



AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR – South
April 17 – 22, 2016



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Payment Option _____

Student's Name _____		DOB _____	Boy/Girl Age _____
Mailing Address _____			
Street/PO Box _____		City/State _____	Zip Code _____
Student lives at this address with: [] Both Parents [] Mother [] Father [] Other _____			
Home email address: _____		Home Telephone _____	
School _____		Current Grade _____	
Mother's Name _____		Cell Phone _____	Wrk.Phone/Employer/Occptn _____
Father's Name _____			
Does student have physical limitations or need medication? [] Yes (attach note) [] No			
JACKET /VEST /T-SHIRT SIZE (Adult): S M L XL XXL			

AGREEMENT: We have read and understood the brochure and information on this form. My son/daughter has agreed to work toward earning as much of his/her own way as possible. We understand the time and commitment involved in being a part of this tour, including meetings, research/reports and World Service Project. We acknowledge the Cheshire YMCA policy regarding cell phones and other electronics. We will share and discuss all information sent home in memos and learned in the preparation meetings.

In the event that a student must be sent home from tour, all costs incurred are the responsibility of the student's family. A returned check fee of \$25 will be charged for any check returned by a bank as unpaid. This fee represents incurred costs of handling and collecting funds of the dishonored check. In the event a student drops from tour, fundraising money will not be returned.

HEALTH AND ACCIDENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAVELERS ON AHT/NEHT:

Safety, health consciousness and accident prevention are constant concerns of the staff of this YMCA's Travel Programs...but, accidents do periodically occur and participants sometimes become ill on tour. As most families participating in the Cheshire YMCA travel programs carry their own health and accident insurance, please be aware that: **THE CHESHIRE YMCA DOES NOT CARRY ACCIDENT/ILLNESS/DEATH OR DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE ON ANY OF ITS TRAVELERS IN YMCA TRAVEL PROGRAMS. IT IS THIS YMCA'S POSITION THAT EACH TRAVELER'S HEALTH CARE COST IS HIS/HER OWN RESPONSIBILITY OR THAT OF HIS/HER RESPECTIVE FAMILY.** If a family self-insures or does not have any medical coverage, their signature indicates that they recognize that we do not carry health and accident insurance; and, they recognize that each participant's medical expenses are their family's responsibility should any expense be incurred. We will be continually assessing our programs with participant health and safety in mind. We hope that you have confidence that we will make appropriate decisions to assure the safest, finest quality experience available for all tour participants.

A roster with all participant's names, addresses and telephone numbers is sent to all students and leaders so they may correspond with one another.

A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$175 WILL BE REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

Please contact the Cheshire YMCA office via phone 603.352.0447 or email sarah@cheshireymca.org with any questions.

REGISTRATION MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 6pm @ MRHS in the Cafeteria

PARENT/CHILD RELEASE & WAIVER of LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to utilize the facilities, services and programs of the YMCA (or for my children to so participate) for any purpose, including, but not limited to observation or use of facilities or equipment, or participation in any off-site program affiliated with the YMCA, the undersigned, for himself or herself and such participating children and any personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby acknowledges, agrees and represents that he or she has, or immediately upon entering or participating will, inspect and carefully consider such premises and facilities or the affiliated program. It is further warranted that such entry into the YMCA for observation or use of any facilities or equipment or participation in such affiliated program constitutes an acknowledgement that such premises and all facilities and equipment thereon and such affiliated program have been inspected and carefully considered and that the undersigned finds and accepts same as being safe and reasonably suited for the purpose of such observation, use or participation by the undersigned and such children.

IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER THE YMCA FOR ANY PURPOSE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO OBSERVATION OR USE OF FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT, OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY OFF-SITE PROGRAM AFFILIATED WITH THE YMCA, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. **THE UNDERSIGNED ON HIS OR HER BEHALF AND BEHALF OF SUCH CHILDREN, HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND CONVENANTS NOT TO SUE** the YMCA and all branches thereof, its directors, officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter referred to as "releases") from all ordinary liability to the undersigned or such children and all his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned or such children whether caused by the ordinary negligence of the releases or otherwise while the undersigned or such children is in, upon, or about the premises or any facilities or equipment therein or participating in any program affiliated with the YMCA.
2. **THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS** the releases and each of them from any, loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned or such children in, upon or about the YMCA premises or in any way observing or using any facilities or equipment of the YMCA or participating in any program affiliated with the YMCA whether caused by the ordinary negligence of the releases or otherwise.
3. **THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE** to the undersigned or such children due to ordinary negligence of releases or otherwise while in, about or upon the premises of the YMCA and/or while using the premises or any facilities or equipment thereon or participating in any program affiliated with the YMCA.

