


# Stanwood Camano School District

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: STEVE LIDGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – BUSINESS SERVICES   
SUBJECT: SOLICITING STUDENTS FOR FIELD TRIP TO ENGLAND  
DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2020  
TYPE: ACTION NEEDED

Carl Webster, Physical Education and Health Teacher at Lincoln Hill High School, is requesting Board approval to solicit Lincoln Hill and Stanwood High School students to participate in an educational trip to England through EF Educational Tours in the summer of 2022.

Attached is a letter from Mr. Webster describing the opportunity and the proposal from EF Educational Tours outlining the trip.

This is a non-district sponsored educational trip. Mr. Webster, students or employees that participate will not be representatives of the school or district.

The Washington Schools Risk Management Pool recommends following the European travel guidelines from the Department of Homeland Security.

**Recommendation: We recommend the board approve Carl Webster's request to solicit students to participate in the EF Educational Tours Field Trip to England in the summer of 2022.**

November 02, 2020

To: Stanwood-Camano School District Board

From: Carl Webster, Lincoln Hill High School

Dear Board Members,

I am requesting permission to solicit students for an upcoming trip in the summer of 2022. This would be the first trip for students at Lincoln Hill High School, but it would also be open to other students in the community (SHS). This trip would be to London England for 8 days including travel days. Students will be able to learn about European History and we will be touring many different regions of England. Students will have the expand their education through experiencing places such as Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Stonehenge, Roman Baths, Oxford, and much more. Students will become more independent through experiencing another culture and learning new customs abroad. Travel has such an impact on students to enrich their learning and create opportunity for further educational development through college and beyond. This would be my first trip to Europe, but I am planning on hopefully giving other opportunities to students to experience many different parts of the world.

I would like to be able to tell students and families about the benefits of this trip and ways to financially afford this opportunity. Education First or EF tours has many ways for students to afford a trip of this magnitude such as financial scholarships. I would be holding virtual Google Meets with families to have a Q and A session and an initial meeting to try and get interest in the community for this once in a lifetime opportunity, I will be sharing printed information on the trip, and talking to students outside of class time about the trip.

#### Overview of Details

I have included our trip proposal about our trip, which outlines EF Tours, their safety standards, accreditation, liability coverage, high school and college credit opportunities for students and the details of our travel program.

I am very excited to give this trip and opportunity for students in our community. This could be an experience that students take with them their entire lives.

Thank you for your time and support of our students in the community

Carl S Webster  
Physical Education\Health Teacher  
Lincoln Hill High School



***Educational Tours***

# **WEBSTER TOUR PROPOSAL**

*Discover England*

Prepared for: Carl Webster  
Lincoln Hill High School  
9/25/2020

## *Your partner in global education*

As the **World Leader in International Education**, we've partnered with educators around the world for over 50 years to help students gain new perspectives and build skills for the future through experiential learning. We provide a range of travel programs—Educational Tours, Language Immersion Tours, Service Learning Tours, Global Student Leaders Summits and Custom-Designed Tours—that provide in-depth exploration, authentic connections and hands-on experience. Every EF global program is designed to:

- Explore international destinations to gain awareness of global perspectives and connections
  - Promote international understanding, respect for different cultures, language learning and global citizenship
  - Align with school curricula to bring subjects, people, places and events to life
  - Provide global settings to sharpen key 21<sup>st</sup> century skills—critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration and global competence
  - Develop interpersonal and leadership skills necessary to navigate new experiences with confidence and adaptability
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## *What we'll cover in this document*

We've created this document specifically for you, your school, and your students. It outlines the details of your proposed tour and the life-changing experiential learning opportunities that await your students. We've been delighted to work with Mr. Webster on this program thus far and look forward to helping develop international programs for the Stanwood community.

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This proposal is property of EF Education First and the educator/school for which it was intended. Distributing, copying and/or sharing it are prohibited. The proposal, including pricing, is valid for the educator, tour and date(s) specifically mentioned herein. For additions, subtractions or modifications, please contact your EF Tour Consultant.

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## *Our commitment to education*

We believe the best way to help students gain new perspectives and build skills for the future is through experiential learning.

### **Accreditation**

EF is accredited, just like your school, and recognized by the following regional, national and international organizations: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA-CES); Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC); Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CASI) North Central Association (NCA-CASI); National Council for Private Schools Accreditation (NCPSA); and Accreditation International (AI).

