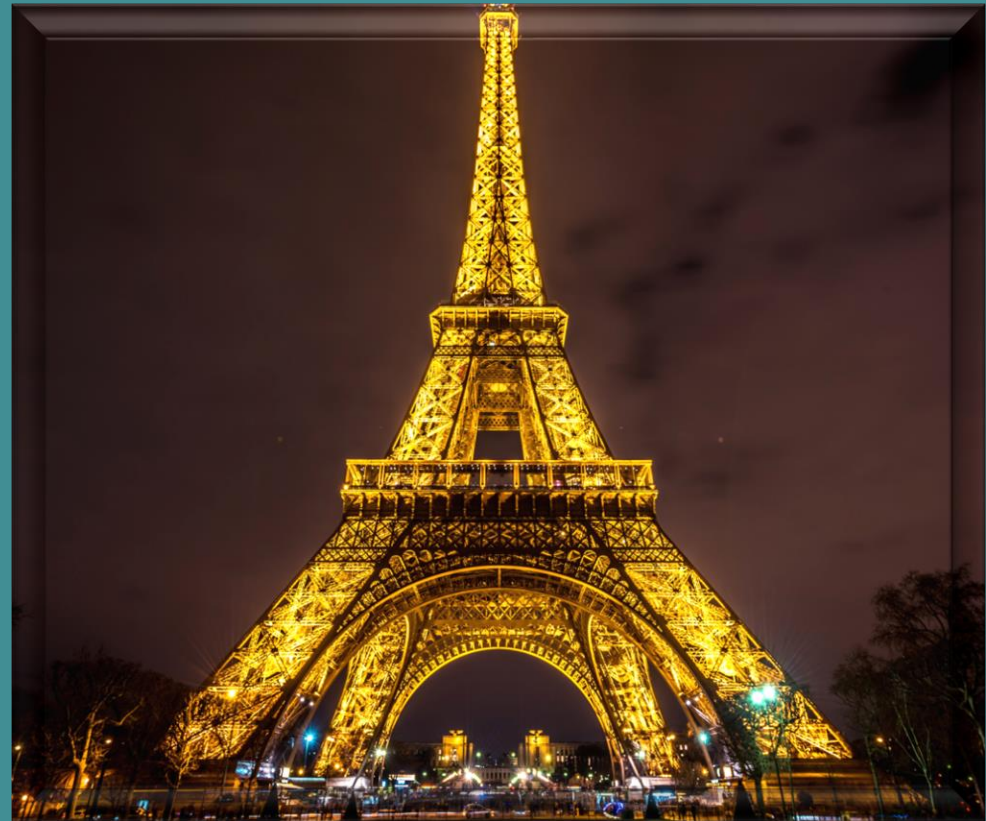


# Paris, the Loire Valley, and Strasbourg, France

June 20 - June 30, 2022



March 7th, 2022 at 7 – 8pm



\*Note – this trip is not affiliated with Moscow Middle School or the Moscow School District. It is an independent student/parent educational opportunity.

# Glad to be back in person and moving forward!



## Tonight's meeting requirements

- Mask Optional
- Social distance when possible

All the information from this meeting  
can be found at: [globalxpeditions.weebly.com](http://globalxpeditions.weebly.com)

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# Agenda

- Welcome: Cell phones off please
- **Just 105 days away ☺**
- **Collection of Passport and Emergency Cards**
- **Photo Book and Mug Shots**
- **Rules and roles**
- **Safety Matters**
- **So where are we going?**
- **Travel Itinerary – Flight Information**
- **Counting groups**
- **Rooming arrangements and expectations**
- **Covid protocols**
- **Traveler vs. Tourist**
- **Photo Etiquette**
- **Phones, debit cards, etc.**
- **Currencies**
- **Luggage and liquids talk**
- **Team building**
- **Next meetings**
- **Questions, Comments, Freaking Outs ☺**



