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"Where Service and Leadership come together"

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Tanzania Study and Leadership Program April 2017 Program and Application

1. INTRODUCTION

Rationale

The motivation for this proposal was derived from the personal and professional experiences of its authors in conjunction with the vision prescribed by the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) and what it means to be a Catholic teacher. The authors believe that Learning, Leadership, and Service within the context of Safe Adventure comprise a very powerful educational paradigm.

Service Learning

A unique and distinguishing component of this program is the concept of “service learning”. Service learning can be identified as experiential education when the learner adopts a life role that provides meaningful service to a community in order to learn about oneself and others. The pedagogical value of the service increases when the following are added to the learning: an academic component designed to prepare the learner in terms of content and competencies relevant to the service; an opportunity to reflect upon and think critically about the experience; an element of adventure and challenge; an international and cross cultural context; and an alignment of individual, placement, and system goals.

The Tanzania Leadership Program

The Tanzania Leadership Program provides a once in a lifetime experience to partake in teaching, service learning, volunteerism, and educational programs in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Participants will travel to Tanzania and have the opportunity to explore and enhance their teaching and leadership through combining meaningful service learning and educational activities. Participants will spend the vast majority of their time teaching at local schools, building classrooms, and helping in concrete ways to improve the local community, while having the opportunity to interact intensively with the local people. Moreover, hands on learning about development, world issues, leadership, environmental conservation and biodiversity through interactive seminars will engage individuals to consider the importance and challenges of much needed development, while ensuring the protection of the world’s most wondrous flora and fauna.

Affiliation

The delivery of this program is in conjunction with We Charity. Co-founded by Marc and Craig Kielburger, We (Free The Children) has earned worldwide recognition for its dedication in eradicating child labour throughout the world. One of its programs, entitled Me to We, is devoted to youth leadership and has established program sites around the world.

2. PARTICIPANTS

Teacher Candidates

Approximately 20 teacher candidates and university or college students will be selected for admission to this program. This number has been governed by the practical exigencies of traveling to these areas of the world. Students will be selected according to the following criteria:

1. Trustworthiness and reliability
2. Respectfulness of other people and cultures
3. Adaptability to new experiences
4. Parental support
5. Fitness

Interested participants will be invited to submit an application and two letters of reference. All participants will also be expected to complete an Informed Consent Form For International Excursions.

Code of Conduct

Each student will be expected to pledge commitment to a Code of Conduct which will be designed to ensure that respect for each participant, his/her property, and well-being is safeguarded. This code will preclude harassment and abusiveness and will prohibit the use of alcohol and drugs. Above all, the rights and responsibilities of all participants will be clearly defined so that the objectives of this program may be achieved within a healthy and safe environment.

Supervision

In addition to one of the authors of this proposal, there will be at least one We facilitator and one Masai guide who will be taking part in the program. They see the experience as opportunities for their own personal and professional development. Their involvement in the instruction and experiential component of the program will be closely supervised by the authors.

Interviews

Each applicant will be invited to a private interview with the Directors to assess his/her suitability for the program. This will also give the applicant the opportunity to determine if the program serves their needs and interests. Each applicant will be asked to bring their letters of reference to this meeting. Interviews will take place in the fall. All deposits will be refundable in the event that the applicant is refused.

3. DESIGN

The program is designed as a service learning model. Each participant will have an opportunity to link with a host teacher from Tanzania and teach in a local school. This usually occurs in the morning. In the afternoon participants will help build a new school (classroom). In the evenings participants will also engage in workshops about the culture and issues of the local area. A safari, nature hikes, an Olympic day, a day at the market and other opportunities to build relationships with the Tanzanian people will be included in this program.

Participants will meet a number of times prior to leaving for Tanzania in order to prepare for this opportunity of a lifetime.

Daily journal writing will be an essential component of this time. A composite journal with representation from each participant will be compiled, edited, and published upon completion of the course.

Service and Leadership Opportunities

Community development: Lend your hands to build a school and volunteer at our schools.

Cultural education: Attend workshops, walk through Masai and Kipsigis villages, and learn Swahili.

Leadership training: Experience intensive and interactive training in our grass-thatched classroom.

Environmental education: Learn about environmental challenges on a fieldtrip to coastal region.

Safari adventures: Get up close and personal (through the lens of your camera) with Africa's wildlife while on a safari.