### **A standard of excellence**

Our educational travel programs bring to life the knowledge and skills that are called for in many education initiatives, including:

- Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills (P21)
- International Baccalaureate – PYP, MYP, Diploma, IBCC
- Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects
- Global Competence Criteria—defined by the Asia Society and Council of Chief State School Officers
- Global Connection Standards in the National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies
- Culture and Connections Standards in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning
- Standards of Professional Learning—defined by Learning Forward

### **weShare, a more engaging learning experience**

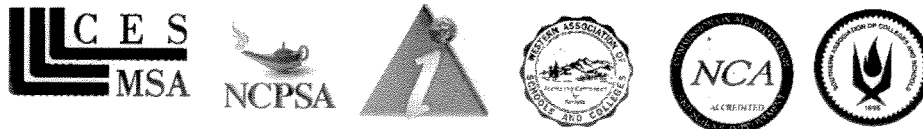
Students learn on a deeper level when their lessons connect to their own lives. Our weShare platform makes sure that happens on tour. It taps into each student's strengths and passions, helping them put a more personal lens on their experience. Their post-tour presentations and videos give them a chance to reflect on and share what they've learned, and even earn high school or college credit.

### **Earning credit**

Students can earn credit by traveling on an EF tour and completing required coursework. We offer choices, so you can find the credit option that best fits you and your students' needs.

- Students in grades 7-12 can earn elective credit for completing assignments before, during and after their EF tour, setting themselves apart from other college applicants.
- Students can earn college credit through our partnerships with accredited universities.

### **Accredited by:**



## *Our commitment to safety*

Our demonstrated commitment to safety and risk management is proven with our preventative procedures and extensive measures taken to ensure each traveler's safety.

### **Worldwide presence**

As the largest international student travel organization, we have 500 schools and offices in more than 50 countries worldwide. With 37,000 EF staff and teachers around the globe, we're accessible wherever and whenever you need us.

### **Global Liability Insurance Plan**

- All EF Group Leaders are covered for the duration of their EF educational tour.
- EF's Commercial General Liability Insurance is provided by nationally recognized insurance companies with A.M. Best Ratings of A-.
- Group Leaders and their schools are covered by our \$50 million liability policy and customer payments are protected by a \$1 million customer protection plan.
- EF's Global Liability Insurance Plan allows for schools and districts to be added to the policy by written agreement. EF can provide a certificate of insurance that details coverage.

### **Global Travel Protection Plan**

Designed specifically with EF travelers in mind, teachers may add this comprehensive and affordable protection plan to their tours.

### **EF's Peace of Mind Program**

At EF, we understand that plans can change due to unforeseen circumstances. EF's exclusive Peace of Mind Program ensures:

- Teachers can work with EF Educational Tours to change their tour's travel dates, modify their tour plans, find an all-new tour or cancel their tour up until 45 days prior to departure. When canceling in this time period, all travelers will receive a transferable travel voucher.
- With 44 days or less left until departure, teachers may still choose any of the above options if a formal Travel Warning is issued by the US Department of State for any country on your itinerary.

### **Highly respected in the industry by:**



## *We'll handle the details*

As your educational travel partner, we work with teachers, students and parents to ensure a seamless experience—before, during and after tour. In other words, we're with you every step of the way.

### **BEFORE TOUR**

#### **Support Team and resources**

Dedicated Tour Consultants guide teachers through the planning process, while Local Representatives from your area work face-to-face to provide support. We give teachers their own personal tour website with helpful tools to share tour information, manage deadlines and more. In addition to online resources, we also provide an array of printed materials for teacher, students and parents.

#### **International Training Tours**

Ensuring teachers are fully prepared to lead an EF tour is our commitment to your school community. Through our blended learning model, all first-time EF Group Leaders receive complimentary international training. Conducted by EF personnel and experienced EF Group Leaders, the program includes online, classroom and experiential learning components. In the event a Group Leader cannot attend one of these complimentary tours, we offer live webinars to prepare them and answer questions before they travel.

#### **Traveler account management**

Our knowledgeable and friendly Customer Service Representatives help travelers and their parents with all billing transactions, protection plans and tour activity questions. We also offer flexible and convenient payment options that allow parents to choose when—and how—they want to pay.

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### **WHILE ON TOUR**

#### **Everything is included**

This all-inclusive global experience makes it easy for teachers and students to explore the world. From flights and hotels to most meals and experiential activities, we take care of every detail so travelers can focus on the experience.

#### **Guided travel**

A personal bilingual Tour Director stays with your group 24/7. They handle every on-tour detail to ensure a smooth travel experience while also providing unique local insight. Expert local guides, meanwhile, share their knowledge of history, art, architecture and more during guided tours.

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### **AFTER TOUR**

#### **Program development**

We'll work with you to build a travel program at your school so even more students have the opportunity to experience the world.



## *A day-by-day look at your tour*

This is the itinerary page that students and parents will see in their tour itinerary guide. It's just one of the many resources they'll receive in preparation for your tour.