# Passports & Emergency Contact Information

- Thank you for providing the FIVE color copies of the Traveler Emergency and Insurance form
- All items will be added to our traveler contact info and medical books we carry while on tour
- Thank you for bringing your \$25 for our Team Day



# Photo Mug Shots

## Purpose:

- ❖ To get familiar with the group

## Share with:

- ❖ Traveling parents
- ❖ Traveling kids
- ❖ Your tour directors
- ❖ Other group leaders



Make sure I got your photo tonight to create our mug shot book

# Rules and Roles for Student Travel

**Travel Company's Role:** The travel company we select is responsible for coordinating all logistical aspects of our travel adventure. They will plan our breakfasts and dinners, transportation, accommodations, excursion information, and much more. They will also provide local knowledge about our destination and will be available 24/7 to assist the group in any way that is needed.

THANK YOU  
for signing  
and returning it

Breaking these rules could land you back on very expensive plane ticket home. Be Good! 😊

**SIGN  
HERE**



**By signing I acknowledge that I have read and understand/agree with the terms above:**

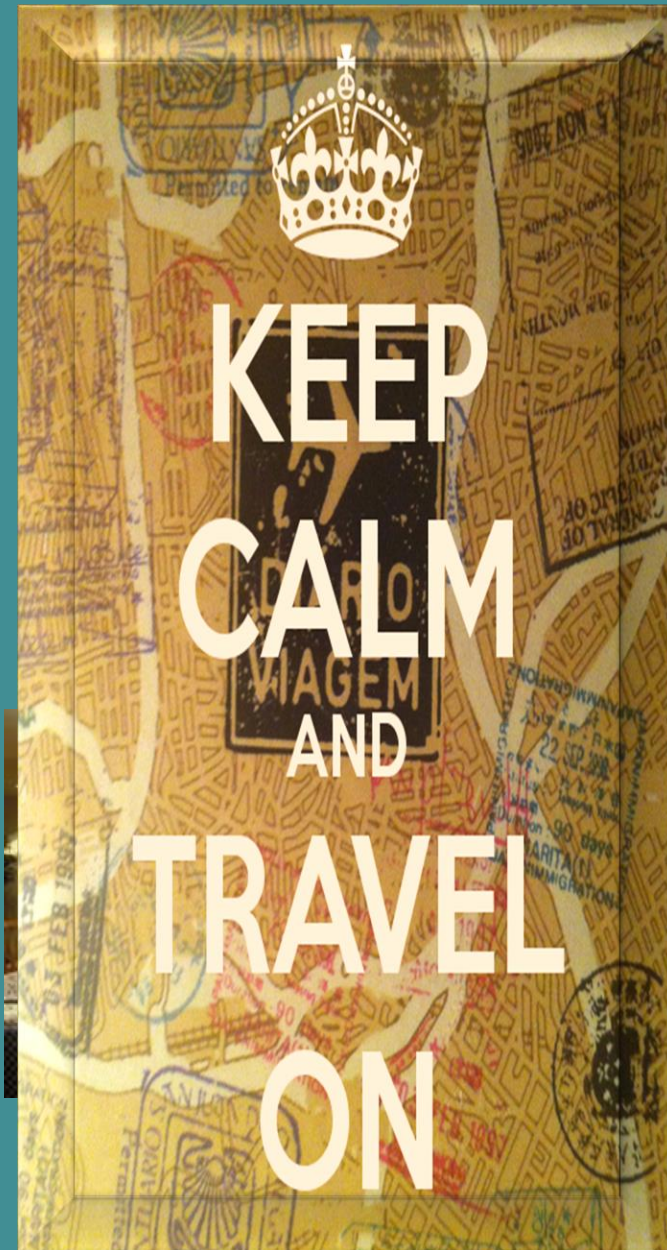
Traveler's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# **Safety**matters