Tentative travel dates: April 13, 2017 until April 29, 2017

Itinerary (sample):	April 13	Depart Toronto
	April 14	Arrive in Kilimanjaro, transfer to Arusha
	April 15	Explore cultural heritage of Tanzania, travel to Gated camp in the Longido region
		Orientation, Swahili Lesson

April 16	Welcome to the school, meet students and mentor teacher
April 17	Good Friday games, activities with students
April 18	Market, beading
April 19	Easter Sunday, mass, cultural activities, water walk
April 20-25	Teaching, building
April 26	Safari
April 27	Mass, hike, weapons training
April 28	Olympics, fly out of Kilimanjaro
April 29	Arrive Toronto

4. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Transportation

Local transportation will be organized and provided by the WE lorry/bus. International air travel will be provided by a reputable national carrier. In recent years this has been British Airways.

Accommodation

In Tanzania the accommodations will be provided through the We organization. Appropriate separation between genders will always be ensured in these residences.

NOTE: Living standards and practices with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodations at the destination may differ from those found in Canada.

5. FINANCES

Program cost: \$4395 Cad

Inclusions: economy return airfare from Toronto to Tanzania (Mt Kilimanjaro airport)
all ground transportation, all meals and accommodations
all donations and gratuities, activity fees, service charges and taxes
all building materials
preparatory learning program

Exclusions cost of passport and visa for Tanzania
any preparatory medical costs and inoculations
out-of-country health insurance, cancellation, trip interruption/disruption
banquet and retreat
private expenses

Payment will be made by regular installments according to the following schedule:

\$495	deposit with application
\$1,400	due December 6, 2016
\$1,400	due February 7, 2017
\$1,100	due March 10, 2017

Note: Participants are asked to submit a series of postdated cheques according to this schedule. Cheques should be made payable to **Adventure Learning Experiences Inc.**

Fundraising

There are two fundraising activities designed to help students offset their trip expenses.

Sponsor Booklet: This is intended to provide an overview of the program and will feature the participants. Students are invited to sell advertising for the booklet and these funds will be directly applied to their trip fee, except for a nominal fee for the printing of the booklets. Please be aware that advertisements that are purchased by companies in support of a student will not be eligible for a refund in the event that the particular participant being supported withdraws from the program.

Raffle: Participants will be invited to proportionally share in the proceeds of a raffle that will be held in June. This optional activity is available to all participants who donate a raffle prize worth \$75.

Financial Plan

Participants are expected to take responsibility in planning to meet the financial commitment involved in this program. To assist in this, the participants will be expected to submit a plan to achieve this goal.

Refund Policy

For withdrawal before December 18, 2016, a full refund will be provided.

For withdrawal between December 18, 2016 and February 7, 2017, a full refund minus 50% of the deposit will be provided.

All payments are non-refundable for cancellations after February 7, 2017 except through cancellation insurance if purchased.

Other Costs

The only other costs that are not included in the above price are the following:

Passport (this must not expire within 6 months of departure)
Tanzania Visa \$50 US
Out-of-country health insurance
Flying Doctor Insurance \$50 US to be purchased in Tanzania
Inoculations (depending upon one's private insurance coverage)
Spending Money

6. DOCUMENTS

Passport (for Canadian citizens, it must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of expected departure)

Visa: Will be obtained in Tanzania upon arrival.

<p>NOTE: It is the sole prerogative of each country or region to determine who is allowed to enter.</p>
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Insurance All participants are advised to consult with a reputable insurance company about out-of-province health insurance and cancellation insurance. The travel agency (Airliners) that is providing the air tickets offers such insurances. Its contact information is as follows:

Airliners
1220 Ellesmere Road
Toronto ON M1P 2X5
www.airliners.ca Attention:
Zenab Warah
zenab@airliners.ca
416-485-6387

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Careful attention to sound health and safety practices will be an important part in the preparation of the program. This will involve mandatory immunizations, learning, healthy eating and drinking habits, and understanding effective illness prevention practices. An attempt will be made to have a registered nurse accompany each group. For maximum benefit it is recommended that participants, in general, be in good health and achieve a sufficient level of fitness prior to the trip. Physical and dental check-ups are highly recommended prior to the departure date.

