

April 5, 2005

Information on Short-Term Exchange to Bethel, CT

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The CDC/AFS Club will complete the second half of the short-term exchange with Bethel, CT from Thursday, April 28-May 1, 2005. We will travel by Amtrak from Montpelier Junction to Hartford, CT and from Hartford, CT to Bethel, CT by school bus.

Thursday, April 28 - Departure Time: 9:42 a.m. on Amtrak
Arrival Time in Hartford: 3:23 p.m.
Arrival time in Bethel: approximately 5:00 p.m. on school bus

May 1, 2005 – Departure from Bethel, CT: approximately 12:30 p.m. on school bus
Departure time from Hartford: 2:11 p.m. on Amtrak
Arrival time in Montpelier: 8:02 p.m.

While in Bethel, we will be hosted by AFS Club members and their families. We will attend their school with the host students and go to their classes on Friday. Saturday will be spent in NYC. We will be travelling to the city from Bethel by train. Since they are the hosting group, they will be planning the itinerary for the day.

I would like to collect \$100 from each student going on the trip. This \$100, and the money left in our club treasury, will pay for the cost of the train ticket to and from Connecticut and for the cost of the train ticket from Bethel, CT to NYC on Saturday, April 30. A check, made payable to MHS AFS Club, needs to come in by the next club meeting, April 12, 2005. I will be purchasing train tickets over the April break. Therefore, after April 15, 2005, the money is non-refundable. If a student has paid but suddenly cannot go, he/she can find a club member to replace them and recoup the \$100.

In addition to the check to supplement the train costs, students will need money for any activities and food when going to NYC. It is also customary to bring a small gift for the host family. Vermont has many nice but inexpensive products that make good gifts.

If more than 10-12 students go on the trip, which I think will happen, there will be another chaperone going with me, as yet undecided.

The following need to be in by our next meeting on April 12 during Student Support:

Field trip and Emergency Information Form **Short-Term Exchange – Student Bio Form** **Check (MHS AFS) for \$100 (or cash)**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at home or at school.

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Thanks.

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