



Loop Abroad Application
“The Plight of the Thai Elephant”: July 3rd-31st, 2012

About You:

Full Name (as shown on passport): _____ Male Female
 Home Address (include city, state, zip): _____
 Home Phone: _____ Email Address (please print clearly): _____
 Country of Citizenship: _____ Fluency in English? Fluent Proficient Conversational
 T-shirt size (for your free Loop Abroad T-shirt) X-Small Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large
 Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Current School: _____
 Grade this year: _____ Do you live at school? Yes No If yes, school/cell phone: _____
 Do you have any allergies, disabilities or special health considerations? Yes No (If yes, please attach a note explaining further.)
 How did you hear about Loop? Internet search Counselor (name: _____) Brochure or poster
 Friend’s referral (name: _____) Other (please explain: _____)

About Your Family:

Parent/Guardian 1: relationship to you Father Mother Other: _____
 Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.) _____
 Mailing Address (include city, state, zip): _____
 Cell Phone Number: _____ Email Address (please print clearly): _____
 Parent/Guardian 2: relationship to you Father Mother Other: _____
 Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.) _____
 Mailing Address (include city, state, zip): _____
 Cell Phone Number: _____ Email Address (please print clearly): _____
 Send information to both parents/guardians Send information only to Parent/Guardian 1 Send information only to Parent/Guardian 2

You and Loop:

Loop Abroad is an academic program that offers amazing opportunities to our students, but is also demanding and emphasizes critical thinking, practical experiences, and teamwork. Please attach (or, for web applications, mail or email separately) the following two items:

1. A one-to-two page essay that describes, in your own words, what you think you bring to Loop Abroad’s “Plight of the Thai Elephant” program and what you hope to get from it
2. A copy of your most recently available high school transcript

Please list two adults to be contacted as references. A teacher, coach, guidance counselor, mentor or boss would be a good reference.

1. Reference name and job title: _____
 Relationship to you: _____ Years known: _____
 Email or address (please print clearly): _____
 2. Reference name and job title: _____
 Relationship to you: _____ Years known: _____
 Email or address (please print clearly): _____

Important Information about Loop Abroad’s 2012 “Plight of the Thai Elephant” Program

Cancellations, Itinerary Changes, and Refunds

Loop Abroad reserves the right to cancel, alter, reschedule, or amend any or all programs offered at any time. If a trip is cancelled by Loop Abroad prior to the beginning of that trip, Loop Abroad will refund all payments made by the applicant. If a trip is cancelled by Loop Abroad once it has begun, a portion of the applicant’s total payments will be refunded. Once your application has been accepted, cancellation by you for any reason results in a penalty as follows: 1) cancellation by you before April 1st, 2012 results in a loss of 30% of your total tuition; 2) cancellation by you between April 1st and April 30th, 2012 results in a loss of 60% of your tuition; 3) cancellation by you between May 1st and June 1st, 2012 results in a loss of 75% of your tuition; 4) cancellation by you on or after June 1st, 2012 results in a loss of 100% of your total tuition. We encourage you to purchase travel insurance on the full cost of your trip if there is any chance that you may be unable to travel with us. The Application Fee and Confirmation of Participation Fee are non-refundable. Trip cancellation date is determined by the date we receive written notice by e-mail or mail indicating that a participant wishes to cancel his/her planned program.

Insurance

Loop Abroad provides basic travel insurance for our students, which provides minimal protection against baggage loss or theft and minor injuries. Parents or guardians must ensure that their son or daughter is fully covered for any medical expenses that may be incurred during the trip. Injuries do occur, and health insurance is mandatory for all participants. Loop Abroad will provide you with information about additional travel insurance

that includes medical insurance if your current insurance does not cover international care. Participants and their parents are responsible for any and all medical costs incurred before, during, or after a Loop Abroad trip regardless of the cause.

Liability Waivers, Releases, Medical Disclosures & Rules

Both participants and their parents or guardians will be required to sign and comply with various rules, liability waivers and releases prior to the beginning of Loop Abroad's summer program. Our trip includes airline flights, rafting, hiking, camping, interacting with elephants and tigers, travel in remote areas, and other potentially dangerous activities. Neither Loop Abroad nor its officers, directors, contractors, employees, agents or staff can guarantee against injuries or accidents that may occur for whatever reason on any trip. Participants will not be permitted to travel with Loop Abroad unless all required paperwork has been received before the program begins.

Passports and Visas

All participants require a passport valid through February 1st, 2013. You will be responsible for ensuring that you have the necessary passport, visa, and any other documents to enter Thailand, depending on your country of residence. You are responsible for bringing your passport to the airport with you at the start of our trip.

Expectations from Participants

Loop Abroad expects participants to be enthusiastic, cooperative and appreciative of the opportunities afforded to them through our programs. The use or possession of illegal drugs, tobacco, or alcohol is strictly forbidden on this program. Loop Abroad reserves the right to remove any student from any trip, at the student's expense, if a student uses drugs, alcohol or tobacco, endangers the lives of him/herself or others, commits any crime, is disruptive of or unwilling to participate in activities, endangers his/her own safety or the safety of others, or consistently disregards staff instructions.

International Travel Costs

We will negotiate a group flight rate from Boston, MA. Participants will be responsible for paying for this airfare to travel with us as a group to Thailand; this airfare is not included in tuition.

International Exchange Rates

Loop Abroad operates its program in Thailand and pays for most of the program in Thai Baht. Should the value of the US dollar decrease and thereby increase or operating costs for the program, we reserve the right to increase our program price in proportion with the change in the value of the US dollar and invoice you for this increase in costs.

Application Fee and Payments

An application fee of \$50 is due with this application. This fee is refundable only if the program to which you apply is full. Your \$1,000 non-refundable Confirmation of Participation fee is due within 30 days of your acceptance to the program. Your first payment of \$1,900 is due by March 12th. Your second payment of \$2,950 is due by April 30th. All late payments will incur a \$50 late payment charge. Loop Abroad reserves the right to cancel a student's place or reservation if payments are not made on time.

- I have enclosed a check for \$50 with this application.
 I am applying online, and will send a check for \$50 separately.

Please Read Carefully and Sign Below

We would like to apply for admission to Loop Abroad's "Plight of the Thai Elephant" program. We have read this application form and the information on www.loopabroad.com carefully, and we willingly agree to comply with all of the various requirements and conditions spelled out in these materials. We understand that student travel can be dangerous, and we agree to abide by the rules, conditions and instructions provided by Loop Abroad to minimize the risk of injury, accident, damage or death. We further understand that Loop Abroad has the right to remove any applicant from any program at any time, at the applicant's expense, if their behavior or participation is deemed to be detrimental or dangerous to themselves or others. We also understand that we will be required to sign and comply with various written waivers, liability releases, and terms and conditions as a condition of participation in this program.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____
Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please email your application to admissions@loopabroad.com or mail your signed application, \$50 application fee, transcript and essay to:

Loop Abroad, 28 Cocasset St., Foxboro, MA, 02035-2922

ANY QUESTIONS?

Phone: (202) 255-2630

Email: admissions@loopabroad.com

Web: www.loopabroad.com

If desired, and where possible, Loop Abroad is happy to schedule an evening or weekend home appointment.