



Grade Six Field Trip to Tai Shan

Dear Grade 6 Parents and Students,

The plans for the Grade 6 Field Trip to Tai Shan are complete. It has been exciting to see the pieces come together, and the trip looks to be a wonderful learning experience for the children. This letter is to inform you about the details of our program. The trip will be a three-day event, departing Monday, October 17, 2011 and returning Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

Objective

The objectives of the trip are to gain a better understanding of Chinese culture, history and language, to support the QISS sports program through physical activity, to bond with classmates and teachers and to have fun. Activities associated with this trip have a direct correlation to the QISS curriculum and teachers will be addressing related material in their classes during the weeks preceding the field trip.

Program/Itinerary

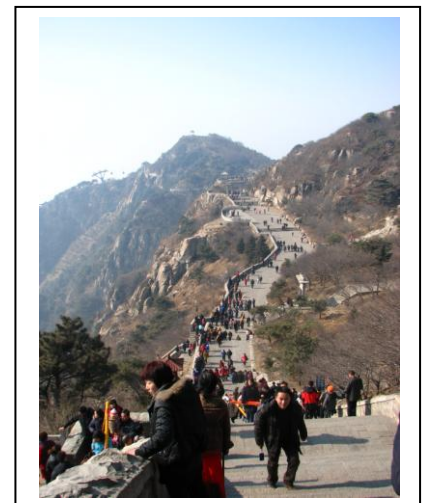
Monday, October 17, 2011

We will be departing from QISS in the morning and travelling by bus to Zhoucun, near Zibo. The trip should take approximately 4 hours. In Zhoucun, we will experience a trip back in time as we visit the ancient culture street. We will be spending the night at the Ramada Hotel in Zibo.



Tuesday, October 18, 2011

We will be departing from Zibo and travelling by bus to Tai'an. The trip should take approximately 2.5 hours. In Tai'an, we will be following in the footsteps of Chinese emperors and ascending the spiritual mountain of Tai Shan. At the top of Tai Shan, we will visit the various temples and spend the night at Shenqi Hotel.



Wednesday, October 19, 2011

After watching the glorious sunrise from the summit of Tai Shan, we will be descending the mountain and returning by bus to Qingdao. The students will be back in time for regular dismissal at 3:30.



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Cost

The estimated total cost of this trip is 1460 RMB of which QISS will cover half. The final confirmed price will be announced soon. Once we know the final cost, we ask that payment to be submitted by **Friday September 26, 2011**.

Food

All of the meals while we are away beginning with lunch on Monday, October 17 and concluding with lunch on Wednesday, October 19 will be included. The restaurants we visit will be offering Chinese/Western mixed dishes.

It would also be advisable to have a number of drinks, and healthy snacks in case students get hungry outside of meal times.

Pocket Money

It may be advisable for the students to have a small amount of spending money on the trip. This could come in handy if they wish to purchase food outside of meal times, or if they wish to purchase a souvenir somewhere along the way.

We would suggest the purchase of a neck wallet as a secure mode of carrying valuables and currency while travelling.

Chaperones

There will be three adult chaperones throughout the trip. The chaperones for the Grade 6 trip will be Mr. Shulist (Grade 6 Homeroom teacher), Ms. Fanaian (Grade 6 Computer teacher) and Mrs. Fang (Chinese teacher).

Additionally, all activities in the program will be chaperoned and supervised by trained English and Chinese speaking tour guides from the Qingdao Hua Qing International Travel Service Co., Ltd.

Detailed contact information for chaperones and lodgings will be provided closer to the trip.

Insurance

Accident insurance is provided by the Qingdao Hua Qing International Travel Service Co., Ltd.



Essential Clothing and Equipment List

Remember that everything that the students bring with them must fit into one backpack that they can comfortably lift and carry while hiking several hours during the climb up Tai Shan.

Here is a list of articles that should be packed by each student.

- Layered clothing for both warm and cold weather environments
- Warm jacket
- Warm sweater or fleece
- Rain jacket
- 2 pairs of shoes (in case one pair gets wet or muddy)
- Socks (enough for three days, plus extra in case of rain)
- Jeans or pants/trousers (2 pairs)
- Shorts
- T-shirts/sweatshirts
- Underwear
- Nightwear
- Sun hat, sun lotion, sun glasses
- Small backpack to take along during the day
- Water bottle (plastic or metal – NOT GLASS!)
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, face cloth, etc.)
- Plastic bag for dirty laundry
- Pen / pencil and a small notebook
- Camera (if wanted)
- Book (for the trip down and back)
- Personal medication (where applicable)
- Wrist watch
- Mittens or gloves (who knows?)
- Neck wallet

All clothes and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name. Student should only pack what they can comfortably carry as they will be expected to carry their own luggage.

Passports

Teachers will collect students' passports before the trip and hold onto them until they return. Passports must be valid and have a valid visa for China. Chinese nationals may provide their identification cards in lieu of a passport.



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Forms

Please fill out the following school **permission slip** and return it to the school with your child by **Friday, September 16, 2011**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school by telephone at 86-532-6889-8888 or send an email to pthorpe@qiss.org.cn.

Sincerely,

Peter Thorpe
Upper School Principal
Qingdao No. 1 International School of Shandong



QISS Field Trip Permission Form

Please return this form to your teacher by **Friday, September 16, 2011**.

Students without this form are not allowed to participate in this field trip.

Destination: Zhoucun, Tai'an, Tai Shan

Date of Field Trip: October 17-19, 2011

Teacher(s) in charge: Mr. Shulist

E-mail: jshulist@qiss.org.cn

I give my child, _____, permission to participate in this field trip.

I understand that QISS is not responsible for my child's injuries or incidents that may occur by not following safety instructions during this activity.

My child is currently taking these medications: _____.

Medical concerns/allergies: _____.

Special dietary requirements: _____.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Visa Number: _____ Expiration Date _____