THE UNDERSIGNED further gives consent to be photographed and to allow YMCA's use of any photos of me or my minor child(ren) at its sole discretion.

THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that any controversy, dispute, or claim ("Claim") by either you or us against the other, or against the employees, agents, or assigns of the other, whether based on contract, tort, or any other legal basis or theory, that arises from or relates to (a) this Agreement, (b) services rendered by us pursuant to this Agreement, or in connection with any YMCA activities you or your child(ren) have with us, (c) the relationships that result from this Agreement, or (d) the validity, scope, enforceability, or applicability for this arbitration provision to a Claim shall be resolved by binding arbitration. You individually and on behalf of your minor child(ren) agree we may choose either the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") or a local [New Hampshire] Arbitration Forum to conduct any Arbitration proceeding. If either is unwilling or unable to conduct the arbitration proceeding, or if you or we are unable to agree on another arbitrator, we will substitute another national or regional arbitration organization.

THE UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that there are times during the Heritage Tour and meetings where supervision is not direct.

THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing RELEASE WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of NH and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT AND RELEASE.

Signature of Parent: _____ DATE _____

For Office Use Only:	
Date Entrd to FilemakerPro/Initials _____	Amt. & Format _____
Registration ID: _____	FA _____



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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: YOU WILL BE REGISTERED ONLY AFTER....

You have read, filled out and signed all of the information on the registration form.
Parent(s) or guardian(s) have attended the registration meeting or made other arrangements to meet with the Director of the program.
We have received your completed registration form and **non-refundable deposit**.

Payment Options (must choose one):

A - \$925 Paid in full at Registration (Deposit included)

B - Deposit of \$175 at Registration and 2 payments of \$375 by December 15, 2015 and March 15, 2016.

Money orders and checks for OPTIONS A and B should be made to the Cheshire YMCA. Please mail or bring other payments to our office: Payments will not be accepted at Preparation Meetings.

C – Deposit \$175 at Registration and Auto Debit from checking/saving/credit card (please complete an auto debit form at Registration meeting) of **\$150** to be debited monthly on or after the **15th of the month, starting in November 2015 and ending in March 2016**. It will be your responsibility to notify the Cheshire YMCA if transactions do not occur.

We urge you to stay on schedule for the benefit of your family and the Cheshire YMCA. There will be a \$25 Returned Check Fee if a bank returns a check for any reason. *After the final payment due date, personal checks are no longer accepted.*

PLEASE NOTE: Tour must be paid in full by March 15, 2016.

REFUND POLICY: Please know that as we begin to plan for this trip, we begin to make arrangements for you. We use your deposits and payments to make security deposits and reservations. If the YMCA cancels a tour for any reason the tour payments will be refunded in full. If a tour is rescheduled, payments will be rolled over to the new tour dates. If your family decides not to continue with the program the refund policy you have chosen at registration (see below) will apply. In the event a student drops from Tour, any fundraising dollars will be forfeited.

REFUND PLAN OPTIONS (Please choose one):

YES, we want to purchase the Reassurance Program. (Fill out reassurance form and pay at time of registration.)

What does it mean if you buy the reassurance policy? If a student decides to withdraw from the tour for any reason, we would return all payments except for the non-refundable deposit and the reassurance fee. With our Reassurance Program your family will be assured of a return of a greater portion of payments if your student needs to withdraw from the tour.

NO, we do not want to purchase the Reassurance Program.

What does it mean if you don't buy the reassurance policy? From the beginning of the tour process through final payment due date, should the student decide to withdraw or is dismissed from the tour because of inappropriate behavior, you will lose your deposit, any fundraising monies and one half of the payments due to date. If cancellation follows the final payment due date, we will review each situation and refund as much money as possible, but you must remember that a seat on the bus, hotel rooms, etc. have been reserved.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____



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DIRECT/AUTO PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

PAYOR NAME: _____

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS (ACH DEBITS)
I hereby authorize the Cheshire YMCA, hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate debit entries to my **Checking Account**; **Savings Account**; **Credit Card Account** indicated below at the depository financial institution named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, and to debit the same to such account. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to the account must comply with the provisions of U.S. Law.

