

Memorandum

To: MSHSL
CC: Bonnie Fuller-Kask, Duluth East Nordic Ski Coach
From: Duluth School Board
Date: November - 2018 -2023
Re: Yellowstone Nordic Ski Trip

Background:

The MSHSL has requested that the Duluth School board give permission for the annual Yellowstone Nordic Ski Trip. This is a community trip where several local coaches take kids from the following schools to ski in Yellowstone: Teams that have participated in the pas: East, Central, Denfeld, Marshall, Two Harbors, Ely, Mesabi East, Cloquet, Hermantown, and St. Cloud Tech.

The trip is run through a local company, Nordic Fitness & Adventures, LLC. None of the bills will come to any of the schools. Duluth Public Schools does not fund this trip and the only connection ISD 709 has is that our coach is one of the chaperones, and a few of our Duluth skiers are going. ISD 709 does not accept any liability beyond this notification. **Note: The Duluth School Board has supported this opportunity for over 10 years.**

From Dave Stead, MSHSL (dstead@mshsl.org)

Even though this trip is not an official ISD 709 Nordic Ski event, a determination was made by the MSHSL about travel where the schools team members and coach travel together in season. If the coach doesn't go and the trip is voluntary for anyone who wants to go travel during their vacation, that's not an issue. If the coach is involved, the trip is then considered to be a school team trip. So, yes, in that instance, approval from the school boards would be necessary.

The 4 points below are in response to the MSHSL Travel Policy.

1. Itinerary:
 - Leave Duluth at 5:00pm on Fri., (3rd week in November)
 - Arrive Kelly Inn, West Yellowstone on Sat.
 - Leave West Yellowstone at 4:00pm on Fri.
 - Arrive Duluth on Sat.
2. All skiers pay for their own trip. No funds are received from the School.
3. Title IX: Both boys and girls are welcome on the trip.
4. ISD 709 School Board: Please approve travel for the East Nordic Skiing Boys and Girls Teams.

Summary

The Yellowstone Ski trip has been a long standing tradition in the ski community. Even though ISD 709 is not sponsoring it, and it is not on our schedule. Please consider this a letter of permission for the coaches and Duluth student athletes to participate.

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EXTERNALLY SPONSORED TRIP

Externally sponsored trips involve travel to a foreign country, other state than Minnesota, are voluntary in nature, and are not sponsored or approved by Independent School district No. 709. In addition, all staff who accompany students on such foreign travel trips must obtain a liability release and waiver from the students' parents/guardians and submit them to the Office of the Superintendent prior to the trip. All externally sponsored trip proposals must be sent to the Assistant Superintendent's Office to be placed on the Education Committee Agenda for informational purposes.

Externally Sponsored Trip Information

Date of Submission: 9/26/18 Destination: West Yellowstone, MT

Organization/Group Planning Trip: Nordic Fitness & Adventures, LLC.

Contact Person: Bonnie Fuller-Kask

Overview of Trip: This is a community trip where several local coaches take kids from the following schools to ski in West Yellowstone, MT: Teams that have participated in the past: East, Central, Denfeld, Marshall, Two Harbors, Ely, Mesabi East, Cloquet, Hermantown, and St. Cloud Tech.

Trip Dates: Nov. 16-24, 2018

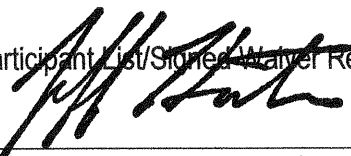
Externally Sponsored Trip Action

Participant List/Signed Waiver Release Forms Attached


Principal's Signature

9/24/18
Date

Participant List/Signed Waiver Release Forms Received


Assistant Superintendent's Signature

9/27/18
Date



TRIP TO

West Yellowstone, Montana

(destination)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE TRIP IS NOT SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

On 11/16/2018, Bonnie Fuller-Kask at Duluth East H.S is taking a group of students to West Yellowstone, Montana and is doing this in his/her personal capacity and this trip is not in any way sponsored by Independent School District No. 709.

(date)

(staff name)

(site)

(destination)

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she understands that international travel may involve some risks, including, but not limited to, accidents, injuries, and lost property. Accidents, injuries or losses may occur despite the careful, prudent, and reasonable planning and supervision of the trip provided by Bonnie Fuller-Kask. The undersigned acknowledges that whether or not any accidents, injuries, or losses occur, whether due to the negligence of Bonnie Fuller-Kask due to reasons beyond their control, the School District will not be responsible or liable to me/us or our family for any harm or losses which may occur on or as a result of the trip to West Yellowstone, Montana. By signing below, the undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the School District, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any claims, demands, or liabilities in any way arising out of the trip to West Yellowstone, Montana organized by Bonnie Fuller-Kask in his/her personal capacity. The undersigned acknowledges that the School District would not be responsible for any injury or loss occurring to my/our child or my/our child's property as a result of the child's participation in the trip.

(staff name or vendor)

(staff name or vendor)

(destination)

(destination)

(staff name)

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND BY MY SIGNATURE HEREUNDER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT SPONSORING AND THEREFORE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY FOR THE TRIP TO West Yellowstone, Montana.

(destination)

Dated: _____ Signature of Parent or Adult Student: _____