

# México Trip 2008

## Application Process



Student must write a short essay expressing her or his reasons for participating in the trip (Due: Thursday, November 1, 2008 to Ms. Jones). Preferably, applicants are currently enrolled in a Spanish class or have been in the past. All applicants must be interested in learning some Spanish language and Hispanic culture.



Students applying for a trip may not have any incomplete grades nor be in arrears with the St. Mary's business office, nor be behind in their community service hours. We will check with Mrs. Anderson in the Registrar's Office, Ms. Roth in the Business Office, and Mrs. Baumbach in the Community Service Office.



All trip participants (and students' parents) must sign the attached **Hold Harmless Agreement** and **Student Travel Contract** (enclosed).



Students and their parents must sign the attached foreign travel contract, *the conditions of which should be read most carefully by both students and their parents/guardians*

**Selection Process:** If more people apply to participate in the 2008 Mexico Trip than places are available, the following criteria will be used to prioritize them.

1. Students must be of good character that the school will be proud to have representing it abroad.
2. Enrollment in Spanish.
3. Clearly written essay stating the student's reason for participation in this trip.
4. No previous participation in any St. Mary's foreign travel.
5. Students must complete the application process, including being up to date with his or her community service hours and his or her account with the business office is current.



*Field trips are privileges afforded to students, not absolute rights. The school reserves the right to deny participation to students who fail to meet the academic or behavioral requirements.*

St. Mary's School 2007-08  
Handbook for Students, Parents,  
Faculty, and Staff

## ***Preliminary Cost and Trip Itinerary***

**St. Mary's Mexico Trip**

**June 14 to July 1, 2008**

**TOTAL COST OF TRIP:** \$2750.00

*This trip can be paid for in four equal payments:*

\$688 due Friday, November 16 '07

\$688 due Monday, December 17 '07

\$687 due Tuesday, January 22 '08

\$687 due Thursday, February 21 '08

### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ✓ Round trip airfare from Medford to Leon and returning from Cancun to Medford on regularly scheduled commercial airline and a one-way flight from Mexico City to Merida.
- ✓ 8 nights in centrally located 3 star hotels with private facilities in all rooms (based on triple occupancy).
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Lunch is NOT provided outside of the 9-day homestay experience.
- ✓ Private bus for all transfers and sightseeing.
- ✓ Entrance fees to all scheduled museums and attractions as stated in the program itinerary.
- ✓ Tips, local taxes, airline taxes and gratuities.
- ✓ Travel, accident and baggage insurance (refer to the last page of this packet for details).

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- ✓ Lunches throughout travel *after* homestay in Guanajuato (9 days).
- ✓ Items of a personal nature.
- ✓ Sightseeing not specified or stated in the original itinerary.

### **PROGRAM ITINERARY:**

- ✓ Saturday, June 14: Depart from Medford International Airport in the morning and arrive in Leon/Guanajuato airport in the evening (fly via LAX). Transfer by bus to your home stay.
- ✓ Sunday, June 15: Spend the day with your host family in Guanajuato.
- ✓ Monday, June 16: You will attend school (language classes) for part of each day and participate in community service activities in the afternoons. You will also spend time each day getting to know your host family.
- ✓ Tuesday, June 17: Language class and community service. Visit *el Museo de las momias*.
- ✓ Wednesday, June 18: Language class and community service. Visit *la Presa de la olla* and history museum (*Museo iconográfico*).
- ✓ Thursday, June 19: Language class and community service. Visit *Cervantes* museum.
- ✓ Friday, June 20: Language class and community service. Visit *Diego Rivera* museum.
- ✓ Saturday, June 21: Group excursion to San Miguel de Allende
- ✓ Sunday, June 22: Group excursion to Dolores Hidalgo and attend mass.

- ✓ Monday, June 23: Depart Guanajuato in the morning by bus for Mexico City. Check in to the hotel and tour the *Zocalo* (central downtown area).
- ✓ Tuesday, June 24: Full day guided Mexico City tour to include the Anthropology Museum.
- ✓ Wednesday, June 25: Full day visit to the Shrine of Guadalupe and the Pyramids of Teotihuacan.
- ✓ Thursday, June 26: A.M. transfer to the airport for the flight to Merida. Check into hotel and join a sightseeing tour.
- ✓ Friday, June 27: Visit Chitzen Itza and continue on to Valladolid. Stay in Valladolid.
- ✓ Saturday, June 28: A.M. depart for Coba Archaeological site and then on to Tulum.
- ✓ Sunday, June 29: Structured activities in Tulum
- ✓ Monday, June 30: Structured activities in Tulum
- ✓ Tuesday, July 1: Depart from Cancun airport for Medford.