Payments will be withdrawn on the 15th of the month or shortly thereafter.

Checking **Savings**

DEPOSITORY NAME: _____ BRANCH: _____

ROUTING # _____ ACCOUNT #: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

MasterCard **VISA**

PRINT NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD:

CREDIT CARD #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received written notification from the signer above of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford COMPANY and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it. If a debit is not accepted at the Payor's Bank, a \$10.00 will be charged to the above account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Reg. ID _____ Program: _____ Payment start date: _____

Payment end date: _____ Monthly Payment Amount: _____



CYMCA REASSURANCE PROGRAM

As we move through the Developmental Travel process, we take financial risks together. As you register for the tour, the Cheshire YMCA begins making arrangements for your participation. As a result of those arrangements, we are not always able to refund money in its entirety in the event of tour cancellation or student withdrawal.

The Cheshire YMCA would like to minimize your financial risk through our Reassurance Program. We want your family to be assured that your child can be involved in the important learning, service and social activity that Developmental Travel offers without the threat of losing a large amount of money.

The details of the CYMCA Reassurance Program are as follows:

Families register for the reassurance program and pay a non-refundable fee of \$75 at the time they register in the developmental travel program.

After you have registered in the reassurance program -

If a program participant withdraws from the tour process at any time prior to tour for any reason, all tour fees except the initial deposit and Reassurance fee will be refunded.

To enroll in the CYMCA Reassurance Program, please fill out the form below and return it and the \$75 fee with your tour registration form.

Again, Developmental Travel is a community-based program and we take financial risks together. With the CYMCA Reassurance Program, those risks are minimized and the ideals of Developmental Travel can continue to be realized.

Should the Cheshire YMCA cancel a tour for any reason, all of the tour fees will be refunded regardless of your participation in the Reassurance Program.

CYMCA REASSURANCE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FORM

Student's Name _____ School _____

I have read and fully understand the details of the CYMCA Reassurance Program. My \$75 enrollment fee is included with the form.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Tour: _____



Student Expectations and Behavior Policy

EXPECTATIONS

The Cheshire YMCA strongly believes that all students who enroll in Developmental Travel programs should be able to conduct themselves in a mature and appropriate manner while they participate in all tour activities. This will require students to treat fellow program members with respect and courtesy. This will also require students to take direct responsibility for their words and actions.

Students who choose to act in an inappropriate manner (which includes showing disrespect, swearing, physical aggressiveness, or non-preparedness) will be subject to disciplinary action by the tour director. The tour director will ask that a parent become involved to help solve student issues that the director deems necessary.

The Cheshire YMCA expects:

1. Students will notify the YMCA or the student's group leader prior to any meeting that the student cannot attend. This should only be needed in "special" circumstances, as attendance at every tour meeting is mandatory.
2. Students will come to group meetings with completed report assignments.
3. Students will not use foul language or any language that degrades another in any way.
4. Students will treat others with respect.
5. Students will demonstrate Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

BEHAVIOR

It is understood by the professional staff of the Cheshire YMCA that students of this age may make questionable choices in behavior. We hope through the course of this program that minor errors in judgment and mistakes are approached as learning experiences. There are however student actions that may require immediate dismissal of a student from the Developmental Travel Program.

A student will be immediately dismissed during any part of the tour process if:

1. A Developmental Travel staff member finds a student with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or weapons of any kind.
2. A student exhibits dangerous behavior toward others.
3. A student leaves the tour group without notifying or getting permission from a leader during the process or while on tour.
4. A student receives an in-school and/or out of school suspension for behavior that would significantly affect their conduct on the tour for themselves or others.
5. Parents pay any student return costs.



DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

We've developed this list of "do's" and "don'ts" so that you can be thinking ahead about what you will wear. We do not expect that you will buy a new wardrobe for this trip, but we do ask that you dress appropriately for the places we visit. Remember you are representing yourself, your school, your town and your state.