- Explorica, State Department, CDC
  - Matthew and Jason don't decide when it is safe to travel ... we have a network of experts.
- We will re-evaluate every trip IF something arises in that area, region, etc.
- Seen it before...Japan and Tsunami, China and North Korea issues, France and train strikes, Turkey and security issues, Covid 19 pandemic.
- Current Ukraine Crisis UPDATE
- More Covid "*What if*" possibilities shared later in this PowerPoint





# So where are we going?

## Paris & the Loire Valley II

[explorica.com/Albrecht-598](http://explorica.com/Albrecht-598)

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### Day 1 Start tour

### Day 2 Bonjour Paris

Meet your tour director and check into hotel  
Paris city walk: Île de la Cité, Notre-Dame Cathedral , Île St. Louis, Latin Quarter visit  
Welcome dinner in Latin Quarter

### Day 3 Paris landmarks

Paris guided sightseeing tour: Arc de Triomphe, Champs Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Champ de Mars, École Militaire, Les Invalides, Conciergerie, Tuileries Garden, Place Vendôme, Opera House  
Louvre visit  
Versailles guided excursion  
Dinner Cruise on the Seine

### Day 4 Paris--Loire Valley

Travel to Loire Valley (via Chartres & Chambord)  
Chateau d'Amboise visit  
Château de Chambord photo stop  
Chartres Cathedral visit (time permitting)  
Authentic French Brasserie Dinner

### Day 5 Loire Valley castles

Loire châteaux tour director-led sightseeing: Azay-le-Rideau visit, Château de Chenonceau visit  
Troglodyte Village guided visit  
Dinner in Troglodyte Village

### Day 6 Loire Valley--St. Malo

Travel to St. Malo  
St. Malo interactive sightseeing activity: Church of St. Vincent, Tomb of Jacques Cartier  
Dinner at a crêperie

### Day 7 St. Malo--Normandy

Mont-St-Michel monastery visit  
Travel to Normandy  
D-Day beaches  
American Cemetery visit

### Day 8 Normandy--Strasbourg

Travel to Paris  
Travel to Strasbourg by train  
Strasbourg city walk

### Day 9 Strasbourg

Strasbourg guided sightseeing tour: Strasbourg Cathedral visit, Petite France  
Gutenberg Statue  
Day cruise on Rhine river  
Flammekeuche dinner

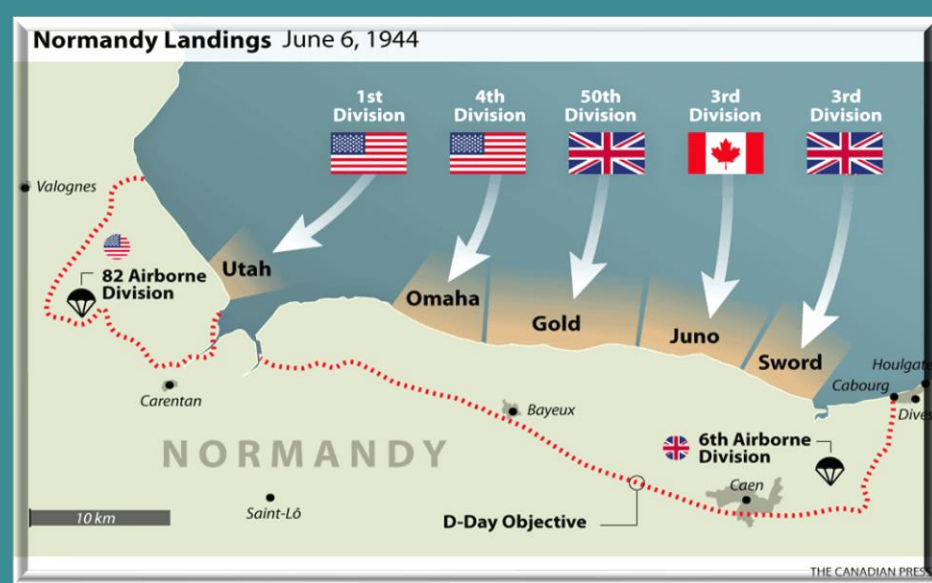
### Day 10 Strasbourg--Paris

Travel to Paris by train  
Eiffel Tower ascent  
Le Petit Train de Montmartre  
Farewell dinner in Montmartre

