



GEO Trip Application

Mulgrave Global Education & Outreach Programmes 2011-2012

Student Name: _____

Advisor/Homeroom: _____

Your application has three (3) parts:

1. GEO Trip Selection
2. Payments and Travel Documents
3. GEO Student Commitment

In the end, you must submit (3) things:

- _____ A completed GEO Trip Application
- _____ A photocopy of a valid passport and any supporting travel documentation (i.e. PR card, Study Permit or US Visa)
- _____ A \$1000 deposit cheque to Mulgrave School

PART 1: GEO Trip Selection

Please indicate below the appropriate programme by checking one of the boxes to the left. Note that dates may need to be adjusted contingent upon world travel conditions.

Choice	Trip
	<p>China (Me to We) G7-9 Date: June-July 2012 (16 days) Service Leadership Focus: teaching English in rural China at schools and volunteering at an orphanage Global Education: rural development, socio-economic issues (such as poverty, child labour and education), youth leadership, Mandarin language learning, history and culture Trip Coordinator and Chaperones: TBC Participant Numbers: 20-24 (TBC) Cost: \$4500-5000 (TBC subject to variable departure fees and enrolment) Participant is responsible for vaccinations (around \$200) and any other costs related to visas and personal expenses. Miscellaneous costs would include fundraising and trip shirt.</p>
	<p>Costa Rica (CATIE) G9-11 Service Leadership Focus: teaching English and school-based facility and/or grounds improvements and support Global Education: sustainable development and tropical ecology, with attention to fair trade and globalisation. Students will also explore socio-economic issues (such as poverty, inequality, discrimination and education), Spanish language learning, history and culture. Trip Coordinator and Chaperones: Antony Wilson (Coordinator) Participant Numbers: 20-24 (TBC) Cost: \$3500-4000 (TBC subject to variable departure fees and enrolment). Participant is responsible for vaccinations (around \$200) and any other fees related to visas and personal expenses. Other miscellaneous costs would include fundraising and a trip shirt.</p>



Choice Trip	
	<p>Kenya (Me to We) G10-12</p> <p>Service Leadership Focus: volunteering on school building and health projects</p> <p>Global Education: rural development, alternative income programmes, socio-economic issues (such as poverty, education, health, gender, food security, environmental sustainability), ecology and wildlife (Maasai Mara National Reserve), youth leadership, Swahili language learning, Massai history and culture</p> <p>Trip Coordinator and Chaperones: Antony Wilson and Melissa Moore (Coordinators)</p> <p>Participant Numbers: 20-24 (TBC)</p> <p>Cost: \$5500-6000 (TBC subject to variable departure fees and enrolment). Participant is responsible for vaccinations (up to \$500) and any other fees related to visas and personal expenses. Other miscellaneous costs would be fundraising and a rip shirt.</p>

Geo Trip Applicant Selection Criteria

1. Participants will be selected on a “first-come, first-served” basis, based on the exact time and date that the application forms and cheques are handed in to the GEO Assistant, Ms Shirley Hawkins personally.
2. Should large numbers of applications be handed in simultaneously, exceeding the number of participants that our programme can accommodate, the following options may apply:
 - a. Interviews will be scheduled with applicants to ensure that they meet the requirements of the excursion, and “buy-in” to the mission and vision of the trip they are signing up for;
 - b. Final selections will be made based on a lottery system;
 - c. Other special considerations will be reviewed such as background and grade level.

PART 2: Payments and Travel Documents

Please check all boxes to the left to indicate application attachments or documentation has been provided or completed.

	<p>Deposit cheque in the amount of \$1000, payable to Mulgrave School, is attached. This cheque is non-refundable. Final payment for Costa Rica is due Thurs Dec 8th, 2011, at the GEO Parent Information Session at Mulgrave. Final payments for China and Kenya are due Wed Feb 29th, 2012. All payments should be payable to Mulgrave School and addressed to the attention of Ms Shirley Hawkins.</p>
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	<p>A copy of the student’s passport is attached to the application, as well as copies of other relevant supporting documentation for international passports. This must be included to be considered a complete application.</p>
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PART 3: Commitment to the Whole GEO Experience

Please check if you completed the section below:

	The commitment is signed by applicant and parent; a statement of suitability has been written.
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Participating in a GEO trip is a major commitment and challenging responsibility. The student must be willing to follow the team leader’s directions, work co-operatively with others, often within a challenging or new environment, be flexible, and be ‘on the same page’ when it comes to safety, responsibilities and discipline.

GEO Physical Activity Expectations

Students should understand that all trips have a strong outdoor-oriented focus. For example, in Kenya, you will be sleeping in canvas tents. Students must be willing to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities, including hiking and manual labour.

Service Learning and Leadership Focus

Applicants should understand this is a service leadership trip. It is not a safari, beach holiday or tour. It is a chance to get to know your peers and teachers better, but it is much more than that. It is an educational and experiential residential trip. It is also a leadership development programme: initiative, challenge, commitment, new learning, action, responsibility, empowerment, compassion are all givens.

International Service Awards

Students should note that only participants who demonstrate exceptional commitment before/during/after, who go beyond the basic expectations, will be recognized with an international Service Pin. However, everyone will be recognized with a certificate of appreciation.

Geo Student Commitment

With the addition of Me to We Trips to our package, we believe we are offering outstanding service learning opportunities; however, GEO is not just about the trips or the students involved in them. We require students who are committed to participating in the whole GEO experience:

Students must commit to the following...

- Participate, actively, in the educational and service leadership programme offered by the trip leaders before, during and after the trip;
- Complete all assignments and research as required;
- Attend GEO meetings and seminars as arranged;
- Assist in “post trip” educational programmes in the following school year;
- Demonstrate compassion for service, caring for others, and commitment to making the world a better place;
- Be prepared to engage in physical activities on a regular basis;
- Go beyond the minimum expectations;
- Intercultural respect and sensitivity;
- Uphold and model the Mulgrave Code of Conduct.



Students must understand the following...

- There is inherent risk in all trips. I accept this willingly and undertake to read the relevant risk assessment(s) and participate actively in all trip orientations before and during the trip, should I be selected to join the excursion.
- I accept my role in minimising risk for all involved at all times.
- I understand this trip is NOT a traditional vacation, but a service learning volunteer-based excursion with significant commitments before, during and after the trip.
- As best as possible, I will honour all my commitments, as outlined above.

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

To assist us with the application process, please identify qualifications/qualities/aspirations which you feel make you suitable for this excursion. You can write your response in the text box below or use another creative platform like video (YouTube), visual or audio:

Please submit this application with all required attachments to Ms Shirley Hawkins (GEO Assistant) in person, no later than November 18th, 2011.