

2015 Becker ALP (BASE) Fall Leadership Trip Proposal

The Becker Alternative Learning Program (dba. B.A.S.E. – Becker Alternative School of Excellence), under the advisement of Dustin Weege, is seeking permission to travel to Camp Ripley in Little Falls, MN during November 11th-November 12th, 2015 for the STARS Leadership Conference hosted by the MAAP (Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs). We would leave after school on the 11th and miss just one day of classes for this leadership development opportunity.

Trip Purposes:

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

- Development of leadership skills and confidence in the students' own abilities.
- Educational opportunities outside of the classroom that will enhance the application of learned course content and that will further encourage strong work ethics.
- The responsibilities of traveling help prepare students in small steps for life outside of high school.
- Continued building of a strong, supportive community of learners in the Alternative Learning Program (B.A.S.E.) at Becker Public Schools.
- Deepened participation in the B.A.S.E. program helps to retain members and enhance the sense of belonging while increasing commitment in the BASE programs.
- Further advance the BASE Mission of working "to make a positive impact in our world through guidance, attentiveness, and continuous development as life-long learners while focusing on being thoughtful and informed men and women that are ever-striving toward excellence."

Destination:

The destination is Camp Ripley Education Building – Little Falls, MN. The students and advisor will be traveling in a school van. The following is the proposed itinerary. Students would miss 1 school day with the proposed schedule.

Wednesday, November 11

3:00 pm	Load the van.
3:15 pm	Depart for Little Falls
	Note: Van ride with a food stop on the way
4:45-6:15	Registration
6:30-6:45	Opening Ceremony
6:45-7:15	General session and candidate speeches
7:15-8:45	Keynote: Carl Olson (Energizer, Speaker, and Community Builder)
9:00-10:30	Connection & Recreation Time in order to meet with other programs and learn more about STARS (Advisor meeting 9:00-9:30pm)
11:00	Curfew

Thursday, November 12

6:00-7:30am	Breakfast at Camp Ripley <u>Meal included</u>
6:30-6:45	Clean Barracks & rooms – pack up
8:00-2:10	Workshops for students and advisors <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Derek Greenfield, motivational speaker and visionary- Carl Olson- MAAP STARS training and team planning time
2:15-2:30	Closing Ceremony and Announcement of newly elected officer team
2:45pm	Depart for home
4:15pm	Arrive back in Becker

Lodging:

Students and Advisor will be staying in the Camp Ripley Barracks to save money (the “free” option).

Lodging Information:

“T-Buildings” (Heated Building with separated sleeping bays)

15000 MN-115

Little Falls, MN 56345

Barracks Overview

The T-Buildings are made up of long rooms called bays with 20 single beds, and a large group bathroom. The bathrooms also have a group shower for use if desired.

Students will need to bring:

- Bed sheets & blanket and/or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Towel
- Toiletries (Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Also, consider bringing:
 - o a bathing suit for use in the group shower if desired
 - o a water bottle
 - o small snack items

Probable Number of Students:

The trip is optional so the number of students has yet to be determined. A number of leaders from within the program have been approached regarding the opportunity. Some students have expressed interest in attending so far: George Anderson, Kamden Luethmers, Eric Lehrke, Lexi Kappel

The chaperone ratio will be 6:1 at most.

Transportation:

A School van with Mr. Weege as the driver for the students at all times.

Organization and Goals:

The MAAP STARS program has been in operation since 1993. And provides an opportunity for students in Alternative Learning settings to develop leadership, employment, academic, & social skills.

The Mission of MAAP STARS: *“Achieving extraordinary life changing results for learners throughout the world”*

Goals of STARS

- from MAAP STARS Events Manual

(Success, Teamwork Achievement, Recognition, Self-Esteem)

1. To develop employment, academic, and social skills
2. To experience career related activities that in turn assist students in making informed career choice.
3. To build a cooperative and competitive spirit through individual and team activities and competition.
4. To strengthen social skills and build an appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship, brotherhood, and the American free enterprise system.
5. To develop self confidence, increase motivation, and create a desire for and belief in life-long learning.
6. To meet with, have fun with, and ultimately develop an appreciation for students and staff from other alternative programs

Cost:

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$175, depending on the number of students attending (plus the annual \$160 MAAP STARS Chapter fee).

Funds:

Funds have been requested from the site-based team. Approval was granted if permitted to attend

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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. **All Minnesota State High School League and Becker High School Handbook Rules and Expectations apply on this trip. The police department, as well as Becker High School, will handle any student involvement in alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. Any involvement in these substances will result in the student being sent home with a chaperone. Parents will pay for the cost of the plane/bus ride for the student and chaperone.**
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 advisors, camp staff, and other camp attendees

Van Conduct

1. Food and drink may be consumed while traveling, as long as the van is kept clean and neat.
2. Treat the drivers with courtesy and respect, keeping in mind their responsibilities. While he or she is driving, keep the noise level low.
3. When quiet time is designated during sleeping hours on the bus, you must comply.
4. iPods/iPads are allowed, but consider leaving them locked securely in Becker. If listening to music, keep the volume low enough as to not disturb those around you.
5. Movies may be allowed. They must be pre-approved before watching. PG and most PG-13 movies are ok, but R rated movies are NOT allowed.

Barrack Rules and Regulations

The T-Buildings are made up of long rooms called bays with 20 single beds, and a large group bathroom. The bathrooms have a group shower, so students may want to bring a swimsuit to wear in the shower or be prepared not to shower if that would make them more comfortable. Students and advisors from different schools will stay together in these long rooms. Advisors are expected to stay in the barracks with their students in order to supervise them.

****If the district has rules about staff and students sharing sleeping quarters, we can designate a bay on each floor for staff only.**

- In the T-Buildings, boys would be on one floor and girls on the other. There are 16 bays reserved, so we anticipate having boys or girls from no more than 4 schools in each bay.
 - What you lose in privacy staying in the barracks, should be easily made up for in friendships formed and money saved.
 - If you stay in the T-buildings, you will be required to bring your own SHEETS/BLANKET/SLEEPING BAG AND PILLOW as well as your own towel and toiletries (Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
1. No one will leave the designated space after curfew. After curfew you will only open the door for chaperones and camp officials.
 2. The barrack floors will be separated by gender and members should not be on the designated floor of the opposite sex.
 3. Obey all rules set by the Camp Ripley staff.
 4. Be respectful of other guests. You will be held responsible if the manager calls Mr. Weege because of a disturbance.
 5. Keep your door locked at all times.
 6. Students are not allowed to stay in a chaperone's room or a room other than the assigned hotel room.

Permission, Medical Information and Waiver Form

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*I understand, and will comply, with the statement above. I give my permission for my child to travel with the Becker Alternative Learning Program (B.A.S.E.) STARS group.

Parent signature_____

Student signature_____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Insurance Company_____ policy number_____

MEDICAL ALERTS

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:

_____ # _____

Thank you so much for the information! This sheet will kept confidential and will be with Mr. Weege at all times in case of emergency.

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