# Mexico Trip Student Application

## June 14 to July 1, 2008

Name of Trip Student Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

(Print your name as it appears on your passport)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently enrolled in foreign language? (language/level completed):? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please attach an essay expressing why you would like to join this trip (1 page maximum).

Method of payment: check \_\_\_\_\_ credit card \_\_\_\_\_ Type of card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No \_\_\_\_\_

CVV2 (on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address if different: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



*For office use only:*

**Community Service Coordinator** \_\_\_\_\_

Date

**Business Manager** \_\_\_\_\_

Date

**Registrar** \_\_\_\_\_

Date

# Hold Harmless Agreement Foreign Travel

Parents, Students and Participants Name of Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_

*Read carefully before signing this form.*

The St. Mary's School foreign travel tour traveling to Mexico during the period June 14 to July 1, 2008, (the Tour) is a voluntary, extracurricular activity. As a condition to participation in the Tour, the student, parent(s) or guardian(s), (the "Participant") must agree to ASSUME THE RISKS OF INJURY, LOSS OF PROPERTY, DETAINMENT, KIDNAPPING, IMPRISONMENT OR DEATH involved in this activity and agree to RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND St. Mary's of Medford, Inc., dba St. Mary's School, its employees, agents and representatives and the trip coordinators, directors and hosts ("St. Mary's") from any and all liability (including defense costs) resulting from injury and/or death sustained by the Participant of the Tour, or damage to property of any kind, or from any loss whatsoever occurring or arising out of the Tour, except that the hold harmless and indemnification shall *not be applicable to liability arising from the negligence or the willful misconduct of St. Mary's of Medford, Inc., dba St. Mary's School.*

## Warning

While involved in the Tour and while traveling to and within foreign countries, the Participant may encounter unusual diseases, climate and atmospheric conditions, food and water conditions and limited sanitation. Modes of conveyance, public and private, may be below the standard used in the United States. Political unrest can result in violence and terrorist incidents. You may want to research these further before deciding whether to sign this form. Consult any sources, e.g. U.S. Passport Office, U.S. Immigration Office, U.S. State Department, World Health Organization, consulates, travel agents, universities, books and periodicals.

The Participant may impair his/her general physical and mental health and hinder his/her ability to earn a living, to engage in business, social and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life. In addition, there is the possibility of suffering emotional distress or psychological injury as a result of participating in the trip and its activities. It is difficult to project what Participants will undergo or what situations they will encounter.

It is your responsibility to learn about and/or inquire about any concerns that you might have at any time regarding the Tour, before signing the agreement.

*In consideration of St. Mary's of Medford, Inc., dba St. Mary's School, permitting my child or ward, or myself to participate in the Tour and to engage in all activities related to it, I hereby agree to ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF INJURY, LOSS OF PROPERTY, DETAINMENT, KIDNAPPING, IMPRISONMENT OR DEATH of me, my child, or ward that are associated with St. Mary's of Medford, Inc., dba St. Mary's School, its employees, agents, representatives and volunteers from any liability resulting from any condition that may arising out of the Tour, except negligence or willful misconduct of St. Mary's of Medford, Inc., dba St. Mary's School. I agree that the terms that of this Agreement shall bind myself, my heirs, estate, personal representatives, assigns and all members of my family. Furthermore, I agree if any part of this Agreement is held void or unenforceable, that it shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect.*

## Caution

**BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ ITS CONTENTS AND WARNING, THAT I UNDERSTAND THE SAME AND AGREE TO THE TERMS THEREOF.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student/Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# ***Student Travel Contract***

## **St. Mary's Mexico Trip**

**June 14 to July 1, 2008**

***Please read carefully and sign the following statement:***

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the following code of conduct while traveling in Mexico as part of the St. Mary's travel experience to Guanajuato, Mexico. I understand that all the rules of behavior as listed in the St. Mary's 2007-8 Handbook for Students are in force during the duration of this trip and will abide by them. In addition to those expectations, I agree to abide by the following guidelines while taking part in the exchange program.

