Dec 18, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Senior Boys Rugby team is excited for the opportunity to go on tour to California in March of 2024. The trip will be chaperoned by teacher Lindsey Davidson, volunteer Mike Bouchard and coaches Nico Docolos, Bryan Redies and Aiden Sham. Each chaperone has conducted a criminal record check and signed the necessary paperwork. Mike also has his first aid certification in case of medical emergency.

As per district policy, the tour is being planned with Ellison Travel. This will ensure that full medical coverage as well as cancellation insurance is included. The dates of travel will be from March 18 to March 24, 2024. Attached you will find a preliminary itinerary, cost breakdown and list of inclusions.

To participate on this tour, students and their families will have to complete a number of steps/forms prior to the winter break.

For the district, you will need to complete the following three forms and return to Mr. Ellett in 208N prior to Dec. 22:

1. Student Medical Form
2. Informed Consent & Release of Liability Form
3. Swimming Form

For Ellison, online registration is set up by our tour operator, Ellison Travel & Tours. The online tour registration collects personal traveller information required for the tour (i.e., legal names, passport information, food allergies, etc.). Please start your registration by clicking here [https://forms.office.com/r/ybiQNZrfvN](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fforms.office.com%2fr%2fybiQNZrfvN&c=E,1,PVxlGrPPqnExjurp9POLay96rvCb2w0ztGmxd7JpFSwa6-VXVEYyEmSqLVK-WRV_gG-EVqTD28uo8iJTZKc5t0_Qs3wVjRs27pX-OMcm6OFmT4t6cFaxJ9u3Eg,,&typo=1)

The registration deadline for all participants is **December 22, for all travellers.**

1. Each traveller must register
2. The system works the best on a computer or laptop. For ease, we do not recommend registering using a phone or tablet.

Once the minimum number of participants have registered, you will be sent information about payments through their Online Payment Program and further instructions. Your registration will only be considered complete once your first deposit has been made. DO NOT, pay a deposit until numbers have been confirmed. The deposit is not refundable! If you have any challenges with registration, please contact Paula Tessa via email at [paulat@ellisontravel.com](mailto:paulat@ellisontravel.com)

I look forward to working with Lindsey, Coach Nico and Ellison travel to make this tour a high school experience yours sons will remember for a lifetime! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via phone or email.

Chris Ellett

Athletic Director

**Tour Itinerary:**

Day/Date Daily Inclusions (schedule subject to change as tour components are confirmed):

Day 1 Mon, March 18

• flight from the Vancouver International Airport to the San Francisco International Airport

• 10 hours of coach service

• lunch and dinner at own expense

• tour of UC Berkley - arranged by group

• rugby practice – arranged by group

• check into hotel for 6 nights’ accommodation in the Vacaville Area

Day 2 Tue, March 19

• breakfast at hotel

• 10 hours of coach service

• tour of Sacramento State University - arranged by group

• lunch and dinner at own expense • rugby match – arranged by group

Day 3 Wed, March 20

• breakfast at hotel

• 10 hours of coach service

• admission to the Exploratorium

• lunch and dinner at own expense

• time to explore San Francisco Piers

• rugby practice – arranged by group

Day 4 Thu, March 21

• breakfast at hotel

• 10 hours of coach service

• Saint Mary's College Campus visit, practice and activities – arranged by group

• lunch and dinner at own expense

Day 5 Fri, March 22

• breakfast at hotel

• 8 hours of coach service

• rugby match and activities – arranged by group

• lunch and dinner at own expense

Day 6 Sat, March 23

• breakfast at hotel followed by check out

• 10 hours of coach service

• today’s arrangements as per group leader

• lunch and dinner at own expense

• rugby practice – arranged by group

Day 7 Sun, March 24

• breakfast at hotel

• 6 hours of coach service

• today’s arrangements as per group leader

• lunch at own expense

• flight from the San Francisco International Airport to the Vancouver International Airport

**Cost Breakdown:**

**Cost: $2413/student based on 35 participants**

**$2750/student based on 25 participants**

* + Above amount goes to Ellison (via link to Ellison)

**Included:**

* Airfare
* Hotel (quad occupancy)
* Free breakfast at the hotel
* Private charter bus for each day of the trip
* Full Medical Insurance
* Cancellation Insurance