

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Public Schools
Optional Field Trip/Overnight or Out-of-State Trip Form

School Buffalo High School

Group Making Request Spain 2015 group/world language

Principal Mark Mischke

Person in Charge Nancy Elynck / Daryl Boeckers

1. Destination: Spain

2. Dates of Trip: June 10 - 21, 2015 Number of School Days Missed: 0

3. Number of Students: Male 7 Female 22

4. Grade Levels Included: 10-12

5. Supervision requirements: one adult for every 12 students. Same gender chaperone must be included for each gender participating.

a. Staff Accompanying: Nancy Elynck + Daryl Boeckers

b. Other Adults Accompanying: Nathan Haeckel - former BHS Student. Junior at UND studying Spanish

7. Describe the purpose and objectives of the trip:

This trip is offered to Spanish students in Level 3 or higher to afford them to experience the culture and language that they have studied. The students will interact with host families, use language in a variety of situations and be able to experience art, music, dance history and architecture of Spain.

8. Cost Factors:

a. Trip funded by:

1. School Account ☐
2. Individual student ☒

b. Cost per person

\$3295

c. What provision has been made for students with financial difficulties? Fund raising activities conducted?

Fund raising opportunities were taken on by parents of the students. I am not aware of any fundraising events that took place

- d. What efforts have been made to acquire the most cost effective price?

We have looked at other student travel companies & have found the services/inclusiveness of Interact's pricing to be very cost effective

1. Faculty members may not receive any salary remuneration relating to field trips from outside agencies or arrange trips for financial gain. Is a portion of the funds provided by students paying for or reducing chaperone costs? YES NO

2. Insurance Issues

a. Will students need additional medical insurance coverage? YES NO

b. Is group tour insurance being purchase? If so, what is the coverage and cost?

no

9. Transportation Information: How will students be transported?

- a. Bus _____ Name of Company _____
b. Plane ✓ Name of Airline _____
c. School District van/s _____
d. School District not responsible for transportation _____
e. Other – explain _____

10. Communication - Please attach a copy of the trip itinerary. Include parental and student input in the planning process and all parent meetings conducted to ensure full disclosure of the trip and associated topics to include but not limited to: purpose of the trip, cost (to include spending money), fund raising, adult chaperones, emergency telephone numbers, medical insurance needs, procedure for sending a student home in case of an emergency (medical, disciplinary, etc.) and itinerary.

Person in Charge Signature

Nancy Eunek

Date

3/4/15

Activities Director Signature

Mike Miller

Date

3/11/15

Superintendent Signature

Scott Shulman

Date

3/16/15

Moros y Cristianos

Homestay - Touring



DAY ONE - Flight to Spain

DAY TWO - Madrid Arrival/Segovia Homestay

Greeting by courier in airport lobby. Recall Spain's 16th century golden age on your panoramic tour of the capital. Walking tour of Old Madrid. Transfer to Segovia, an important military post in Roman times. Meet your homestay director and your host families.

YOUR MIDDLE CLASS HOST FAMILIES are selected and constantly monitored by the respective resident homestay directors. Linguatur Internacional is widely regarded as the most respected homestay organization in Spain today. Additionally, a native resident, the homestay monitor, works directly with the Organizing Teacher and their students during the homestay, thus ensuring a well coordinated, memorable experience. Spanish is spoken in the homes. Participants room with one other group member of the same general language ability.

DAY THREE - Segovia Tour/Guided Adventures

Walking tour includes the Roman Aqueduct, Alcazar, Cathedral, and the Casa de los Picos. Afternoon for **InterACTIONS** with your Guided Adventures.

DAY FOUR - El Escorial & Valley of the Fallen

Today's full day excursion included a visit to El Escorial, the imposing monastery palace built by Philip II and the Valley of the Fallen, the Spanish Civil War memorial dominated by the 492 ft. cross.

DAY FIVE - La Granja Countryside Tour

Morning excursion to La Granja, built by Felipe V in imitation of Versailles, France. Visit the Royal Palace and Gardens.

DAY SIX - Toledo Tour/Sevilla Hotel

Farewell to your Segovia host families as you journey to Toledo. Christianity, Judaism, and Islam coexist in this ancient city, the former capital of Spain. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, Gothic Cathedral, and the medieval Synagogue. Continue to Andalusia's capital and the home of flamenco, Sevilla.

DAY SEVEN - Sevilla Tour/Granada Homestay

Sightseeing includes the Gothic Quarter, Giralda Tower, Gothic Cathedral, and Alcazar. Late afternoon arrival Granada where you'll meet your Granada director, monitor, and host families.

