

Global Works Interest Meeting Script

Pre-Interest Meeting: PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE!

Get the word out about your trip early and often! Announce the trip to as many students as possible. Utilize your school newsletter, website, and/or daily announcements. Display the Global Works posters, maps of your destination, any additional materials, travel guides and/or photos that you may have. Use the provided Global Works sign in sheet to obtain contact information from students and parents. From our office, we will email announcements for the interest meeting and deposit due dates. Good Luck!

Introduction

Welcome and thanks for coming to hear about our exciting trip! Global Works is a company based out of Boulder, CO that has been running trips for high school and middle school groups for 22 years. I have worked with them to customize a trip for our students. They have sent us a slide show that will tell us about the organization and some of the activities that we will do on our trip. After the slide show we will go over our specific itinerary. We will have time for questions, as well.

Show Slide Show (You may wish to use the Notes included with the Power Point. Go to "View" on the scroll down menu and then "Notes Page".)

Read over your Trip Itinerary and Tuition, Forms, and Due Dates

Discuss Application, Forms, and Passports

We do have strict due dates for Applications and Forms. If you plan to sign up for the trip, please read the Enrollment Agreement, complete the Application for Enrollment, and return the Application and deposit check to Global Works before the due date. Upon receipt of the Application, Global Works will email a login code and link to your online Enrollment Packet to each participant, which includes medical forms, immunization recommendations, and a pack list. All forms will also be available online! Please note that there is a Physician Report that will need to be signed by a doctor. Global Works requires that their forms be signed to ensure that your child is able to participate in this program.

If you are planning on signing up for the program, please ensure that you have an up-to-date passport or start the process now to obtain one!

Discuss Recommended Immunizations

Global Works bases their recommendations on the Center of Disease Control website. You will receive a document outlining these recommendations in your Enrollment Packet. Global Works strongly suggests that you consult with your family physician about any immunizations. Please contact Global Works if you have any further questions.

Homestay Questions and FAQ's (if applicable)

The homestay, of course, is what most of you have questions about and may be most nervous about. I'd like to answer as many questions as I can now. We will also hold a meeting prior to the trip to discuss expectations and guidelines about the homestay.

Conclusion

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the Global Works office. They can be reached at 303-545-2202 or via email at groups@globalworkstravel.com. **Please remember the due dates!**

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Frequently Asked Questions

What type of service projects do we do?

We collaborate with grassroots organizations and local communities on a variety of environmental and development projects. Working side-by-side with our hosts, we accomplish meaningful projects that impact each community positively. Examples of previous projects include constructing a foundation for a community center, planting an organic garden, assisting the local school teacher, painting a classroom mural, and assisting marine biologists with sea turtle habitat preservation projects. See specific itineraries for more examples!

How much does the trip cost?

Our trips are priced based on the destination, length of stay, and number of students. The deposit may be paid with a credit card. We prefer a check for the tuition balance. Our tuition is competitive relative to other companies.

I have health insurance. Will it cover me for a Global Works trip?

Although we hope no one ever needs to use such a service, we require that each individual traveling on our programs has International Medical and Evacuation Insurance coverage. You may want to explore your health insurance policy to determine if you have coverage for international medical and evacuation care (our experience is that most domestic policies do not provide coverage for international travel and evacuation).

In an effort to make things easier and ensure that all participants have an inexpensive option to meet the appropriate coverage required in our Enrollment Agreement, we offer you ALG Assist Medical and Evacuation Insurance. If you find you already have coverage through your insurance company or you find a policy on your own, please send us proof of your coverage. We hope you understand the need to cover all bases of safety when it comes to international travel.

You will be provided with a more thorough summary of the coverage provided through ALG Assist International Services, a Member of American International Group, Inc. in your Enrollment Packet. (Cost = \$1.75 per day)

What type of immunizations do I need?

Immunizations vary region to region, and from year to year. While we are happy to assist you with recommendations, the best option is to consult your physician and go to the Center of Disease Control website for the most up to date information.

How much spending money should I bring?

All expenses are paid for including meals and some snacks. The only required additional expense is the departure tax, which varies for each destination country (about \$25-\$35). Some spending money is recommended for time in the airport, personal items, and souvenirs. Having a lot of cash is never a good idea while traveling! Bringing some cash in small denominations is best.

Are meals included?

Yes, all meals are included. At times we provide snacks but snacks should be considered extra expenses.

How many students need to sign up to run a Global Works program?

The minimum number of students required varies and should be established with your Global Works trip manager prior to your meeting. If your group falls below the required minimum, the trip may be subject to surcharge or cancellation.

What if I need to cancel?

The deposit is refundable up to 30 days following your group's deposit due date. After 30 days, the deposit becomes non-refundable, except in the cases when the trip does not meet the minimum participant requirements. Global Works recommends purchase of the Program Cancellation and Interruption Protection Plan. Please refer to the form in your Enrollment Packet which outlines the Plan.

What if there is an emergency?

Students will know where their teacher and Global Works leader are at all times and vice versa. They will be asked to always travel in groups of three or more people. Students will carry an Emergency Contact Card that has their leader's cell phone number. During the homestay, if there is a problem in any home that warrants switching host families, we will organize a move. In addition, Global Works always has evacuation plans for each location that we visit. Your Global Works leader will know where the closest medical facility is and the fastest way to reach it.

FOR HOMESTAY QUESTIONS (if applicable) PLEASE REFER TO THE HOMESTAY FAQ!