



WAUNAKEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Waunakee Intermediate School

Request for Out-of-State Overnight Travel

April 17th, 2025

TO: Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown, Board of Education

FROM: Mr. Timothy M. Mommaerts

RE: Future Problem Solvers World Competition Finals,
Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana

In April students from all over the state of Wisconsin competed at the Future Problem Solving (FPS) state competition. Forty-one students from grades six-eleven represented Waunakee at this event. Based on their outstanding performance at the state competition, five 6th grade students from Waunakee have qualified to compete at the FPS Program World Finals Competition taking place on June 4-8 at Indiana University, Bloomington. This is an amazing accomplishment for all of these students and we are very proud of them. We are requesting approval for a five day/four-night overnight field trip in Bloomington, Indiana. These are details of the trip.

Participants: 6 Intermediate School students; One Junior Division Team of 4, One Creative Writer and a Friend (creative writers are allowed to bring a friend with them), (3 Waunakee Middle School students are also attending this trip)

Chaperones: Janell Dorn, Jamie Sercombe along with a parent volunteer – Rachel Boyle, will serve as chaperones and be with the students at all times

Travel: The group will travel by school vans driven by Janell Dorn and Jamie Sercombe to and from the Indiana University Bloomington campus and for any off campus experiences.

Housing: Students will stay on the Indiana University Bloomington campus in suite-style secured dorms. Students will be in rooms with teammates: 2 students/room with two single beds with a private bathroom to be shared with 2 other same age and gender students. Janell Dorn, Jamie Sercombe, and the parent chaperone will be in nearby rooms to the teams.

Costs: Registration fees for chaperones and students will be paid by the district. Room and Board expenses for chaperones will be paid by the district. Room and board expenses for students will be paid by the families. All families are aware of the costs and have agreed to these costs.

Registration: \$375/student competitor; \$300/chaperone or coach

Scholarships: WI FPS will give each coach \$100 and each competitor \$50 to offset the costs of the trip. Room & Board: \$420/person for double occupancy, Room & Board: \$550/person for single occupancy

We are confident if this is approved, the FPS team members will represent themselves, the Waunakee Community School District and the community of Waunakee in a positive manner. Please contact me with any questions or concerns related to this request.

Thank you,

Tim Mommaerts

Waunakee intermediate Principal