### *What you'll experience on your tour*

#### **Day 1: Fly overnight to England**

#### **Day 2: London**

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in London, a city of 8 million people that has become one of the world's great melting pots while maintaining a distinct character that's all its own. From the London Bridge to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire architectural marvels like the Baroque domes and spires of St. Paul's Cathedral, the 17th-century church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Check out the lively five-way intersection at Piccadilly Circus as well as Hyde Park's urban greenery. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. And don't forget to snap a picture of Big Ben from the banks of the River Thames.
- Take a walking tour of London: The Strand; Trafalgar Square; Leicester Square; Covent Garden.

#### **Day 3: London**

- Take a guided tour of London: Big Ben and Houses of Parliament; Piccadilly Circus; St. Paul's Cathedral; Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace (if scheduled)
- Time to explore more of London or
  - visit Windsor Castle.

#### **Day 4: Bath region**

- Travel to the Bath region.
- Visit Salisbury Cathedral and view the original magna carta.
- Visit Stonehenge, the United Kingdom's most mysterious landmark. This configuration of massive boulders seems to rise out of nowhere on the misty hills of Wiltshire. Legend holds that Merlin built this ring of stones, and many remain captivated by accounts of Stonehenge's supernatural origins. On your tour, go beyond the conspiracy theories and unwrap the mysteries that continue to plague scientists and historians today: who created Stonehenge? How did they erect the four-ton stones? And, most importantly, why was it built? While the purpose of Stonehenge remains unknown, many suspect that this 4,000-year-old landmark once served as an ancient temple and astronomical observatory.

#### **Day 5: Bath region | Stratford-upon-Avon | Birmingham region**

- Take a guided tour of Bath: Georgian squares; Roman Baths.
- Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon and step back into the Elizabethan age. Here, you'll tour the half-timbered house where William Shakespeare was born. The playwright had an unmistakable influence on his hometown: today, Stratford-upon-Avon is home to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and a premier destination for theater lovers worldwide. You'll also visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage, a picturesque farmhouse where the Bard's wife spent her childhood.
- Take a tour of Stratford-upon-Avon.
- Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace.
- Visit the gardens at Anne Hathaway's Cottage.

#### **Day 6: Birmingham region | Oxford | London**

- Travel to Oxford.
- Take a tour of Oxford.
- Visit New College.
- Enjoy free time in Oxford.
- Return to London.

#### **Day 7: London**

- Visit the Tower of London.
- Time to explore more of London or
  - ride the London Eye.
- Enjoy a fish and chips dinner.

#### **Day 8: Depart for home**

#### **• 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION**

#### **Day 8: Paris**

- Travel by Eurostar train to Paris.
- Take a guided tour of Paris: Place de la Concorde; Champs-Élysées; Arc de Triomphe.

#### **Day 9: Paris**

- Visit the Louvre.
- Take a guided tour of Paris: Latin Quarter.
- Visit Notre-Dame Cathedral.

#### **Day 10: Depart for home**

## *What your hotels will be like*

A good night's sleep is important, so you can count on safe, clean and comfortable hotels with private bathrooms. Every hotel we work with is required to meet our high standards for quality, safety and cleanliness. Three to four students of the same gender will share a room, which will have a combination of twin and shared double beds. Please be aware that hotels may have different amenities than you find in American hotels.

**HERE ARE EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF HOTELS YOU'LL STAY AT ON TOUR:**

### **London**

#### ***Premier Inn Edgware***

435 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 5AQ

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/greater-london/london/london-edgware.html>

Premier Inn Edgware offers modern-style, comfortable bedrooms that are equipped with coffee and tea making facilities. The hotel offers a full Premier Inn breakfast and a delicious dinner menu at the Thyme Bar and Grill, all made with fresh ingredients. The hotel is located near the Regent's Park Zoo and is only two miles from the Mill Hill train station.

#### ***Ramada Hounslow***

8-10 Lampton Road Hounslow, London TW31JL <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/en-uk/ramada/hounslow-united-kingdom/ramada-hounslowheathrow-east/overview?>

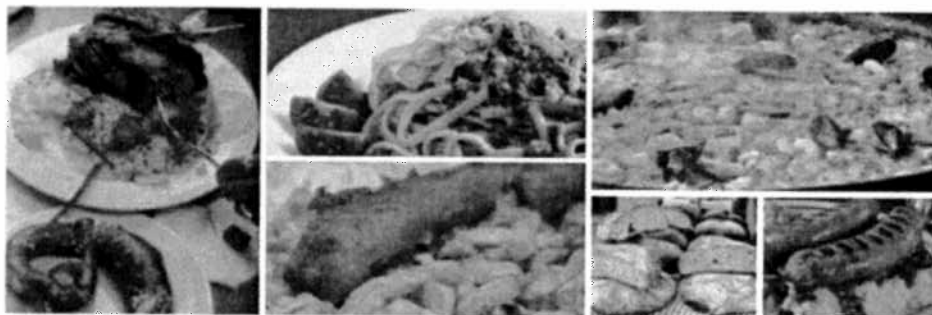
Steps away from a tube station, this hotel boasts a modern design and free WiFi throughout the property. Guests may decide to stroll through the nearby shopping area or cozy up in the lounge or their own room after a day on tour.

