

Dear Parents,

Another school year is off to an action-packed start, and it's time for students to start committing to Intersession experiences. For those new to the school, Intersession is unique to Day School as an experiential learning opportunity that allows our students to see the world and learn alongside their teachers. We pride ourselves on this learning opportunity outside the classroom, and we look forward this year to having students take a more active role in helping plan out the details of the trips. This year's Intersession will take place March 19-23, and it will take our students on exciting explorations both near and far. In order to make the signup and preparation process go as smoothly as possible, we need your help.

Please take some time to read the attached file of 2018 Intersession offerings and talk with your child about what experience will best suit his or her interests and your family's budget and Spring Break plans. We are asking that all students commit to an Intersession and put down a deposit by Friday, September 8.

It will behoove students to get in their deposits early, as trips will be filling up on a first-come, first-served basis. As a result, some may fill up before the September 9 deadline.

Additionally, since the total cost of each experience differs, deposit amounts vary by Intersession. Students should check with the sponsoring teachers for their Intersessions regarding the deposit amount for that trip and to follow up with any questions they have, make payment arrangements, etc. The teachers consider signups for their Intersessions to be firm commitments to the trips (most of which are dependent on a minimum number of students attending to be feasible). Thus, deposits are non-refundable, and students are strongly discouraged from changing Intersessions at extra expense after making their deposits.

In the event that an Intersession experience may not be able to run due to too few students signing up for it (similarly to college classes occasionally failing to run because of low enrollment), the teachers will do their best to accommodate those students who need to pick new Intersessions, and of course those deposits will be transferred to the new selections without penalty.

Finally, the Business Office asks that students submit checks for Intersession payments. Please make your checks payable to EDS with the Intersession name in the memo portion of the check, and have your child give those checks to the teacher in charge of the trip.

Thank you for your help in making this year's Intersession run smoothly!

Sincerely,

Corrie Sarol

US English teacher  
Intersession coordinator

## Intersession 2018 Offerings- March 19-23

### **International Option: CHINA**

**Trip Coordinators: Corrie Sarol and Soi Powell (PS Science teacher)**

**Estimated cost: \$2,800-3,500**

**Deposit: \$1,000 paid to Ms. Sarol**

**Overview:** Students attending the China Intersession will enjoy a private, professionally led tour of some of China's most famous and culturally important sites. Students will hike and ride a cable car to the top of the Great Wall and (weather permitting) take a toboggan ride back down. They will also visit Tiananmen Square, the Summer Palace, Tianjin, the Pearl Market, and the Forbidden City, and enjoy a day trip the Beijing Zoo where they will get to see the famous Chinese pandas. We will also have the unique opportunity of visiting a Chinese school to talk with students about their education system and compare it to our own. We are excited about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

**Logistics:** This trip will travel from Saturday, March 17-Saturday, March 24 flying from Evansville to Chicago O'Hare, then from O'Hare to Beijing. This trip will not be able to accommodate any students who need to leave early for Spring Break plans.

### **Domestic: MARINE BIOLOGY**

**Trip Coordinator: Ashely Swinford**

**Minimum Number Required: 15 students**

**Estimated Cost: \$1,500-\$1,800**

**First Deposit: \$500 paid to Mrs. Swinford**

**Overview:** Students will spend 3 days and 2 nights on Pigeon Key Island, which is a private five-acre island with a marine science center. Here students will explore the local ecosystems and marine life with hands-on excursions and labs. Students will snorkel on the third largest coral reef in the world and learn about topics of interest such as shark anatomy, invertebrate biodiversity, and marine adaptations via hands-on activities and labs (the topics of interest can be altered to reflect the interests of our students). The remainder of the trip will be spent in the Florida Keys visiting points of interest indicated by the students. Potential activities include kayaking, snorkeling, visiting the Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, the Dolphin Research Center, the Florida Keys Aquarium, and Bahia Honda State Park.

\*\*\*This trip is not recommended for students who are not comfortable in open water or are not strong swimmers. Students will be expected to participate in water activities/excursions since they are a lab component.

**Logistics:** Students and guardians should be advised that we will be flying out the weekend before Intersession officially begins. We may need to leave as early as Saturday but we are currently working on flying out Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Domestic: CHICAGO**

**Trip Coordinator: Heather Heck**

**Estimated Cost: \$1,000**

**First Deposit: \$400 paid to Ms. Heck**

**Overview:** Come explore the many facets of the third-largest city in the United States. Interested students would have the opportunity to learn more about the history, architecture, art, and industry that Chicago has to offer while exploring the many attractions of the Windy City. The students who choose to travel to Chicago will have a lot of input on the specific itinerary with options from the Frank Lloyd Wright House to the Field Museum to Shedd Aquarium.

**Local: BON APPÉTIT**

**Trip Coordinator: Leilani Deem**

**Maximum Number of Students: 10**

**Estimated Cost: \$300**

**First Deposit: \$100 paid to Mrs. Deem**

**Overview:** It's a foodie's dream. Spend a week cooking and learning about different types of food from the pros who know. Students will be in the kitchen practicing their skills and tasting the fruits of their labor, and learning a little of the science behind food with Dr. Hanes. A day trip to Indianapolis will cap this otherwise Evansville-based experience.

**Local: SURVIVAL 101**

**Trip Coordinator: Linda Huber**

**Estimated Cost: \$300**

**First Deposit: \$100 paid to Ms. Huber**

**Overview:** Do you know how to survive if a disaster were to strike? Be prepared, learn strategies to help you and others to survive. Trained experts will teach you basic skills how to survive a disaster whether caused by nature or caused by people. You will learn how to build a fire, find safe sources of water, shelter, and food. You will also create an emergency plan for your family, learn what to do in various types of disasters, and create an emergency survival kit. This training will take place in the Evansville area.

**Local: LET'S GET PHYSICAL**

**Trip Coordinator: Nick Davlantis**

**Estimated Cost: \$100-150**

**First Deposit: \$50 paid to Mr. Davlantis**

**Overview:** Explore the ins and outs of healthy living with this local Intersession that will revolve around exercise, nutrition, and careers in health and fitness. From hiking and rock climbing to yoga and mindfulness, this Intersession will embrace the spirit of the week—trying new things. Students will practice healthy eating on a budget and meet people making a living out of helping others be well.