Do's

- We want you to look nice.
- Wear clothes that are appropriate for the weather/season that we are traveling, layering is best.
- Cargo pants or shorts are O.K.
- Wear comfortable (and clean) shoes that are good for walking. Sneakers are O.K. as long as they are relatively new looking (clean with no holes).
- Dress shorts are OK if the weather is warm enough. Please, NO athletic or hiking shorts.
- Split skirts, skirts, and dresses of reasonable length are fine.
- Cotton pants, corduroy, and chinos are appropriate.
- Designer "name" logos are OK if relatively small and tasteful.
- Hats are OK, but not indoors, in cemeteries, or in churches.
- School jackets are OK if within these guidelines.

Don'ts

- No blue/gray jeans or denim (pants, jackets, skirts, etc., of any shade of blue) - they are **NOT** allowed. **Colored denim pants** are fine (other denim items: hat, skirt, shirt... should be left at home)
- No faded or shaded pants.
- No sandals such as Birkenstocks or Tevas.
- No excessively worn/dirty footwear. (Please avoid heels.) **Sneakers are BEST.**
- No tie dye, no wild patterns, no camouflage
- No athletic wear (jogging clothes, sweatpants, athletic sweatshirts, wind pants, yoga pants etc.)
- No slogans on T-shirts that can't be covered by one hand.
- Please do not bring any very short skirts. They may be in style, but are inappropriate for tour.
- No "spaghetti straps".
- Do not pack any clothing that depicts a person, place, or thing in a demeaning way or refers to any substance use.
- Clothing bought on tour is not necessarily tour appropriate clothing.



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Cell Phone and Electronics Policy

PURPOSE

The Cheshire YMCA has adopted a policy of not allowing cell phones or electronics by students while they are participating in Developmental Travel Programs. The reasons for this are grounded in the concept that all students should be focused on the experience of group travel. Additionally, there are practical reasons such as loss, damage, and legal considerations that can arise with the technology that is available today, such as the ability to send photographs from a "smart" phone that may not be appropriate.

EXPECTATIONS

- No cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, are allowed on Tour. Cameras are permitted.
- Parents are requested to participate in the compliance of this policy. We ask that parents collect their child's devices prior to the tours departure to ensure compliance.
- If a Tour participant needs to make a phone call, they should see their Group Leader or the Tour Director.
- Phone numbers to the Y and other contact information will be made available in the event communication is necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

If a cell phone or other non-permitted device is discovered while on tour, then;

- The device will be confiscated immediately and handed to the Tour Director.
- A call will be made to the parent/guardian of the child to inform that the device has been taken.
- Disciplinary action, such as loss of privileges, will be at the discretion of the Tour Director.
- The device WILL NOT be returned at the bus upon return. The bus drivers are on a "clock" and cannot be held up any longer than is necessary.
- An appointment must be made with the Tour Director or other YMCA personnel during the following week to recover the device. At this time, future family participation in CYMCA programs will be discussed.



Developmental Travel & **WORLD SERVICE**

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

All staff and students involved in CYMCA Developmental Travel Programs participate in a service project in their community. YMCA International Committee administers all proceeds raised by developmental travel students, through World Service projects. Our YMCA has affiliations with several YMCAs around the world including the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. In Jordan, we help support a camping experience for refugee children. In Africa, we are involved with a YMCA in Ibadan, Nigeria where we are currently providing the salary for a professional Program Director and helping YMCA in Bangkok, Thailand. Committee members also correspond regularly with volunteer staff at the Muttart, India YMCA.

The World Service Project gives students an opportunity to work as part of a group to achieve a worthwhile goal. As our students develop friendships with members of their group and provide a service to their community. They also develop a sense of citizenship and stewardship to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Goals of the World Service Project.

- 1. Group experience.**
- 2. Working toward a common goal**
- 3. To provide a service to the community in which we live**
- 4. To think about those less fortunate and to do something to help make a difference in their lives**

Each person in the group must have equal participation in preparation and each student must take the responsibility to complete a given task.

If a student cannot attend their WSP they need to work on a project preparation or follow-up activities after the project has occurred. If a student does not do a WSP, they cannot go on tour.

Projects should not be something that only raises money from the tour participants. The [project should provide a service to the community.

A Few World Service Project Suggestions:

BakeSale
Recycling Campaign
Easter Egg Hunt/ Holiday Party
Make sweets/ wreaths for the Holidays
Make grinders for the super bowl
Car Wash

Spaghetti Supper/ Pancake Breakfast
Neighborhood house service
(lawns/cleaning)
Activity 'Night' or parents night out (kids)
Provide refreshments for school