### Day 11 End tour



Strasbourg



WW II Normandy “D Day”  
Beaches



Troglodyte Village



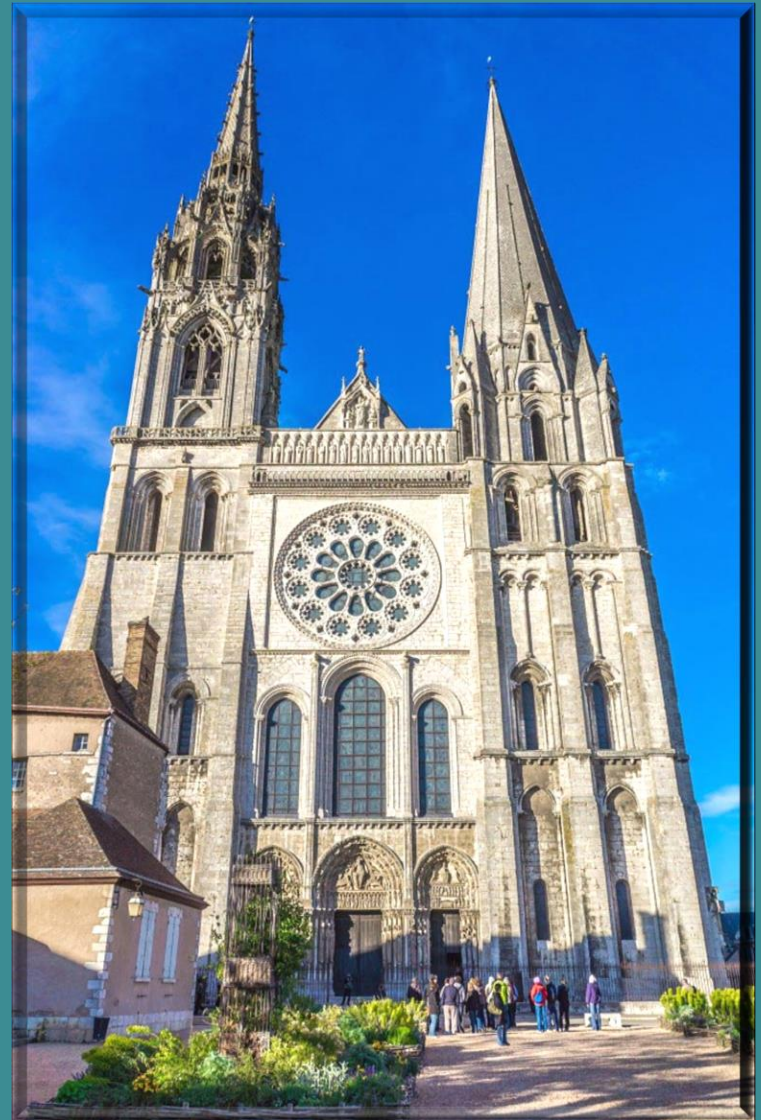
Mt. St. Michel



Chateau Chambord



Chateau Amboise



Chartres Cathedral

# Itinerary Update

- Only 105 Days Away!!!!
- We will meet at MMS very early to pick up the bus to the airport ☺



- Flights – Middle seats and we are spread throughout the plane ... no requests allowed/changing seats

- We will have several bus trips. Boys and girls seat separately.



# When do we leave??



No updates currently. Should be coming soon 😊

- Pre – Departure Meeting on 6-19-22 TBD
- Bus Meeting Time at MMS: EARLY (Will be updated as soon as we have the flights)
- We don't see any stay behind or go ahead through Explorica. IS THIS RIGHT?

