

**AGENDA - UK and IRELAND–Nov. 18 , 2021 6:30PM -at JM Cuelenare Library (in the movie theatre)**

## **6:30 – Parent and Traveller Meeting**

1. Co- Op cards -Debbie explain the money and the % of the funds brought in that is in the travellers accounts.
2. Tour cost: – a private tour needs 35 people per bus to make it viable. We have 18 people – for any other group to keep our tour as is, it would be an additional \$1200/ person BUT because of our history with EF they will give us our own bus for an additional cost of \$200/person.

**Advantages:** A) each student will have their own seat to relax while on the bus.

B) each student will have MUCH more personal space which will allow for better organization with both their “stuff” and the business of the schedule.

C) If a student gets the “sniffle” there will lots of area to semi -isolate that student from the others

D) Greater flexibility with the tour director – we are always asking for things to be added as we tour and the other group leader may resent that and not want the adaptations we ask for

3. Covid requirements – we are still in a “fluid” situation but restrictions are beginning to be relaxed.
  - a. Possibly a rapid test within 72 hours of leaving Canada
  - b. UK day 2 rapid lateral flow test
  - c. Possibly a covid test to re-enter Canada
4. Covid insurance – EF’s Global protection plan covers hotel and meals for all of us IF we’ve been in close contact with someone who has Covid. We all should be sure that your “business/personal” insurance will cover any hospital stay IF deemed student must be hospitalized as EF’s insurance does not cover that. Blue cross covers hospital stay and Dr. visit but not the quarantine period.
5. Packing ideas and stocking stuffer ideas -Donna
6. Talk about the package of forms they will be getting at their March 7 meeting and that these docs must be completed by your March 21 meeting
7. **Next large group meeting DEC.14 6:00 pm - sign up for rooming lists : you will sign up 3 times, once as a double, once as a triple and once as a quad. We will also be going bowling**

after this meeting so bring cash for this. Finally, we will have a “secret” Santa gift exchange at the bowling alley so pick up a \$10 gift hopefully to do with travelling.

8. Passports - make sure all passports are valid up until Nov 1, 2022.

### **Small group meeting - directly following the large group meeting:**

- A) Have a group mixer -introduce themselves and why did the student decide to join the travel club.
- B) Collect 3 copies of their passports and 2 student pictures
- C) Discussion points - go over page (#11-#28 ) of discussion points - really stress not contacting home and NOOOO drama with girl friends/boy friends and texting parents about this
- D) Roomings- Explain how they will sign up for their rooming configuration -You'll sign up 3 times, once as a double, once as a tripleand once as a quad rooming assignment. Talk to the friends you want to room with this month so you have that all organized for the Nov.meeting.
- E) Explain how Small group meetings work within the large group
- F) Explain the role of a small group leader. This looks very good on their resume! Pcik a small group leader.
- G) Ask students how they can become more responsible NOW! Brainstorm
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### **Parents join our small group meetings:**

1. Mixer for parents -why did they choose the PAYTC and why this trip?
2. Passports - make sure all passports are valid up until Nov 1, 2022.
3. Talk to them about their travelers not contacting home. Once/week - contacting home makes the kids homesick, it takes away from their interactive experience with other travelers and meeting new friends both from within the group and intercultural people at the hotel.
4. Talk about packing WITH their kids not FOR their kids- last year a couple of travellers didn't have any idea of why they had certain items, what clothes they had pack and didn't know how to pack. This needs to be taught.
5. Giving their kids more responsibility NOW and to use their credit card NOW and to manage money NOW

6. Explain how Small group meetings work within the large group meeting
7. EF's drinking policy - their new policy is to abide by the drinking rules of the country. So if that countries' age limit is 18 or 19 then, even though it may be a 'cultural' experience that we may want the students to experience ,EF's policy is that the students need to abide by that countries' rules. We will have a form for parents to sign allowing their child to have 1 or 2 drinks with the advisor only. There is NEVER to be booze in the students rooms.
8. Have parents check out their travellers EF account. They need to be looking for:
  - a. that they have bought the EF Global Protection Insurance Plan
  - b. be sure that you do not have a \$40 or and \$80 weekend supplement fee on your account
  - c. many of you have late payment fees -it's up to you to call and explain to EF why the payment is late and to see if they can reverse that particular fee
  - d. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CALL EF customer service number 1-800-263-2806**
9. What parents can be on the top of the phoning tree?
10. Commissioner of Oaths – Tracy Lysyk – 306-960-6423 – is ther anyone else who is a Notary Public or Commisioner of Oaths – we will need your help at our March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.