DAY EIGHT - Alhambra & Generalife

Morning excursion includes the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens. Later, enjoy a walking tour of the gypsy quarters, Albaycin, and Sacromonte.

DAY NINE - Costa del Sol Beach Day

Enjoy a full day outing at the world famous beaches along the Costa del Sol.

DAY TEN - ¡Exploremos!

Interact with your Guided Adventures, complete your shopping, or select a popular optional tour to either the Costa Tropical & Nerja Caves or Las Alpujarras.

DAY ELEVEN - Madrid Hotel/Prado

Drive to Madrid. Visit the Prado to view Goya's royal portraits and works by El Greco.

DAY TWELVE - Spain Departure

Board your Madrid flight for your return to the USA.



MIDWEEK DEPARTURES

12 days/11 nights



NIGHTS

Overnight flight	1
Segovia Homestay	4
Sevilla	1
Granada Homestay	4
Madrid Hotel	1



MEALS

Daily continental breakfast and dinner.
Homestay families provide all meals.

Spain 2015

To the parents/guardians of BHS Spanish students:

Thanks for taking the time to sit down with your son/daughter to discuss the wonderful opportunity that they have to take a 12 day trip to Spain in June, 2015. Included with this letter is a comprehensive booklet from the travel company, Interact, which is sure to answer many of the questions that you and your son/daughter may have. **Please take the time to read this booklet with your child.** I have also included a day by day sample itinerary of the trip (Cristianos y Moros), and a letter of recommendation that your student should have filled out by someone outside the family. Here are the important details:

- ❖ The trip is in June 2015, hopefully soon after school is out for the summer. We will not have confirmation of the exact date until closer to the departure date. The total price will consist of the trip costs, paid to Interact Travel, and a district 877 liability insurance cost. Both of those are listed below.
- ❖ The trip will be chaperoned by myself and Daryl Boeckers. This will be my 7th trip with students and Daryl's 5th.
- ❖ The price is \$3,295 which will be made in 5 separate payments. Because we are planning early, we have the option of breaking the payments up into 5 versus 3, to make budgeting a bit easier. The first, a deposit of \$350 made by check to Interact Travel, is due by January 30th, 2014. The other payments will be due on/around Sept 1st (\$600) and November 1st (\$600), January 1st, 2015 (\$600) and the balance is due to the company 65 days prior to departure (around the end of March 2015) and would be approximately \$1,145. As we have begun the planning for the trip so far in advance to try to make it easier for people to save, please keep in mind that Interact (as stated under the Middle Payment section of the checklist in the Preguntas student book) may have to adjust prices if something outstanding happens (jet fuel costs rise dramatically, the value of the dollar drops etc...) If that were to happen, I would be notified at least 7 days before the final payment is due and that increase would be added on to the final payment. I have never had that happen yet and in the 6 years that I have worked with this company, I have found them to be a very reliable and outstanding company to work with. Yet, with travel, we need to be flexible as there are certain things out of our control.

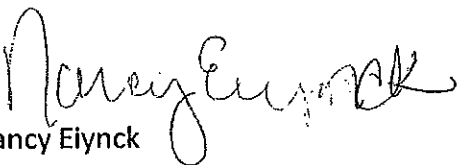
- ❖ We also have a district liability insurance that every student group that travels needs to have. The cost typically runs around \$100/person. That will likely be due around the same time as the final payment for the company and it will need to be a separate check made out to the school district.

I have asked the students who are interested in going to make sure that I have their letter of recommendation returned to me by Friday, January 24th. I will contact them the following Monday, January 27th and give them the official enrollment form to fill out and then ask them to bring that, along with the initial deposit check of \$350, back to me by January 31st.

- ❖ I would love to hear from you and answer any questions that you may have. I can be reached at neilynck@bhmschools.org, my school number, 763-682-8031 or my cell number, 763-221-6029. If you would like to meet with me personally, just let me know and I will find a time that works!
- ❖ Fundraising: When we have all of the students going enrolled in the trip, I will send out an email with contact information for each family. At that point, I would encourage the parents to connect and talk about if fundraising is something that they would like to do and, if so, who would be in charge of setting up fundraisers. It is encouraged that students work as a group to fundraise. Fundraising is a great opportunity for the community to offer support to students and parents. Although I will not be able to set up any fundraisers myself, I will help when possible. It is up to the student and his/her parents/guardians to establish guidelines for any fundraisers.

I hope that I have covered all of the information that you may need. Again, do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions at all! Thank you for considering this awesome adventure for your students. Travel opens up so many doors to new perspectives and opportunities...

Sincerely,


Nancy Einyck