# Paris and the Loire Valley Travel Groups

## Jason and Stacy's Group

1	Albrecht	Jason
2	Albrecht	Stacy
3	Attebury	Rami
4	Attebury-Marzolf	Roseletta
5	Carpenter	Addison
6	Clark	Trinity
7	Clyde	Kacie
8	Duke	Kathy
9	Duke	Abby
10	Fenley	Miranda
11	Fenley	Kaitlyn
12	Fields	Victoria
13	Hacker	Bella
14	Hansen	Jessie
15	Hansen	Ashley
16	Makamson	Sally
17	Makamson	Violet
18	Skinner	Jessa
19	Skinner	Tiffany
20	Uhrig	Ashley
21	Uhrig	Jayme



**Rule  
of 4**

We ALWAYS  
travel in small  
groups of no  
less than FOUR



## Matthew and Daniel's Group

1	Haley	Matthew
2	Besst	Kara
3	Besst	McKenna
4	Briggs	Mina
5	Fealy	Tanner
6	Griswold	Trevor
7	Hegy	Brenya
8	Martin	Brad
9	Martin	Luke
10	McClory	Geneva
11	Odberg	Nicholas
12	Poler	Megan
13	Roll	Katherine
14	Roll	Josephine
15	Shook	Jennings
16	Shook	Mary
17	Stodick	Kelly
18	Stodick	David
19	Weaver	Kellan
20	Haley	Rebecca
21	Haley	Daniel

**Practice!**

# Rooming arrangements for Kids

These are set up to accommodate different rooming options that may occur on the trip. They were created based on your recommendations and our rooming needs. Thank you for being flexible...remember we are in Europe!

2 per Room
Nick O. and Tanner F.
Jennings S. and Trevor G.
Luke M. and Kellan W. (always 2 or 3)
Megan P. and Jessa S.
Ashley H. and Letta A.
Kaitlyn F. and Mina B.
Josie R. and Victoria F.
Bella H. and Kacie C.
Abby D. and Violet M.
Geneva M. and Kelly S. (Always 2 or 4)
Brenya H. and Trinity C. (Always 2 or 4)

3 per Room
Nick O. Tanner F., and Trevor G.
Luke M., Kellan W, and Jennings S.
Addison C., Mckenna B., and Ashley U (Always 3)
Bella H., Kacie C., and Megan P
Ashley H., Letta A., and Jessa S.
Kaitlyn F., Mina B., and Josie R.
Abby D., Violet M., and Victoria F.

4 per Room
Nick O., Tanner F., Trevor G., and Jennings S.
Bella H., Kacie C., Megan P., and Jessa S.
Josie R., Victoria F., Kaitlyn F., and Mina B.
Ashley H., Letta A., Abby D., Violet M.,
Geneva M., and Kelly S. Brenya H., and Trinity Clark



Remember we EXPECT your best behavior. That's why we chose YOU to come on this adventure. We expect the best from the best!

# Rooming arrangements for adults

## 2 per Room Separate Beds

Kathy Duke and Sally  
Makamson

Ramirose A. and Miranda  
Fenley

Mary Shook and Jessie

Tiffany Skinner (Medical  
personnel single)

Matthew Haley and David  
Stodick

## 2 per Room Shared Bed

Jason and Stacy Albrecht

Daniel and Rebecca Haley

## Singles

Brad Martin

Kara Besst

Jayme Uhrig

Kate Roll





# Impact of Covid on our trip?



## Travel in the age of Covid

- **Flexibility and adaptability** are KEY for all international travel
  - Vaccinations and boosters are required prior to travel
    - Booster must be 14 day to departure and must be Moderna or Pfizer
  - Showing of your Vaccine card will occur daily
  - Negative Covid tests pre (assume 72 hours prior to travel at a pharmacy) More info TBA
  - Online Documentation will be required (More info TBA)
  - Masks indoor locations as required by France
    - Busses, restaurants, museums, etc.
  - **Note:** ALL OF THESE MAY CHANGE BEFORE WE TRAVEL ... so be FLEXIBLE



