

TO: Members of the Vicksburg School Board

FROM: Troy Smith, High School Media Teacher

RE: Summer 2017 trip to LA

DATE: November 2, 2016

In order to expand our horizons of filmmaking, I am proposing a 4-day trip to Los Angeles after the school year has ended in June, 2017.

Trip Details

This trip will be a 4-day trip to Los Angeles that focuses on the film industry. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the students because they will have access to events and people that they would not normally have (see itinerary below).

I have been working with Education First Tours, the oldest and largest educational travel company. They guarantee the lowest price, have insurance for any tour problems, offer 24-hour tour guides and include everything except lunches and tips. For every ten students that go, they include one chaperone to go at no expense. We held an informational meeting on Oct. 19 to evaluate interest, and at least seven students have signed up to go on the trip. The trip is open to parents, students from other schools coming on the trip because they are a part of my Education for the Arts Film classes.

Itinerary

Day 1: Los Angeles

Arrive in Los Angeles

Enjoy free time in Venice Beach and Santa Monica

Day 2: Los Angeles

Take a guided tour of Los Angeles

Hollywood sign

Walk of Fame

Sunset Blvd

Rodeo Drive

Take the Dolby Theatre Tour

Visit Madame Tussauds Wax Museum

Visit the Griffith Observatory

Day 3: Los Angeles

Take the Warner Bros. VIP Studio Tour

Attend a professional makeup workshop

Participate in a NoHo Experience

Famous theaters, dance studios and tv studios in North Hollywood District

Behind-the-scenes interviews with producers, directors, actors, and more

Dinner and theater performance

Day 4: Los Angeles

Participate in an acting workshop

Depart for home

Rationale

Los Angeles is the film capital of the world, which is the ideal place for film students to visit and have behind-the-scenes experiences.

Cost and Payment

This trip normally would cost over \$8000, but the student cost is \$1709 excluding spending money, and lunches. We will be doing fundraising opportunities, and students will be directed to apply for grants. Payment plans are available. Additional adults will cost \$1959.

This is an amazing opportunity for the students to experience, and student interest has been strong. I ask the Board of Education to support this opportunity for Vicksburg students to travel and study in Los Angeles.

Thank you,

Troy Smith
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