

EXTERNALLY SPONSORED TRIP

Externally sponsored trips involve travel to a foreign country, other state than Minnesota, are voluntary in nature, and are not sponsored or approved by Independent School district No. 709. In addition, all staff who accompany students on such foreign travel trips must obtain a liability release and waiver from the students' parents/guardians and submit them to the Office of the Superintendent prior to the trip. All externally sponsored trip proposals must be sent to the Assistant Superintendent's Office to be placed on the Education Committee Agenda for informational purposes.

Externally Sponsored Trip Information

Date of Submission: 10-13-22 Destination: West Yellowstone, MT
Organization/Group Planning Trip: Nordic Fitness + Adventures LLC Contact Person: Bonnie Fuller-Kask
Overview of Trip: A Nordic Ski training trip to West Yellowstone, Montana for High School skiers

Trip Dates: Nov. 18 - Nov. 26, 2022

Externally Sponsored Trip Action

Participant List/Signed Waiver Release Forms Attached

[Signature]
Principal's Signature

10/12/22
Date

Participant List/Signed Waiver Release Forms Received

[Signature]
Assistant Superintendent's Signature

10/19/22
Date

UPDATED

Memorandum

To: MSHSL
CC: Bonnie Fuller-Kask, Duluth East Nordic Ski Coach
From: Duluth School Board
Date: November - 2022 -2027
Re: Yellowstone Nordic Ski Trip

Background:

The MSHSL has requested that the Duluth School board give permission for the annual Yellowstone Nordic Ski Trip. This is a community trip where several local coaches take kids from the following schools to ski in Yellowstone: Teams that have participated in the past: East, Denfeld, Marshall, Two Harbors, Ely, Mesabi East, Cloquet, Hermantown, and St. Cloud Tech.

The trip is run through a local company, Nordic Fitness and Adventures, LLC. None of the bills will come to any of the schools. Duluth Public Schools does not fund this trip and the only connection ISD 709 has is that our coach is one of the chaperones, and a few of our Duluth skiers are going. ISD 709 does not accept any liability beyond this notification. **Note: The Duluth School Board has supported this opportunity for over 10 years.**

From Dave Stead, MSHSL (dstead@mshsl.org)

Even though this trip is not an official ISD 709 Nordic Ski event, a determination was made by the MSHSL about travel where the schools team members and coach travel together in season. If the coach doesn't go and the trip is voluntary for anyone who wants to go travel during their vacation, that's not an issue. If the coach is involved, the trip is then considered to be a school team trip. So, yes, in that instance, approval from the school boards would be necessary. Coaches will not "Coach" students that are on their own HS teams.

The 4 points below are in response to the MSHSL Travel Policy.

1. Itinerary: Leave Duluth at 5:00 pm on Fri., (3rd week in November)
Arrive Kelly Inn, West Yellowstone on Sat.
Leave West Yellowstone at 4:00 pm on Fri.
Arrive Duluth on Sat.
2. All skiers pay for their own trip. No funds are received from the School.
3. Title IX: Both boys and girls are welcome on the trip.
4. ISD 709 School Board: Please approve travel for the East Nordic Skiing Boys and Girls Teams.

Summary

The Yellowstone Ski trip has been a long standing tradition in the ski community. Even though ISD 709 is not sponsoring it, and it is not on our schedule. Please consider this a letter of permission for the coaches and Duluth student athletes to participate.

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The new MSHSL rule says that no team can go more than 25 miles out of Minnesota. The MSHSL has said that teams can get a waiver for this year if they had financial commitments made before June 1, 2009. This group has raised money and committed fund to making this trip and made a non-refundable deposit for 40 rooms for \$79.00 / night/room last November 28, 2008 at the Kelly Inn in West Yellowstone, Montana.

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