



SCHOOL TEACHERS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

STEP



(In cooperation with the Office of the Commissioner of Schools)

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EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (EEP) **BERLIN-GERMANY JUNE 5 – JUNE 19, 2010**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The “Educational Enrichment Program” is a specific program that offers exceptional insights into the German educational system. Participants will be taken to various school types, workshops and seminars, and will also take part in evening receptions with Berlin politicians and enjoy other social gatherings.

The government of Berlin pays for participant’s instruction, food, lodging and transportation.

For each German teacher the district employs, one teacher or administrator may be selected for this program in Germany. Participants gain an in-depth knowledge of the German educational system and vocational training.

The participants in the EEP may serve as “buddy teachers” for the new German teachers arriving in the districts in July and August of the same year.

EEP PARTICIPANTS’ COMMENTS

“It is essential for us to become partners in education, if we are going to be able to compete in the future world markets successfully. The EEP fully serves this purpose.”

“The EEP was most helpful in broadening my global perspective.”

“It was no ‘fun trip’, it was a great, lasting and important experience in my life.”

“The program has changed my way of thinking, it has changed me. The need for intercultural cooperation and the exchange of ideas as a fundamental principle of school education were seen as the main result.”

“I judge the Berlin experience to have been of significant importance and an enrichment for my career.”

“It provided professional growth, gave me many new insights, I am proud to have made new friends.”

“I received numerous and very special professional and personal benefits from STEP.”

“I believe that your choice of guest lecturers contributed greatly to our improved understanding of the German way of life. Each speaker seemed to be an expert in his/her topic.”

“The presentations were factual, supplemented for the most part with written outlines or notes. The distribution of other pertinent brochures and handouts was also very appropriate, giving us the opportunity to review and assimilate the material at our leisure.”

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Educational Enrichment Program 2010

05 June – 19 June 2010

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE!

Last Name / First Name _____

Nationality / Place of Birth: _____

Address: _____

No. / Street

City / State / Zip Code

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Fax Number (Home) (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

(Important – Please fill out!)

Job Description/ Position: _____

For Teachers, Subjects: _____ Teaching experience (years): _____

School/ Office: _____

Name of School

Address (No./ Street)

City/ State / Zip Code

School/ Office Phone Number: (_____) _____

School/ Office Fax: (_____) _____

I have participated in an EEP before Yes Year: _____ No

Allergies/ Food Preferences: _____ Smoker Yes No

I will be accompanied by my spouse/ another person Yes / Name: _____

No

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS VALID UNTIL: _____

IMPORTANT:

Room and board will be covered by the EEP, flight and pocket money will have to be paid by the participant. When booking your flight, please make sure that you will *arrive* in Berlin-Tegel on Saturday, June 5, 2010. This means your date of departure from the US will be Friday, June 4, 2010!

Please note that participants are responsible for their travel/ medical insurance within Germany themselves.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

SAMPLE PROGRAM 2009

Sunday, 14 June

ARRIVAL IN BERLIN

All day

Arrival of all participants in Berlin, Tegel Airport

Please proceed to the exit, take a taxi and go directly to the **Hotel AIR IN BERLIN** ! Ask for a **Credit Card Taxi** (cabs that accept Credit Card payment) and ask for the invoice! You will be reimbursed at the "Get together" in the afternoon, once you turn in the invoice.
Please note: Tips cannot be refunded.

Hotel AIR IN BERLIN

E-Mail: info@hotelairberlin.de

www.hotelairinberlin.de

Check in at the reception, a room is reserved under your last name!

05.00 p.m. -
06.00 p.m.

Get together – Welcome meeting

hotel.

Short briefing and introduction of the program.

06.00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

MONDAY, 15 JUNE

INTRODUCTION

Breakfast

09.00 a.m.

Welcome and introduction to the EEP

How to get around in Berlin

(Program, maps & other useful information)

10.30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:00 a.m.

The Berlin School System – an Overview

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

03:00 p.m.

City Circle Tour in Berlin (min. 2 hours,

Dinner on your own!

Tuesday, 16 June

"FROM TODDLER TO GRADE 6"

08.00 a.m.

Visit the

"Kindergarten im Kirchsteigfeld" (day care for kids age 0-6)

09.00 a.m.

Visit the

"Grundschule 56" (Elementary School Grades 1-6)

12:30 a.m.

Lunch and visit at the

Day care center "Hort Feldmäuse"

Late afternoon / evening

Free

Wednesday, 17 June **“German SCHOOL Life”** **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES 1-6)**

Visite of an Elementary school in groups of 3 or 4

Evening free

 Dinner on your own

Thursday, 18 June **School visits (HAUPT- AND REALSCHULE (7 TO 10TH GRADE)**

Morning Visit of different schools in groups of 3 or 4

02:30- 03:30 p.m. ALL GROUPS GET TOGETHER AT...
Evaluation of school visits w/ Ms Beelitz

03:30- 05:00 p.m. Powerpoint-Lecture and Discussion on
“Berlin Teenage Pregnancy”

evening Pergamon Museum

Friday, 19 June **SCHOOL VISITS / Bunker tour**

Please, put on comfortable shoes and bring a sweater for the bunker tour in the evening!!!

Morning Visit of different schools in groups of 3 or 4

03:00 p.m.- ALL GROUPS GET TOGETHER AT...
Guided Tour “Unterwelten”, Tour I „Dark Worlds“
By Berliner Unterwelten e.V.
Tour I; A tour through a bunker from WW II

Saturday, 20 June **The NAZI Past – DAY TRIP TO SACHSENHAUSEN -**

Please, wear comfortable shoes and bring something to drink (It's really a lot of walking!!!)

