



PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, U.S.A. ZEITZ,
SAXONY-ANHALT, GERMANY INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURE



Prescott High School Students - Zeitz, Germany Trip Request
May 30 - June 14, 2025

Mission: To allow PHS students to participate in a Prescott-Zeitz Sister City Exchange Program. Students will be living with host families in Zeitz, Germany, attending daily classes in a Zeitz high school, giving presentations on life in Prescott and the U.S.A., and taking day trips to nearby cities - deepening their German language skills, exploring and experiencing German culture, and serving as cultural ambassadors from the Prescott Area. Visit will also include day trips to the cities of Dresden, Erfurt, and Berlin.

Dates: May 30 - June 14, 2025 - The date may shift by a day or two on either end, depending on airplane booking through a local travel agent.

of students attending: 7 Students from Prescott High School,

Victor Compton - 11th grade (Third time on the trip)
Travis Gates - 11th grade (Second time on trip)
Lucy Nelson - 11th grade
Sophie James - 11th grade
Imogen Hitzer - 9th grade
Konrad Kleinman - 11th grade
Rodney Kleinman - 9th grade

Chaperones attending: Suzette Guerro, Science Teacher at PHS; Robert Ernst, German Teacher at PHS; Chris Predmore, Auto Teacher at PHS and President of the Prescott-Zeitz Sister City Committee.

Lodging: Students and Chaperones will be staying with host families in Zeitz. The placing will be organized by Holger Schmidt, headmaster of Am Schwannteich

Sekundarschule in Zeitz; Frank Hoffman, headmaster of Agricola Gymnasium, and teachers from the participating schools.

Cost to student for room, board, and travel in Germany: None. Expenses will be taken care of by host families, and the Zeitz sister city organization.

Cost estimate: We project \$1700 for each round trip plane ticket.

- All students will be traveling together from Phoenix. We will fly into Leipzig, Berlin, or Frankfurt depending on ticket prices. The Zeitz sister city organization will be providing a small bus to Zeitz.
- Plane fare is sponsored and subsidized by a generous donation from the Prescott Sister City Organization. They raise funds annually through the Prescott Oktoberfest festival in downtown Prescott. All funds raised are used to support the student exchange, and split evenly among participating students. Tax credit monies will subsidize most of the rest of the cost.
- Families of students will provide whatever else is needed to cover the plane ticket plus:
- Each student and chaperone must already have valid U.S. Passports
- Students will also purchase travel insurance: (\$50-\$75)

Funding Sources: Prescott-Zeitz Sister City Organization; Tax Credit Donations; German Club Fundraising; Student costs.

Cost to District: None

Notes:

Itinerary will be provided by the Zeitz Organizers. It will include day trips for the whole group to nearby cities Dresden, Erfurt, and possibly Leipzig.

This is the **SEVENTH** year that PUSD will be participating. The last trip was in the summer of 2024.

We are planning to have 6 students *from Zeitz* participate at Prescott High School in the Fall of 2025, along with a Chaperone. Bradshaw High School will also host 6 students and a Chaperone.

Any board member or administrator who wants to CHAPERONE in the future should let Robert Ernst know. The Sister-City exchange program is run under the mayors of each city. We do an official meet and greet with the mayor of Zeitz, Christian Thieme. Both **Mayor Mengerelli** and **Mayor Oberg** have traveled to Zeitz and participated in the exchange.