These hurdles are coming, we need to embrace:

- “Hurry up and wait” - We will have very busy and very slow times ... Be ready
- “Rolling with the punches” - When you are tired, stressed, and annoyed, you need to still be a GREAT teammate!
- “We are in this together! We are a travel family!”
  - Each part/choice/action that a person makes will impact everyone.”
- Remember we are lucky to travel ... Be ready for anything

# Masking and Testing

- Masking:** We encourage everyone to get several comfortable n95 masks to wear prior to travel and while on tour. Getting a few ahead of time, for free, makes sense.
- Testing:** We know that a lot of places are offering free Antigen Covid tests, and it would be wise for all of us to do some pre-testing in the months prior to travel to ensure we stay Covid Negative.
- Traveling:** Need to prove negative test within 72 hours of leaving the USA. Return travel may also require a negative test to return stateside which Explorica will arrange in France.

**\*\*Evolution of expectations on tour:** Expect our policies to evolve to meet local guidelines and expectations.\*\*

# Tourist vs. Traveler

	<b>OBSERVES</b>	
Just there to look around and see the notable "must sees"		<b>EXPERIENCES</b>
		Immerses themselves in the culture
<b>STICKS OUT</b>		<b>BLENDS IN</b>
Separates themselves from the people and the local culture		Makes friends and connections with the locals
<b>COMPLAINS</b>		<b>CURIOUS</b>
Constantly makes comparisons between here and home		Asks questions and explore with an open mind
<b>OBLIVIOUS</b>		<b>SENSITIVE</b>
Doesn't pay attention to people or surroundings		Aware and respectful of cultural norms
<b>RESULT</b>		<b>GOAL</b>
A nice tan and a thinner wallet		Values are shaped and lifetime experience is gained
<b>SOUVENIR</b>		<b>KEEPSAKE</b>
An overpriced gift shop trinket		A unique piece of physical culture

## 2 tips for avoiding the stereotypes:

- 1 BE RESPECTFUL**  
Wherever you are, be respectful of the cultural traditions and values of the place you're visiting.
- 2 BE YOURSELF**  
Don't disregard or disown your own identity. Stay true to yourself, while still acclimating to the present culture.

Remember we are guests in their country!!!



