



RHINEBECK-RHEINBACH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Parent Meeting

May 7, 2017

Agenda -

- Trip Dates
- Insurance (Travel and Medical)
- Luggage
- Money and Credit/Debit Cards
- Cell phones/Cell Phone use
- Medical Forms/Medications
- Chaperones
- Host Families
- German Lessons
- Family Picnic
- Off to Germany Concert



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Trip Dates -

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Through

Wednesday, July 26, 2017



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Limited Travel Insurance Coverage –

- All Participants Covered
- Cancellation
- Trip Interruption
- Limited Medical Coverage – Please check with your carrier
- Medical Evacuation
- Lost Luggage



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Medical Insurance Coverage-

- Medical Insurance is your responsibility. Your insurance is primary.
- Please check with your medical insurance carrier so that you know what your insurance covers outside the United States.



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Luggage-

Each participant may bring:

- 1 Suitcase up to 50 lbs and 62 inches (L+W+H)
- Include the wheels in your measurements
- 1 Carry on bag up to 17 lbs and 46 inches
- Small instruments should go in your suitcase
- Backpack?
- Be prepared for warm or cool weather
- Pack clothing for 1 week
- Concert attire – Black bottoms, White tops, RRX Shirt
- Walking shoes/Nice shoes
- We WILL weigh bags before boarding the bus.



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Money and Credit/Debit Cards-

- Euros used in Germany
- RRX will purchase Euros for you as a convenience
- Exchange rate approximately \$1.20 = 1 Euro (includes fee)
- Most Visa/Mastercard logo cards will work in Germany
- Check with your bank for transaction fees involved
- Notify your bank that the card will be used in Germany!



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Cell Phone and Cell Phone Use -

- Most smart phones will work in Germany
- Check with your carrier for cost
- Purchase a plan?

- Make calls/use phones at night after RRX/Family Activities have ended. Use wifi?
- Please interact with your host family, participate in activities! DO NOT stare at your cell phone.



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Medical Forms/Medications-

- **RRX will provide a medical history form to be used in case of emergency.**
- **Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible.**
- **Don't forget to pack your medications!**
- **Pack medications in the original bottles**
- **Pack medications in your carry-on bag**



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Chaperones-

- 19 adults on the trip (11 of them are chaperones)
- 33 youth (approx 1 chaperone for 3 youth)
- Chaperone groups approx 6 youth and 2 adults
- Problem? *Speak to your chaperone!*
- Youth members – Let us know 1 person you would like to have in your group
- Youth will not be in their parent's chaperone group



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Host Families-

- Thank them for hosting you
- Bring a gift for the family (American/Rhinebeck/Hudson Valley products preferred). Nothing too heavy!
- Have contact with your host family before we travel
- Share dietary needs/preferences (be reasonable)
- Don't be afraid to ask your family if you need something
- Be a part of the family!



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German Lessons-

- Schedule available soon
- Please attend as many sessions as you can
- Learn important/useful words and phrases
- Learn about German foods
- Learn about German customs/etiquette



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Family Picnic -

- June 3 – 5:00 PM, Red Hook Rec Park
- Potluck! Bring a dish to share (30 families)
- Meet the other families
- Meet your chaperone and your group!



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Off to Germany Concert -

- Monday, July 10 – SAVE THE DATE
- Open to the public!
- Bring your family and friends
- See us perform the music we have been rehearsing since January!
- Free admission, donations accepted.
- Concession stand



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Questions?

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