- 1.** I will attend school as specified by Ms. Lisa Jones and/or other St. Mary's chaperones.
- 2.** As is outlined in the handbook, I will extend mature, courteous, thoughtful behavior and conduct of highest quality to all trip chaperones and host acquaintances at all times.
- 3.** I will act according to the St. Mary's code of conduct in the hotels, in my host family's home, and in public and private no matter what I see students from other countries doing. I also realize the St. Mary's dress code is in effect for the duration of the trip.
- 4.** I will obey all rules and safety precautions established by the chaperones during the travel and group activities. These precautions include, but are not limited to:
  - I may only sightsee in a group of at least three, and then ONLY with the specific permission of a chaperone.
  - I may never leave the group without official permission of the chaperone. This includes ducking into the bathroom, a fast food restaurant, store, etc.
  - I agree to never leave the hotel or homestay house at night without being accompanied by a chaperone.
  - I will remain with the group at all times while in the airport.
  - I will be in my room and in bed by 11:00 PM each night
- 5.** I will wear a watch while on the trip and arrive punctually for all activities. I understand that if I am late, the entire group might miss our bus, train or plane, and I will then be responsible for all costs incurred to the group through my tardiness.
- 6.** I will not drive a car in Mexico. Any driving will be considered as the illegal operation of a motor vehicle and could be reported to the local authorities.
- 7.** Use or possession of alcohol, drugs or illegal narcotics will result in my immediate return to the United States at the expense of my parents. In the case of arrest (for the above), I become the total responsibility of my parents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Signature**

I have witnessed my child's signature to this travel contract and agree to take all responsibility and pay the cost of my child's early flight home if he or she violates this contract.

We acknowledge that there are risks to all overseas travel including, but not limited to transportation and health.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Signature**

# Affidavit of Parental Consent

We / I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ (and)

\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize our/my child,

\_\_\_\_\_, to travel to Mexico from June 14

to July 1, 2008, with St. Mary's School.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public in and for the County of Jackson and the State of Oregon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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(Notary Signature)

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public in and for the County of Jackson and the State of Oregon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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(Notary Signature)

# Affidavit of Sole Custody

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (widowed)

(divorced), do hereby swear that I have sole and legal custody of my child,

\_\_\_\_\_. As such I have the right to

authorize my child to travel to Mexico from June 14 to July 1, 2008, with St. Mary's School.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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(Notary Signature)

Notary Public in and for the County of Jackson and the State of Oregon.



**Emergency Release Form**  
**St. Mary's Mexico Trip**  
**June 14 to July 1, 2008**

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_

**Address where parents can be contacted while we are in Mexico:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tel (day/night) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Name, address and telephone numbers of two people who will be able to contact parents while we are in Mexico:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (day/night) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Student's Allergies:*

*List any medications or conditions being treated:*

*Other pertinent health information:*

### AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO TREATMENT OF A MINOR

I (we), the undersigned, parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named student, do hereby authorize Lisa Jones or other St. Mary's chaperones as agents for the undersigned to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by an accredited hospital or medical staff during the St. Mary's School Trip to Mexico whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital. It is understood that Lisa Jones and other St. Mary's chaperones are given authority and power to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable.

Authorization shall remain effective for the length of the Mexico Trip, **June 14 through July 1, 2008.**

In accordance with TSA requirements, each student will be purchasing travel insurance for the duration of the trip, so we will not require your personal insurance information.

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness' Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_



## **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

A comprehensive travel, accident and baggage protection package is included in all TSA Tours programs.

### **Schedule of benefits:**

Post departure trip interruption	Up to trip cost
Trip delay	\$750
Baggage/personal effects	\$1,000
Baggage delay	\$100
Accident and Sickness Medical	\$25,000
Evacuation/repatriation	\$50,000

There are no deductibles.

A separate plan covering pre departure cancellation (medical only) due to death, sickness or serious injury to the traveler, immediate family member, travel companion or business partner is offered as an option at a rate of 7% of the total trip cost. This option will appear automatically on the first invoice the participants receive. This is an opt-in or opt-out plan.

### **SPECIAL 14 DAY WAIVER**

Pre-existing conditions can be covered if the Pre departure cancellation protection plan is accepted within 14 days.

Additional information is available on request.

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