# 12 PHRASES IN FRENCH

FOR BEGINNERS

**Salut!**  
Hello!

**Bonjour!**  
Good morning!

**Au revoir!**  
Goodbye!

**Excusez-moi.**  
Excuse me.

**Comment vas-tu?**  
How are you?

**Merci.**  
Thank you.

**Je t'aime.**  
I love you.

**S'il vous plaît.**  
Please.

**Pardon.**  
I'm sorry.

**Enchanté.**  
Nice to meet you.

**Je vais bien, merci!**  
Fine, thank you.

**Merci beaucoup!**  
Thank you very much.



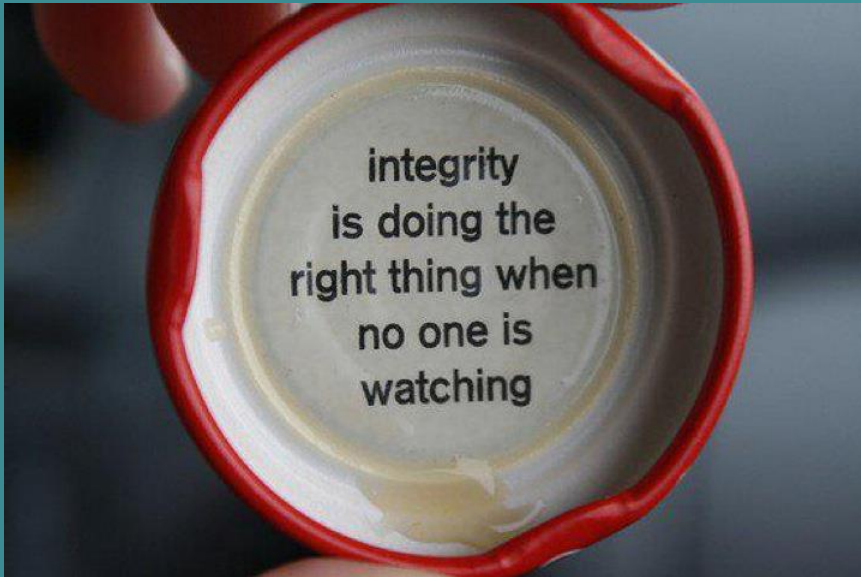
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français!





# Photo Etiquette



# Cell Phones, Debit Cards, & Internet

- Check your phones and know your phone company's policies for international travel!



- Check with your bank and let them know you will be traveling overseas!
- Your Name on YOUR bank card and know your NUMERICAL pin #. Practice prior to travel! 😊
- We will stop at ATMS when we arrive in country and will give you an idea as to how much to get at that time.



- Our International communication tool ... Share this page with family and friends



Euros will be used  
throughout France

Current exchange rate is 1  
USD = .89 Euro



# Luggage

- Pack once, then remove 1/3 😊
- Parents have the final say on what you pack.
- Lost luggage – pack light?
- One Small Carry-on Plus on Personal Item
- Pack an extra bag and send gifts home
- See Airline Regulations online for your carry-on size limitations



## 3 1 1 for Carry-ons

**3 ounce** or smaller containers of liquid or gel - More than 3 ounces permitted in checked baggage



Container size is a security measure

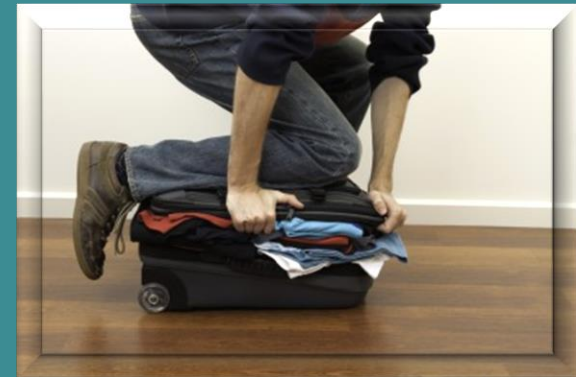
**1 quart-size**, clear plastic, zip-top bag holding 3 ounce or smaller containers

Bag limits total volume per person



**1 bag** per traveler placed in the security bin

Isolating liquids speeds screening



# Team Building Day

- Saturday, May 21 - 9am-3pm
- Phillip's Farm Moscow, Idaho  
7 miles north of Moscow off  
Hwy 95
- ALL travelers (Adult and  
student) need to attend so we  
can get organized for our  
long-awaited journey to  
Europe!



# Paris and the Loire Valley Tour 2022 – Schedule of meetings/events



- **March 7, 2022**      Travel logistics @ 7pm in the MPR
- **May 9, 2022**      Pre-travel information @ 7pm in the MPR
- **May 21, 2022**      Team Building Day at Philips Farm with Trajectory (9am – 3pm)
- **June 19, 2022**      Night before departure meeting. TBA
- **June 20, 2022**      Departure for Europe (TBA)

All meetings and times are subject to change and you will be notified of any changes in advance. Please remember that all travel participants, including traveling adults, are required to attend at least 85% of all team meetings.

## UPCOMING ITEMS FROM US

- **MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR BEST EMAIL** – We expect to send out emails often from here on out. There will be two types of emails ACTION REQUIRED and INFORMATIONAL
- **PLEASE DO NOT MISS AN ACTION ITEM :)**

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