2014-2015
Spring Break Trips

Exploring The Golden Age of English History and London's Rich Theatre Traditions

This unique interdisciplinary experience offers students the opportunity to connect aspects of historical study with a practical exploration of the city of London and delve into the rich, exciting world of the West End Theatre District.

Students can explore their acting craft through workshops at Shakespeare's Globe and the Royal National Theatre, supplemented with exposure to a variety of theatrical performance styles as available in the winter season. Between the Tower of London and Westminster Abby, there is a wealth of historical and artistically significant sites to discover like The National Gallery, the Museum of the City of London, the Churchill War rooms. Additionally there will be a weekend excursion to Stonehenge, Warwick Castle and Stratford-Upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace).

Active participants in their exploration, students will be required to attend weekly meetings beginning in January to become familiar with specific sites and historical and theatrical elements.This trip is open to students in 10-11-12th grade who are interested in theatre and/or history.

Teachers: Debbie Pressman
Approximate cost: $3,200-$3,500.00

China Trip

Packer's World Language Department is pleased to offer Chinese language students the opportunity to participate in its cultural trip to Beijing and Shanghai, China. Students will visit Beijing and Shanghai and participate in a variety of activities with their Chinese peers in order to have an all-encompassing cultural experience. During the trip, the students will visit sites of historical and cultural significance and they will have opportunity to interact with local Chinese students. Students will also have service learning experiences by teaching at a local Chinese school.

Teachers: Li Ma
Dates: TBD
Approximate cost: $3000-$3500

French Language Trip

The French Language Trip is a wonderful opportunity for students in French 3 or higher to experience some of the wonders of French culture while exercising their linguistic skills. This 10 day exploration will begin with three days in Paris visiting museums and historic sites, exploring the grand boulevards, and tasting the great French cuisine. The heart of our trip will be a week in Le Mans where students will experience everyday life with a French family. During the week they will attend school with their host brother or sister and also take short excursions to visit St. Malo, Mont St. Michel, and the Chateau Chenonceaux.

Teachers: Adèle Saint-Pierre, Erin Brust and male chaperone TBD
Dates: 16 – 26 March
Approximate cost: 3200$ – 3500$

Italy Trip

Packer's World Language Department is once again pleased to offer Latin students the opportunity to travel to Italy in March 2015. This biennial trip has been a highlight of the Latin curriculum at Packer for over 15 years. It is a unique and memorable experience, which provides our students with a chance to visit archaeological sites and museums that will enhance their understanding and appreciation of ancient Roman culture as well as illuminate the way it continues to influence the culture of Italy today. Basing ourselves in **Rome**, the students will gain a thorough overview of that great city and its environs, visiting all the major classical sites and monuments. They will also receive an introduction to the vast array of post-classical history and art encompassed within "the Eternal City." In addition, there will be two full-day excursions: to **Florence**, where the students will experience the Renaissance art and architecture that abound there; as well as to **Ostia Antica**, which has rightly been called a "northern Pompeii." Over the course of nine days and seven nights, the student travelers will follow a comprehensive itinerary, designed to cover major Classical and Renaissance sites as well as important museums. Additionally, students will enjoy the language and food of modern Italy, and have the opportunity to explore Rome and its environs further in their free time. Students are asked to be active participants in the trip, and will be required to prepare in advance and present while abroad a site report on a specific building, monument, or work of art. By acting as tour guides for the group, students take ownership of their experience and have the chance to teach, and learn from, their classmates.

Teachers: Tim Flannery, Victoria Kalman
Dates: March 15 - 23
Approximate Cost: $3,000

Spanish Trip

Next year's trip to Spain will have students staying with host families and attending language classes most mornings. In the afternoon, students will participate in a variety of organized activities and excursions focused on art, food, music and dance, history and other topics of cultural significance. There will be opportunities to attend classes with Spanish students of their age group, as well as activities with their Spanish peers outside of the classroom. Most meals will be served at home in their host families, though lunches may be eaten at the school cafeteria. Packer students will have the opportunity to practice and see Spanish used in a variety of real world contexts not possible through U.S. classroom-based learning. In addition, they will enjoy an authentic language immersion experience in a warm, welcoming and fun culture that will leave them more knowledgeable and capable with the target language, as well as likely hungering for future visits to Iberian Peninsula.

Estimated cost (likely to change as details are hammered out) will be $3400 per student. This price will cover almost all costs including round trip airfare and other transportation in Spain, room and board (three meals a day), day trip and activity costs, admission to museums and other attractions and more.

Teachers: Matt Urbania
Dates: **TBD**
Approximate Cost: $3400

South Africa ArtWorks for Youth Trip

Students in grades 10 through 12 will serve as volunteer teachers with ArtWorks for Youth, providing after-school arts classes and organized activities for students in grades 4 through 8 at the Joe Slovo Primary School in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Packer students will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with South African students of approximately their own age to deepen their understanding of the culture and life experiences of teenagers living in this primarily Xhosa community. Museum trips, gallery visits, outdoor activities will provide additional venues for learning about South Africa. Students and chaperones will reside at a Port Elizabeth hostel during this trip, cooking and eating meals together and actively engaging in reflection and discussion about what we see and learn.

Teachers: Anna Curtis, Tory Lacy, and Andrew Parson
Dates: March 14- 28
Approximate cost: $4000

Spring Training for Packer Baseball Players

In preparation for the 2015 baseball season, the Packer Varsity Baseball Team will participate in Tampa Bay Spring Training in Florida. Students will have an opportunity to practice and play against teams from across the nation while honing their own skills.

Teachers: Christopher Ruck and Russell Tombline, Tom Quigley
Dates: March 22-26
Approximate Cost: $1800

Spring Break Training for Packer Softball Players

In preparation for the 2015 softball season, the Packer Varsity Softball Team will participate in spring training at ESPN Wide World of Sports at Walt Disney Resort in Florida. “We will train hard, become a “TEAM” and hit the rides at Disney World.”
Coaches: Tori Flowers, Darrin Fallick
Potential Dates: March 22-26
Approximate Cost - $1500-$2,000