES

- > Round-trip transportation
- > Accommodations in triples' with private bathrooms in tourist, superior-tourist.
- > Breakfast and dinner daily (unless otherwise noted)
- > Full-time services of a professional Tour Director
- > Guided sightseeing tours and city walks
- > Airport transfers and transportation between cities and scheduled activities
- > Visits to listed attractions and theater tickets per program description
- > 24-hour emergency service

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

- > Waived Membership Fee for life
- > Access to your group's online Tour Diary photos and journal entries
- > Special travel offerings for up to five years after your enrollment date

*Does not apply to tours to North America

optional offerings

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

Our Comprehensive Travel Protection provides medical, baggage, and trip interruption coverage. Bur Comprehensive PLUS plan, administered by Explorica, adds a cash-back cancellation policy.

STAY AHEAD/STAY BEHIND

All good things must come to an end, but why hurry? Extend your journey by planning extra travel time before or after the scheduled tour. Explorica will be happy to arrange a new flight itinerary for you to spend more time exploring.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit French châteaux or romp with Australian wildlife. Explorica offers optional activities, including excursions, performances, and events, within each program for an extra fee.

> PP In March I had a chance to go to Europe with your company. I have to say it was the best trip of my life. I got to go with my best friends and the best people. I thank you Explorica for putting together such a great package for people to enjoy. Thank you once again for a ance in a lifetime experience. I won't ever forget it.

BETTY HALLEY, CANOTILLO HIGH SCHOOL

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September 15, 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

We understand that many school officials have expressed concern about allowing their students to travel abroad. We want to assure you that the safety of the tour participants is Explorica's number-one priority and that we have policies and procedures in place to protect the school, school district, teachers, and participants involved with this tour.

Explorica has a \$5 million liability policy with AIG/Lexington Insurance Company that protects 3rd parties and tour participants (students, teachers, chaperones) for injuries and damages resulting from Explorica's negligence. We know that school officials should not have to assume responsibility for the safety of their students while abroad, and with Explorica, they don't. Explorica has taken all precautions to best protect the students and other tour participants. For additional information on our liability insurance, or to receive evidence of our insurance coverage, please contact our insurance broker, Judy Doble of Wells Fargo Acordia, at 617,204.2517.

Explorica enters into individual contracts with each tour participant and his or her parents. As soon as a participant signs this contract, we immediately begin planning the trip to ensure that students get the best tour possible. We buy airline tickets, make hotel deposits, and arrange all the other elements of the trip so that the tour is not coordinated hastily at the last minute. During this extended planning process, we incur costs that we cannot recoup. These costs are why we must charge cancellation fees when participants withdraw, even if a school board, which is not in any way financially liable for the tour, cancels the trip.

We of course share your concern for the students' safety and peace of mind. Our optional Comprehensive and Comprehensive PLUS Travel Protection Plans provide medical, baggage, and cancellation insurance coverage for our travelers. We also have a network of support staff overseas as well as a 24-hour emergency service for groups and their families. We offer additional peace of mind for parents and friends of our travelers by providing an online "Tour Diary" that is updated with pictures and journal entries by the Tour Director throughout the trip. When deciding whether to run a tour, Explorica always follows the guidelines of the U.S. Department of State, which issues country-specific Travel Warnings when they "decide, based on all relevant information, to recommend that Americans avoid travel to a certain country." We feel that this government department is in the best position to make this judgment. There are currently no Travel Warnings issued for any Explorica destination, so we continue to proceed as planned with all our tours.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, we would be happy to speak with you at any time. Please call us at 1.888.310.7120.

Sincerely,

Dan Kellerd Explorica, Inc.

