

# 2016 Europe Trip Proposal

I, Joni Svaren, High School Art Teacher am seeking permission to travel to London, Paris, Rome and Florence in June, 2016. There will be no school missed.

## **Trip Purposes:**

The purpose of the trip is multi-dimensional in nature and include but are not limited to:

- In a global society, it is important to experience and explore other cultures.
- Sight seeing the many attractions exposes the students to history and culture that they would not have the opportunity to experience in Becker.
- Provide confidence in the traveler to be able to take on more challenging tasks.
- Educational opportunities outside of the classroom that will enhance learning of art, culture, history, geography, foreign language.
- The responsibilities of traveling help prepare students in small steps for life outside of high school.
- Foster an appreciation for their own culture as well as an understanding of various world cultures.
- Being placed into a new environment engages a dormant part of your mind, , navigating an unfamiliar places.
- New experiences increase ones resourcefulness and ability to change or adapt to new situations.

## **Destination:**

The destination is London, Paris, Florence and Rome. The following is the tentative itinerary. There is a possibility that the order of the days may be rearranged to maximize opportunities for the travelers.

The itinerary is attached along with some information about the company. June 13-June 22, 2016 is the plan for travel.

## **Housing and Chaperones:**

Hotels are set up by Explorica closer to the date of departure depending on the number of travelers. Each hotel room will have a private bathroom (not necessarily the norm throughout Europe).

Students will be staying in rooms grouped into 3's or 4's by the directors. The chaperone ratio will be 5:1 so the number of chaperones will be determined by the amount of participating students.

## **Probable Number of Students:**

The trip is clearly optional so the number is yet to be determined. I would expect somewhere between 5-10 students and possibly some other adult (non chaperones).

**Transportation:**

There will be a variety of modes of transportation. We will be flying to and from Europe. Within Europe we will be take a motor coach, over night train as well as public transportation.

**Travel Company and Cost:**

The cost of the trip will cost approximately \$3,600 for students and \$3,800 for adults. The travel company is Explorica. The cost of the trip includes: round-trip airfare, accommodations, all transportation once on the trip, breakfast and dinner daily, guided sightseeing tours, full time services of a professional Tour Director, local guides and 24-hour emergency service.

**Fundraising:**

We will not be doing any fundraising as a group. Crowdsourcing may be an option that some students will explore for raising funds on their own.

**General Rules and Regulations**

Any student not complying with the guidelines set below should expect disciplinary action. Discipline may range from a simple reprimand, room or bus confinement, to being sent home by airplane or bus at the expense of parents/guardians.

1. **The local law enforcement department will handle any student involvement in alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. Any involvement in illegal activities will result in the student being sent home at the parent/student's expense.**
2. Act in a manner that will leave every person in which we have contact with a good impression. We are representing our school, community, and state on this trip.
3. All students will attend every function and tour on the itinerary.
4. You should be with at least two other students at all times. DO NOT go anywhere by yourself.
5. Always be a few minutes early. If you are late, the whole group is late. This may jeopardize our scheduled events.
6. Be courteous to the chaperones and drivers
7. All guideline and expectations in the Becker High School Student Handbook will apply to students during the trip.

**Hotel Rules and Regulations**

1. No one will leave one's room after curfew. After curfew you will only open the door for chaperones and hotel officials.
2. Doors must be kept open if a member of the opposite sex is in your room.
3. Obey all rules set by the hotel.
4. Be respectful of other guests. You will be held responsible if the manager calls Miss Svaren's room because of a disturbance.
5. Do not take towels or souvenirs from your room. You will be charged for these items and any other damage to your hotel room.
6. Keep your door locked at all times.
7. At no time is anyone outside of the Explorica trip allowed into your hotel room. Do not give out your hotel name and room number to anyone.

8. Students are not allowed to stay in a chaperone's room or a room other than the assigned hotel room.

### Calling Tree

In case of a flight delay or change in itinerary, please provide a contact number so that we can establish a calling tree and indicate the preferred method of communication.

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Name

Phone number

Text

Call

### Permission, Medical Information and Waiver Form

Any student not complying with the guidelines set for them should expect a disciplinary action. Any involvement in illegal activities will be handled by the local law enforcement. Any involvement in illegal activities or failing to comply with the trip rules that jeopardizes your safety or the safety of others will result in the traveler being sent home. Parents/ student will pay for the cost of the plane/bus ride for the student. By this Waiver, I assume any risk, and take full responsibility for my child and waive any claims of personal injury, death, or damage to personal property associated with the Becker HS Europe trip 2016 arranged with Explorica. I understand and confirm that by signing this waiver and release I have given up considerable future legal rights. I have signed this agreement freely, voluntarily, under no duress.

\*I understand, and will comply, with the statement above. I give my permission for my child to travel to Europe in 2016 with Explorica.

Parent signature\_\_\_\_\_

Student signature\_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICAL ALERTS

(This sheet will kept confidential and will be with Miss Svaren in case of emergency.)

Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Please inform us of any of your child's special needs (ex. diabetic, epilepsy etc.) and also allergies, medication or prescriptions.

In case of emergency, please give us a phone number(s) in which we can reach you:

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Thank you so much for the information!