Immunization

a) The following are ordinarily administered through one's family doctor in the course of normal Ontario health care. All participants are asked to ensure their protection with inoculations against the following diseases:

Tetanus – Diphtheria Polio Measles-Mumps-Rubella

b) Protection against malaria is by tablet and is taken on a regular basis prior, during, and following the trip. The exact regimen will be prescribed by a travel clinic.

All participants will be expected to bring a mosquito net and protective skin lotions.

c) Inoculations against the following may be required:

Typhoid Meningococcal meningitis Hepatitis A Hepatitis B Yellow Fever TB skin test

The cost of these inoculations are not covered by OHIP but may be included in private health plans.

Precautions

As indicated above, careful preparation prior to departure about safe eating and drinking habits and illness prevention practices will be undertaken. Participants will be expected to purchase “The Travel Doctor” by Dr. Mark Wise (Firefly Books, 2002) as part of this preparation. A close working relationship has been developed by the authors with **Dr. Mark Wise**. Dr. Wise is a family physician in North York whose medical practice includes a travel clinic. He is considered a leading authority in tropical and parasitic diseases. Dr. Wise will conduct a 90 minute training workshop about preventative health practices for our students prior to departure and will make recommendations about appropriate inoculations.

It is expected that our groups will greatly benefit from the local contacts which the authors have established in Kenya with **Me to We** in the event that medical care is required. Each participant will be expected to purchase out-of-country health insurance. In addition, each participant will be expected to purchase evacuation insurance, called Flying Doctor insurance, upon arrival in Kenya at a cost of \$50 US. This will guarantee emergency airline service from an airstrip near the Leadership centre to a leading medical clinic in Tanzania. In addition, Dr. Lato and Mr. Rogers are both members of the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers (IAMAT).

NOTE: It is most strongly recommended that each participant seek proper medical advice for all potential health concerns at a travel health clinic prior to departure.

It is advised that each participant complete the Consent to Medical Treatment Form in the event that urgent and emergency care is required.

Application Process

Completed applications and deposit may be mailed to Jennifer Wilson.
Adventure Learning Experiences Inc. 41
Kimbourne Ave.
Toronto ON M4J 4J1

See next page for Application

Application Form
Tanzania Study and Leadership Program
Travel dates: April 13 to 29 , 2017

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone Number (day): _____ Phone Number (evening): _____
Birthdate: _____ School: _____
Grade: _____
Email address: _____ Parent's Email address: _____

B. HEALTH

To derive maximum benefit from this program, it would be in the best interest of each participant to be in good health and proper fitness.

1. Are you willing to commit yourself to a pre-trip fitness program? _____
2. Are there any health issues that you would like to discuss with the moderators relative to your participation in the program? If yes, please describe:

3. Health Card Number: _____

C. FINANCES

The cost of the trip is expected to be approximately **\$4395.00**. This includes air and land transportation, food and accommodations. An opportunity for fundraising will be made available to all participants.

1. A deposit of **\$495.00** made payable to Adventure Learning Experiences should accompany this application.
2. The schedule for the remaining installments will be as follows:

\$495	deposit with application
\$1,400	due December 6, 2016
\$1,400	due February 7, 2017
\$1,100	due March 10, 2017

D. MOTIVATION

This unique experience has the potential for extraordinary learning, growth, and personal fulfillment.

1. In one paragraph, describe what attracts you to this program:

2. In one paragraph, describe what you hope to gain from this experience:

E. COMMUNITY

The mutual support and cooperation between participants will be vitally necessary in dealing with the challenges presented in this experience. What strengths will you be able to contribute to the group?

F. CONDITIONS

Adapting to the travel, climate, and culture in this part of the world may be difficult.

1. What will be your greatest challenge?

2. How will you prepare for it?

G. SERVICE

Service to others is a very important characteristic of this program.

1. Could you identify any volunteer activities in which you have been involved, either at school or in the community?

2. For one of these activities identify:

a) its benefits for others:

b) its value to you:

H. PASSPORT

Please include a copy of the informational page in your passport. If your passport expires within 6 months of travel, then you will be required to apply for a new passport. It is recommended that this be done immediately.

I. REFERENCES

Two letters of reference should accompany your application. One letter should be from a school representative and the other letter should be from outside the school from a non-family member.

Please send application and **\$495** deposit to:

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Attention: Jen Wilson
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Toronto, ON
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