Day Trip to **Sachsenhausen**

12:15 a.m. Meet the „Minnesota goes to Berlin“ group (a total of 10 students)
at the platform of S-Bahn Station Oranienburg“

Walk over to the former concentration camp Sachsenhausen
(approx. 20 min walk)

01.00 p.m. Guided tour through the
former concentration camp **Sachsenhausen**
Gedenkstätte und Museum Sachsenhausen

Afternoon on your own.

Sunday, 21 June **POTSDAM – RECREATION AND HISTORY (Boat and CASTLE tour) -**

01:00 - 02:30 a.m. **Nostalgic Castle Boat Tour**

03:40 - 05:40 p.m. **Guided Tour** through “**Neues Palais**” (New Palace) in Potsdam
Park Sanssouci, *The New Palace was the last palace built by Frederik the
Great in this park.*

MONDAY, 22 JUNE**WITTENBERG - ON MARTIN LUTHER'S FOOTSTEPS**

- 8:00 a.m. Departure by bus from Hotel in Berlin
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. Arrival at Wittenberg
- On-site visit at the new archaeological excavation site: In February 2009 the remains of Great Elector Rudolf II (ca. 1307-1370), Duke of Saxony-Wittenberg, were found on the grounds of a former Franciscan monastery.
- 11:00-12:30 p.m. Leisure time for individual sight-seeing and shopping in downtown Wittenberg.
- 12:30-01:45 p.m. A-la-Carte Lunch at "Brauhaus Wittenberg" (Beyerhof)
- 02:00-04:00 a.m. Guided walking-tour through medieval Wittenberg starting at Luther's Castle Church with the 95 theses
- 04:00-06:00 p.m. English guided tour through Lutherhalle Wittenberg, Martin Luther's family home in Wittenberg, which today holds the largest collection of primary source material on Luther, to be followed by a self-guided stroll through the exhibit, the gift store and the archaeological discoveries in the basement part Lutherhalle
- 06:00 p.m. Bus departs for the Elbe river and an "Asparagus feast" for dinner at....
- 08:00 p.m. Bus departs for Berlin, expected arrival around 10:00 p.m. at the hotel.

Tuesday, 23 June**SCHOOL and Work : The dual system**

Visit of different schools / practice in groups of 7

- 09:00 a.m. - Bäckerei Hillmann GmbH & Co KG (Bakery) or
- Berliner Volksbank Friedrichstraße (Bank)
Introduction to their work places, Guided tour and talk to apprentice
- 11:00 a.m. Arrival at OSZ (Schools for theoretical parts of the apprenticeship)
- noon Lunch at school cafeteria
- 12:30 – 03:00 p.m. Participation in various classes
- 06:45 p.m. Meet in front of the FRIEDRICHSTADTPALAST
- 07:30 p.m. Night show "Qi"
- Welcome to the fantastic world of Qi!

Wednesday, 24 June**BERLIN GOVERNMENT: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

- 10:00 a.m.-
11:00 a.m. House of Representatives - State Parliament
Guided Tour through the House of Representatives
- 11:00 a.m.-
12:00 noon Discussion with Members of the Parliament on "Berlin
Schools – Challenges and Developments." Participation of members of all parties –
CDU, SPD, Bündnis 90/ DIE GRÜNEN, PDS-Die Linke –
- 12:00 noon.-
01:15 p.m. Lunch hosted by the President of the Berlin Parliament, Hon. Walter Momper.
- 01:30 p.m. Walk over to the Reichstag and the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe...

Afternoon You are welcome to explore the Reichstag and line up for a free-of-charge visit to the rotunda for a splendid view over Berlin:

Evening Dinner on your own

Thursday, 25 June

Focusing on children's poverty

Please wear comfortable shoes!

09:00-11:30 Visit the "Rollberg District", Berlin's poorest residential area. Guided tour of the community center "MORUS 14"

12:00-14:30 Lunch at the children's restaurant at "Yellow Villa", a project kitchen run by the "Berliner Tafel" (a charity organization collecting food for the poor) and funded by donations. In this restaurant, needy Berlin children can order a 3-course-meal for 1,00 Euro. Meet with Mr. Müller, the chef of the restaurant, who sees himself as social worker and part-time counselor as well.

16:00-18:00 p.m. Visit the "Arche Hellersdorf", a youth project in the Berlin-Hellersdorf District, run by Rev. Bernd Siggelkow (Protestant Church) since 1995, providing lunch, homework assistance and counseling to roughly 600 Berlin kids (ages 3-20) per day. The "Arche" is located in an area which until 1990 had the highest birth-rate in all of middle Europe (!).

6:00 p.m. Depart from the "Arche Hellersdorf",
dinner on your own.

Friday, 26 June

10:00-11:30 a.m. Visit the "Garden of Generations" and meet the founders: In this garden school kids and retired Berliners work shoulder to shoulder, establishing friendships and mutual understanding.

12:00 noon Lunch on your own

All afternoon Individual leisure time for sight-seeing and shopping
Pack your suitcase, before heading off to the....

05:30 - 10:00 p.m. German-American Farewell BBQ at in the atrium of Hotel Albrechtshof (indoor in case of rain)

Saturday, 27 June

Departure all day long!

We hope you've enjoyed your stay in Berlin! Have a safe journey back!

The team of the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation, Berlin