

Grad Trip Package 2010

London, Paris, and Rome

This trip is intended for those who are in Grade 8, 9 or 10 (if staying for 5 years) now, as they will be in Grades 11 or 12 in March of 2010.

If you would like any other information at any time, please contact Kory King at the school.

We are starting a new tradition at Smooth Rock Falls Secondary School (or picking up where the Geography Club left off). We recognize that education comes in many forms, and that an experience with different cultures can be a very rewarding and educational activity. We do not want to deprive our students of this, sometimes, once in a lifetime opportunity. We encourage all students to participate in this event, but it is by no means mandatory.

After an initial trip in March 2010, we will have an overseas trip every two years. As classes enter either Grade 8 or Grade 9 (depending on the year) they will be consulted as to which trip they would like to take. We have decided to make this decision early to allow students and parents enough time to budget for such a large trip. The students will then have four years to plan and execute fundraising events to help offset the cost.

This year, the Grade 8 and 9 classes have decided that they would like to take a trip to London, Paris, and Rome. The trip will take place during March break of 2010. We will be taking the trip through a company called EF Educational Tours, which is a well-respected and highly recommended group (I personally traveled with them in high school and had a wonderful experience). There will be at least one female and one male teacher on the trip to chaperone, as well as an EF tour guide.

The fee for this same trip for 2008 is approximately \$3100. Our trip representative has confirmed that the tour prices increase by about \$40 a year, so there should not be a large discrepancy between now and when we book our trip (however, please keep in mind that the price is subject to change). As you will see when you read through the tour booklet, the price includes airfare (from Timmins), accommodation, two meals daily, a bilingual tour guide, sightseeing tour fees, and special attraction fees. So your child will need very little extra money (for one meal daily, and shopping). Please note that we **will not** be staying for the 2 day extension.

In order to help us budget for this trip, I have set up a payment schedule. If at any time your child must drop out of the trip (which we hope will not happen), you will receive a full refund if it is before March 2009. After this time, we will keep \$100 as a cancellation fee. See the table below for a payment schedule. If you would prefer giving larger amounts, please feel free and we will adjust the payment schedule accordingly. Cheques should be made payable to the Basil Merchant Education Centre.

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
February	\$100	\$100	\$100	Remainder (if any)
March	\$100	\$100	\$100	
April	\$100	\$100	\$100	
May	\$100	\$100	\$100	
June	\$100	\$100	\$100	
July				
August				

September	\$100	\$100	\$100	
October	\$100	\$100	\$100	
November	\$100	\$100	\$100	
December	\$100	\$100	\$100	

Each child will also have the opportunity to fundraise to offset the cost of the trip as previously mentioned. Any dollars raised from direct fundraising will be put directly into your child's account, and they will also be given a portion of any group fundraising depending on the amount of hours that they work.

As the trip is so far off, it is not necessary for us to talk about details just yet. I will, however, keep you posted every few months as to the status of your child's account, and about anything that you or your child should be doing to prepare for the trip.

One thing that you may want to look into in the next few months is getting a passport. This can be tedious, but they are good for 5 years, and the sooner you get this out of the way, the better.

Things To Do Now

- Read through the booklet with your child and discuss the trip
- Decide if your child is interested in participating
- Sign and return the form at the bottom of this page
- Send in your first \$100 cheque, made payable to the
Basil Merchant Education Centre

Thank you for your time, and we hope that your child will participate!

Kory-Lynn King
Grad Advisor/Trip Coordinator

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I, _____, intend for my son/daughter,
_____,

to participate in the Grad Trip to London, Paris, and Rome in March 2010.

I will contribute funds to my child's account consistently to ensure that by that time my

child's account will contain \$3100.

I understand that my child has the opportunity to fundraise in order to offset the cost

of the trip, but that this is not mandatory.

Date