

IMPORTANT INFORMATION-PLEASE READ THIS COVER LETTER THOROUGHLY AND COMPLETELY PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORM

Dear 7th-10th Grade Parents,

We are very excited about the opportunity our 7th-10th grade scholars have this year to travel to Greece. They will experience first-hand, the language, people, and culture of Greece.

This trip is sponsored and organized by the Center for Hellenic Studies. It is also funded by private individuals who are providing their time, energy, and considerable private monies to make this opportunity available for our scholars. Additionally, this trip requires a substantial monetary commitment from you and involves international travel. Therefore, we ask that you carefully consider the following information in your decision-making process:

- This trip is an academic program that will immerse participants in the history and culture of Greece. There will be some leisure time, but the focus of the program is educational in nature.
- Scholars will be required to remain with the group for the entire duration of the trip.
- If a parent/guardian is in Greece and chooses to pull a scholar from the group for a separate excursion, at any point of the trip, that scholar will not be allowed to rejoin the group for the remainder of the trip.
- Parents are welcome to travel with their scholar; however, we ask that the itinerary and guidelines set forth by the Center for Hellenic Studies are strictly followed when traveling with the students. If a parent wishes to make alternate solo plans on a specific day, they must make their own arrangements for transportation, etc.
- Younger siblings are NOT allowed on this trip. Older siblings may be considered if space allows, however he/she will pay the parent price.
- This trip involves a lot of walking. The climate is very hot in July. Please consider any physical limitations that may inhibit your scholar's or your ability to participate and enjoy all the scheduled activities.
- Airfare is NOT covered for participating students and parents. Round trip airfare to Greece is approximately \$1350-1600 per person. Students/parents will also need some additional money for lunch daily and personal expenses (souvenirs, incidentals, etc.).

****IMPORTANT NOTE-DISCIPLINE POLICY:** Effective immediately and for the duration of this school year, any student with an in-school or out-of-school suspension is disqualified from participating on this trip. Any and all other behavior violations will be addressed by the Leadership Team on an individual basis.

Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. A waiting list will be created for additional students/parents.

Attached are two registration forms - one for students and a separate one for parents.

Student registration will require a \$400.00 deposit. PLEASE NOTE: The student fee will NOT be applied towards the purchase of his/her airfare. It is an administrative fee that will be used to initially hold the tickets and then applied towards the cost of the staff chaperones' airfare. THIS FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE IF A STUDENT CHOOSES NOT TO TAKE PART IN THIS TRIP OR IF A STUDENT IS DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING PER THE DISCIPLINE POLICY SET FORTH (\$200 non-refundable prior to airfare being purchased; \$400 non-refundable once tickets have been purchased).

Parent registration will require a \$100.00 deposit. This amount is fully refundable prior to airfare being purchased; it is non-refundable once tickets have been purchased).

GREECE TRIP: PARENT/GUARDIAN REGISTRATION FORM

Participant's Name(s): _____

Student Name/Homeroom Teacher: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Primary Contact Person: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

A brief description of the trip follows:

Type of Event: Overseas trip to Greece

Dates of travel: June 30 - July 13, 2023

Modes of Transportation: Airplane to Greece; motor coach in Greece

Parent/Guardian(s) will need to provide:

- ❖ \$100.00 deposit (required for registration at this time)
- ❖ Roundtrip airfare
- ❖ Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia Fee - \$2,000 (\$3,200 for couple if space allows for more than one parent)
- ❖ Background check (conducted by Socrates Academy)
- ❖ Passport (**must have by May 15, 2023 or spot will be forfeited**)
- ❖ Additional spending money (for lunch, souvenirs, incidentals)
- ❖ Necessary travel items (clothes, toiletries, etc.)

More detailed payment instructions and necessary forms (permission, medical info, etc.) will be provided to everyone once we have procured a list of participating scholars and parents.

PLEASE READ AND CHECK ALL BOXES BELOW:

- I have read and understand the information provided in the cover letter and registration form.
- I have enclosed my deposit of \$100.00. Make check payable to: Socrates Academy. DO NOT SEND CASH. **Please note: Registration will NOT be accepted without a deposit.**

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH THE DEPOSIT BY THE STUDENT OR PARENT TO DR. STAMOULIS NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15TH.

***Each family must submit their own form/deposit.**