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From Buttalo

Paris, City of Light Monday, July 10, 2006 - Monday, July 17, 2006 (8 Days)

Earlwyn Tour Director: Covington

Hotel: Hotel Campanile Paris (Porte d'Italie) (7/11/2006 - 7/16/2006)

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Group Size

11 Travelers (Including yourself)

Chaperone Ratio

6 students per free chaperone

Premium Rewards Program Declined

Group Optionals

None

Fees

You estimated that you will have 11 total travelers in your group, including 1 free chaperone for every 6 full-paying participants. The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

\$95 Lifetime Membership Fee

\$1,575 Tour Fee

\$258 Airport fees, taxes, and airline fuel surcharges

5112 Comprehensive PLUS Travel Protection - Melides cancellation and heath. (Recommended)

protection

\$2,040 Total Fee *

Additional Adult Fees

The following additional fees apply only to full-paying participants 21 and older and are not included in the total price listed above.

\$95 Adult Supplement \$180 Twin Room Upgrade

\$275 Additional Adult Fee

Upgrade Fees

The following additional fees apply only if the participant elects to upgrade during the signup process.

\$180 Twin Room Upgrade (Students only) \$180 Single Room Upgrade (Adults only)

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Testimonials

"[My Program Consultant], my guardian angel, helped my group and me every step of the way. This is an incredible travel experience for students (and my parents who went along, too). [Our Tour Director] was an incredible leader in discovering the flavor and culture of the four countries we visited. Merci beaucoup!

B. Mace

French Teacher

"Explorica's website made organizing my trip so easy. The students were excited to watch the trip countdown, and the Tour Diary appealed to a number of parents of first-time travelers. Many others have expressed gratitude after noting such user-friendly navigation tools as the Useful Links, which I can tailor to suit my group, and the Tour Timeline, which helps me keep the group organized. The online registration process enabled me to keep track of everything and still devote my full attention to my classes."

E. Magarahan

French Teacher

"Parents and school administration were impressed with the daily communication they received via the website. The daily updates and photos were greatly appreciated and put everyone at ease."

L. Hamilton

Social Studies Teacher

"We had a wonderful time on our trip. The best part was that the parents at home could follow along by logging into the website to see daily pictures of all of the fun that we had?"

D. Leba

Spanish Teacher

"The Tour Diary is what sold me because it kept so many of our parents extremely happy. They loved seeing the kids doing things each day. It was a great way to keep in touch with my students and Explorica."

L. Uchaczyk

Social Studies Teacher

"I would like to say how grateful I am for the daily updates and pictures we are receiving from the group. Not only can we see our children enjoying this wonderful adventure, but it gives us peace of mind to see they are actually alright! Thank you for providing this great opportunity and for thinking of the parents!"

Susan Schulte

Parent

LARRY R. NEAL

From:

Gasser Family

Sent:

Thursday, October 27, 2005 10:48 PM

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To:

LARRY R. NEAL

Subject: Re:

Mrs.Neal:

I have gone to Europe with students for the past 10 years. I used CHA (Cultural Heritage Alliance) for the first 4 and Explorica for the last one (June 2005) and was most pleased with their cost, their dependability, their organization, and their service. I will use Explorica again when we head back to Europe in 2007. Our trip consisted of a ten journey to London, Paris, and Rome.

I would strongly urge you to consider Explorica for your future travel as they served myself and my students very well.

With regards

Robert J. Gasser

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the French trip proposal to France. I was the student who brought the idea to Mrs. Neal's attention after finding out that my own cousin was going on a trip to Germany with his school. I think that visiting another country would be a great experience that is a once in a life time opportunity.

If approved this trip will allow the students to experience first hand what is going on in other parts of the world. We will get to learn about the history, and experience the culture first hand. It will exceed anything we could ever be taught in a classroom.

I know that not many trips like these happen in our district, but I encourage you to really consider the possibility. I know of many school districts that allow club trips to other countries. I feel that by allowing these trips we are "keeping up" with these progressing districts and not being left behind in the dust. I believe that this will encourage more interest in our foreign language departments and open the door to create a more worldly student body.

Sincerely,

Oruga Kriebel

Tonya Kriebel

(Senior student of Eisenhower High School)

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