**2015 Trip – Europe’s Mediterranean Coast**

**January 26, 2015 - What to Expect…Life on Tour**

(only 143 days until we depart!)

* Help yourself to a European Continental Breakfast!
* **Fundraising** – Heidi PeCoy
* **Traveler Bingo** (get to know your fellow travelers, the first person to get **5 in-a-row** wins!
* **Traveler Introductions** – everyone with a name tag introduces themselves to the group!
* **Experienced Traveler Introductions**
  + Hannah Bradshaw, Wylie East Senior, Italy 2014 & London 2015
  + Sarah Randall, Wylie East Senior, Italy 2014
  + Brooke Vincent, Wylie East Senior, Italy 2014 & London 2015
* **General Business**
  + Passports. (Please do not wait any longer to apply!)
  + Tips - $90.00 (covers all tipping, money due at March 23rd meeting.)
  + T-shirts. We need a t-shirt design! Use [www.bluecotton.com](http://www.bluecotton.com) to design, and then e-mail Ms. Taylor ([Jessica.taylor@wylieisd.net](mailto:Jessica.taylor@wylieisd.net)) via the website.
  + Sign up for text reminders:
    - Text ***@2015med*** to  ***81010***
  + Traveler Binder:

Tab 1: Meeting Agendas

Tab 2: Handouts/Reference Material

Tab 3: Itinerary/Destination Information

Tab 4: Packing/Travel Checklist

Tab 5: Important Information

Next meeting: **March 23, 2015**

**In the Wylie High School Library**

Bring to the next meeting:

1. Completed Emergency Contact form
2. Completed Behavior Agreement
3. Completed Medical Agreement
4. Passport – to make copies

* **Italian Lesson** (Notes in Tab #2)
* **Life on Tour…what to expect**
  + Experienced Travelers
  + Itinerary (handout)
  + Daily schedule
  + Things to be prepared for
  + Breakfast
* **Thinking Ahead**
  + **Roommates.** We will make our roommate list at the March 23rd meeting. Please be thinking about who you would like to room with. \*See a list of travelers on back of this page.
  + **Money** 
    - We will be using the Euro for the duration of the trip.
    - Start planning now for currency usage on tour. How much your family would like budget for spending money? How do you plan to carry the currency?
    - I suggest a joint account debit card/Prepaid Debit Card
    - Suggested $30-$50 per day for spending money (Around $400 total)
    - Please have some cash on hand upon landing in Italy, I recommend getting some Euro before you leave.
  + **Converter/Adapter**
    - European electronics/ appliances run on 220 volts, while American electronics/appliances run on 110 volts. You might need a converter, depending on what you pack. APPLE PRODUCTS DO NOT NEED A CONVERTER.
    - The plug is also a different shape. YOU WILL NEED AN ADAPTER FOR ANY ELECTRONICS.
    - You can get a set with both at Target, Walmart, Office Depot, Amazon.com, etc.
  + **Our next meetings will be…**
    - March 23rd at 7:00pm in the Wylie High School Library
    - May 11th at 7:00pm in the Wylie East High School Library
    - June 8th time and location TBA

Wylie High School Travelers: Wylie East High School Travelers:

Ashtyn Burget Emmalee Booth

Nicolas Burget Joanna Castro

McKenzie Cusey Samantha Craig

Parker Cusey Diana Davis

Tanish Faust (Bryana’s mom) Jennifer Davis (Diana’s sister)

Maria Giamporcaro Kristen Dye (Emma’s mom)

Sarah Giamporcaro (Maria’s Mom) Connor Farrington

Christopher Grieser Christopher Hattaway

Emily Grieser (Christopher’s Sister) Carla Lam (Sarah’s mom)

Jennifer Grieser (Christopher’s mom) Sarah Lam

Thomas Grieser (Christopher’s dad) Bryana Lopez

Sarah Lee Makaela MacDonald

Angelina Nguyen Libby McCune

Carrie Pettett (Hailey’s mom) Gwen Murphy

Hailey Pettett Amy Murphy (Gwen’s mom)

Grant Pfaffle Marissa Padilla

Kerena Reese Lauren PeCoy

Bryana Utley Alexandra Pitman

Haley Smalley

Brooke Vincent

Chelsea Johnson, Group Leader Emma Vincent (Brooke’s sister)

Kristy Sanchez, Chaperone Jill Vincent (Brooke’s mom)

Jamé Farrar, Chaperone Blake Vincent (Brooke’s dad)

Jonathan Walk

Jessica Taylor, Group Leader

Jeff Hattaway, Chaperone