

February 20, 2014

Dear Parents of our Grade 7 students,

Over the past few weeks you have received some information regarding the Grade 7 Niagara Falls Trip that will take place in May. It seems that not all the information has been received by all parents so please find enclosed trip and registration information.

The Niagara Fall trip is a fantastic 2-day/1-night tour of the Niagara region, in Ontario. The trip combines some great educational tours along with some opportunities to unwind and have some fun and is an integral part of the grade 7 program. We will be visiting Niagara from Thursday, May 8th to Friday, May 9th, 2014. The tour has been prepared for us by Brightspark, a fully licensed, full-service tour operator specializing in student group travel opportunities and is one we have used for the past several years. The group is supervised by several Crestwood Preparatory College teachers along with tour guides for several of the excursions.

Included in this package is:

- a full itinerary
- registration information
- a “prescription for a successful trip”
- a suggested packing list.

Please review all information, carefully.

We are looking forward to an educational, recreational and most of all, enjoyable trip!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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TRIP ITINERARY

Day One - Thursday, May 08, 2014

7:00 AM Arrival at your school

9:30 AM Guided Tour at Bird Kingdom

Experience a tropical adventure, as your guide leads you through the Niagara Falls Aviary, home to more than 300 tropical birds from around the world. Marvel at the beauty of these creatures and learn about many bird species.

11:00 AM Ride the Whirlpool Aero Car

The best way to see Niagara's fascinating Whirlpool is from high overhead - aboard the world famous Niagara Whirlpool Aero Car. Also catch a glimpse of the rapids, the Gorge and the hydroelectric plants down the river.

12:00 PM Niagara Parks- Pizza Lunch

Enjoy a light pizza lunch provided by Niagara Parks Catering at the Butterfly Cafe.
MENU: Large slice of pizza and a soft drink.

1:00 PM Butterfly Conservatory - Self Guided Visit

In a tropical rainforest at the Butterfly Conservatory, explore the ingenious network of pathways among lush, exotic flora as you search for exquisite butterflies.

2:40 PM Visit Journey Behind the Falls

Enjoy the thunder of the waters from a completely different perspective. Get a close-up view of the Falls from behind.

3:45 PM Hotel Check In

Approximate time of arrival at the Great Wolf Lodge.

4:45 PM Water Park at Great Wolf Lodge

Students enjoy swimming in the water park at Great Wolf Lodge. Whether it is the continuous waves at Rainbow Lake, The Canada Vortex or Niagara Rapids Row, the massive water roller coaster, this is the ultimate water park.



Day One - Thursday, May 08, 2014 (Continued)

7:30 PM Buffet Dinner in Antler Shanty Restaurant

MENU: The buffet features a carving station, homemade soups, salad bar, wok station, pizza, seafood specialties, and loads of other favorites.

8:45 PM Students settle into their rooms for the evening.

Night Security provided by both Crestwood Staff and Great Wolf Lodge.

Day Two - Friday, May 09, 2014

8:00 AM Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

Menu: sliced seasonal fruit, assorted fruit yogurts with granola bars, scrambled eggs, hickory smoked ham, pork sausage links, oven-roasted breakfast potatoes, assorted breakfast pastries, muffins and croissants, assorted juices, coffee, tea and milk.

9:00 AM Check out of your accommodations and load your luggage onto the motor coach.

9:45 AM Maid of the Mist

All aboard the Maid of the Mist for an unforgettable excursion to the base of Niagara Falls. The cruise takes you so close you can feel the mighty force of the water, and see firsthand one of Canada's great natural resources, water, at work.

11:30 AM Guided tour of Old Fort Erie

During the war of 1812, Fort Erie was occupied by the American forces who used this strategic location as the base for their operations. Today one can catch a glimpse of the life in a British Garrison outpost by visiting the historic site.

1:00 PM Board your motor coach and depart for home.

We will stop for lunch at the Gateway Niagara Information Centre in Grimsby. Students are responsible for purchasing their own lunch.

3:30 – 4:00 PM Welcome Home!

Approximate time of arrival at Crestwood.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION IS EASY, PLEASE VISIT: <https://mytour.brightsparktravel.ca>

Initial Registration was to take place by December 6, 2013 and second payment was due on January 8, 2014 so please do so ASAP if you have not completed it.

Create your account using: TOUR WEB CODE 1119131

A deposit of \$100 + \$35 Travel Guard Insurance**

PROTECT YOUR PURCHASE WITH Travel Guard Insurance

Brightspark strongly advises you to avoid cancellation penalties and protect yourself while on tour by adding Travel Guard Insurance to your registration for \$35. Coverage includes "School Board Ruling to cancel for any reason." Please see Brightspark's website for additional details.

**Cancellation Insurance is optional but highly recommended. If you are declining this protection, please understand that you will be subject to Brightspark's cancellation policies outlined in the Conditions and Exclusions available from Brightspark.

STUDENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Amount	Due Date
\$100 deposit + \$35 ins. **	12/06/2013
\$129	01/08/2014
\$128	03/07/2014
Total Student Price \$357 + \$35 Insurance**	

Your tour includes the following:

- Round-trip transportation by coach
- 1 night(s) Accommodation at the Great Wolf Lodge Niagara Falls
- Tour Leaders
- Night Supervision
- 3 Meals: 1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner (Thursday Lunch, Thursday Dinner and Friday Breakfast)
- All Attractions and Activities outlined in the attached Itinerary
- All Taxes and Gratuities



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PRESCRIPTION FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

- As a mature student who represents our school, considerate behaviour is expected at all times. You are responsible for any property damage.

- Always remain with the group or your partner(s).

- **Please do not bring valuables.** You are responsible for everything you bring, including money.

- Be where you should be **on time**. We have a full schedule. Allow yourself and your roommates enough sleep to be able to fully enjoy the next day's activities.

- Respect your classmates, teachers and guides and expect respect in return.

- Be on time for departure. We leave at approximately **7:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 8th**. We will return on **Friday, May 9th at approximately 4:00 p.m.**

- We do not anticipate any problems. However, the following would be cause for an **immediate** phone call home and departure:
 1. Entry into the room of a member of the opposite sex.
 2. Possession of any illegal substance (including cigarettes).



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SUGGESTED PACKING LIST FOR STUDENTS

Please note: Students will **not** be required to wear their uniforms on this trip; however, we request that the clothing students wear be appropriate. The following will **not** be allowed: torn jeans, t-shirts with offensive slogans or decals, halter tops, tank tops, mini-skirts, or shirts with midriff exposed.

After a full day of travelling and touring on Thursday, students will have an opportunity to change their clothes and freshen up before dinner and the evening activities.

CLOTHES	PERSONAL ITEMS
Pants	Tooth brush
Shirts/t-shirts	Toothpaste
Sweater/sweatshirt	Shampoo
Pajamas	Deodorant
Socks	Hair brush
Underwear	* Bed linens, pillows, soap, and towels are provided by Great Wolf Lodge Niagara Falls
Comfortable shoes	
Bathing suit	

FOOD, MONEY & OPTIONAL ITEMS

\$ for lunch on Friday	Umbrella and rain jacket
Snacks and drinks	Bathrobe
Spending \$ (not to exceed \$25)	Camera
Sleeping bag	Watch

We **strongly discourage** students from bringing any large electronic devices.

*Please pack all items in one small suitcase or duffel bag.

*Mrs. Winograd should be given or made aware of ALL medication prior to departure.