

Denton Independent School District Request for Out of State Student Travel

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Denton High School Date of Request November 10, 2009
 School Organization Interact Club Activity Sponsor Scott Spaulding

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)** Chinandega, Nicaragua
 Description of Activities or Events We will assist with construction. We are working on building a clinic, and providing medical supplies that are needed.
 Dates of Travel March 13-March 20 Mode of Travel Airplane
 Number of Student Participants 3-6 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 1-2
 Educational Purposes and Value Denton High, being an International Baccalaureate school, tries to offer students chance for an internationally Educational Purposes and Value. Being an international minded school we try to give students the chance to get an internationally minded education.

** Attach copy of proposed itinerary

III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	\$200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	\$3,800-\$8,300
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Donations</u>	
Total Cost of Activity	\$4500-\$9000
Estimated Cost/Student	\$15,000

***Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)

Sonic cards
Donations
Clean-up-a thon
Donations of frequent flyer miles
Scrubs

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal	<u>Darrell Muncie</u> NAME	<u>[Signature]</u> SIGNATURE	<u>11-10-09</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
School Operations	<u>J.K. Wilson</u> NAME	<u>[Signature]</u> SIGNATURE	<u>11-11-09</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
Superintendent	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL
Board President	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL

*Reference Policy FMG (L)

The Denton High School Interact Club members are hoping to join Rotary on their trip to Nicaragua during Spring Break, March 13th-20th. Each journeying Rotary will travel to Nicaragua to assist the less fortunate by providing them with a new clinic and classroom, as well as distributing personal hygiene products and medical supplies. Most of the villagers in Nicaragua have to commute at least ten miles to reach the nearest clinic and school children commute a few miles to attend school. Therefore, adding new buildings during this trip would be extremely beneficial to the people of Nicaragua. While staying there, the DHS students would reside with a local Rotarian, who would act as an adult supervisor at all times. At least one sponsor from DHS would also be present.

It costs approximately \$1,200 per person to participate in this trip. The cost of food is \$140, the transportation, including vans and drivers is \$185, the hotel is \$225, and this airfare of the trip can range from \$500 to \$750. The DHS Interact members will be fundraising for the entire cost of the trip and will be sending two to six members. If they can raise enough money, they will send more members. The Interact Club is currently fundraising for the trip by selling Sonic cards and accepting donations through money jars. They will soon be selling scrubs to teachers and participating in a clean-up-a-thon in November. Also, Interact Club is hoping to receive approval for donation of frequent flyer miles. The cost of airfare to Nicaragua is very expensive and by receiving the frequent flyer mile donations, the Interact Club will be more able to send multiple members.

Denton High School, as a recently credited International Baccalaureate school, is teaching its students to be culturally minded. This trip allows the IB students to become more aware of the international aspects of the program. One to two of the International Baccalaureate students will be traveling with the Interact Club to Nicaragua this Spring Break.

This trip will benefit Interact club by allowing them to see what life is like in rural, poor environments and why those places need service. This trip is character building and it would help teach participants to honor the International portion of the Rotary International Chapter. The individuals who would travel to Nicaragua would also receive service hours. After returning from the trip, they would educate other members about their experience and inspire others to make a difference.

Nicaragua 2010 travel fact sheet:



What is the project: In Chinandega, we will build a clinic, equip a feeding center, add to a hospital and support the Mercado project. In Corintho we will add a waiting area to the local clinic. We built clinics in 2006, 2007 and 2008 through a partnership with the local Chinandega and US and Canada based rotary clubs.

Dates: The week of spring break 2010 (sat Mar 13-sat Mar 20).

What will we do: We will mainly assist with construction. This includes hauling concrete blocks, mixing cement, digging dirt, but also cleaning up, entertaining the local children and providing moral support. No skills required to speak of. The foundation will be poured as we arrive and the roof will be up as we leave. Finishing will be done the weeks after.

Why: This clinic supports people in poor neighborhoods who have no medical care. The clinic will provide education, pre and post-natal care and take care of minor emergencies. Addition to a clinic in Corintho will provide room for kids and parents to wait. Medical supplies are urgently needed to provide basic healthcare. The Mercado project will provide a place for young kids and teenagers to learn a skill and have a safe place to stay as their parent work on the market.

How much will it cost to travel: You should budget \$600-\$1350 depending on the airfare. You are responsible for making your own travel reservations. Airfare could be up to \$800, however if you shop around, it can be as low as \$500 (as of sept the fare is \$700). Several of our travelers use frequent flyer miles; you will fly into Managua which is served by American, Delta and Continental. Hotel cost is approx. \$60/night single occupancy, half of that if you share a room with a room-mate (which we suggest). There is limited space available to stay with some of the local Rotarian hosts. Food cost depends on how much you like to spend, ranging from \$15-25/day. Transportation cost is estimated \$175-200 for the week.

Who will take care of us: We are the guests of the Chinandega Rotary club. They typically participate in the construction, host a party, and make sure we are taken care of. Leading the group is Herman Oosterwijk with other members of the Rotary Clubs that have traveled to Nicaragua in the past.

What if anything happens (e.g. emergency): Several Chinandega rotary members are physicians who make it a number one priority to take care of us. We have had excellent experience, having had some minor events happen to us the past trips.

How will we get around: The local Rotarians will always accompany us from the moment we arrive at the airport till we depart. Transportation is provided from and to the hotels, clinic, etc.

What about our safety: Nicaragua is run by Ortega Noriega, head of the Sandinista party. There have been no significant demonstrations or any sign of risk the past few years. As a matter of fact, literally thousands of US volunteer/citizens visit this country, which is the second poorest in Latin America.

What about the food: Like any Latin American country, you have to be careful with what you eat and drink. We use bottled water and eat at "clean" establishments.

Anything else you should be concerned about: We are traveling to a 3rd world country in the tropics. Even although we stay at a clean hotel and are very careful with the food, you should check the Health Information from the CDC State department for any travel precautions, including recommended vaccinations.