## What your meals will be like

These are examples of the types of meals you and your students will be served on tour.

# Sample Menus: Europe

Discovering new foods can be one of the best parts of traveling. The sample menus below are just a few examples of the types of traditional, local favorites you will have the opportunity to try on tour. Every meal will include table water (or bottled water if deemed necessary by locals) and you can usually buy other beverages if you wish. All meals are served as a group—not à la carte—and a vegetarian option will be available if requested in advance. Please notify EF of any other dietary restrictions or food allergies you may have. Enjoy!



### AUSTRIA

Soup  
Wiener schnitzel  
Chocolate cake

### CZECH REPUBLIC

Soup  
Goulish  
Ice cream

### FRANCE

Menu 1  
Cheese quiche  
Turkey with rice, sauce,  
mushroom and beans  
Apple tart

### Menu 2

Salad  
Flammekueche  
Chocolate mousse

### Menu 3

Couscous with  
vegetables and meat  
Fruit salad

### GERMANY

Menu 1  
Pretzel with  
cream cheese  
Turkey with  
spatzle dumplings  
Fruit

### Menu 2

Vegetable soup  
Bratwurst with kraut  
and mashed potatoes  
Ice cream

### GREECE

Menu 1  
Spinach pie  
Moussaka  
Rice pudding

### Menu 2

Greek salad  
Chicken with over-  
baked pasta  
Walnut pie

### ITALY

Menu 1  
Tomato bruschetta  
Cannellini beans with  
garlic and sage  
Lasagna  
Gelato

### Menu 2

Spaghetti with pesto  
Pork loin with spinach  
and potatoes  
Fruit salad

### IRELAND

Soup  
Chicken with mashed  
potatoes and gravy  
Fruit salad

### SPAIN

Spanish Tortilla  
Pork loin with potatoes  
and mushrooms  
Ice cream

### SWITZERLAND

Soup  
Alpine Macaroni  
Chocolate mousse

### UNITED KINGDOM

Menu 1  
Fish and chips  
Ice cream

### Menu 2

Chicken and hummus  
Flan

### Menu 3

Naan bread  
Chicken curry

### ICELAND

Meatballs, potatoes & brown sauce  
Fish balls with potatoes and butter  
Fried vegetables

## Price details

In addition to the support you receive before and after tour, along with the logistical support you receive on tour, your guaranteed lowest price covers all of the details.

### Your experience includes

*Discover England*



#### Airfare & transportation

Round-trip flights on major carriers;  
Comfortable motorcoach; Eurostar high-speed train with extension



#### Hotels

6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (8 with extension)



#### Regional-style meals

European breakfast and dinner daily



#### Guided sightseeing

2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (3 with extension); 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour (2 with extension)



#### Entrances

Salisbury Cathedral; Stonehenge; Roman Baths; Shakespeare's birthplace; Gardens at Anne Hathaway's cottage; New College; Tower of London; With extension: Louvre; Notre Dame Cathedral



#### Full-time Tour Director

Your culturally connected Tour Director is with your group 24/7, providing deep local insight while handling all on-tour logistics.



#### Expert Local Guides

Your expert local guides are natural historians, adding cultural insight and global perspective on your sightseeing tours.

Valid from Sep.25 - Sep.30, 2020

STUDENT

**\$3,370**

*or \$164 for 20 Months*

ADULT

**\$3,770**

*or \$164 for 20 Months*

## *Important final details*

### **The EF Price Guarantee**

We're dedicated to making travel accessible to as many students as possible. Our unmatched global presence and longstanding relationship with airlines and hotels ensure you will always give your students the best experience at the lowest price, guaranteed.

What it means for you:

- The guaranteed lowest price—if you find a similar tour for less, we'll beat it.
- One simple price—no enrollment or departure fees.
- Once a student enrolls, their price will never change.

### **Currently being offered through 11/30:**

**Risk Free Enrollment** -We are providing a risk-free enrollment period for families so they can book future tours with confidence – new 2022 travelers who enroll by October 31st have the ability to get 100% of their refund if they cancel by May 1st

**\$300 off your tour for every student!** (Included in the price quoted)

### International Training Tours

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I hope you've found this document useful. As your EF Representative, I'm here to answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. It has been a pleasure working with Mr. Webster. My colleagues and I look forward to helping your high school students take an important step towards global citizenship.

**Sincerely,**

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