



The Bear Facts

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Spanish Study Trip Offer

A special opportunity has presented itself to the Language Department at Davidson. In coordination with two experienced and knowledgeable institutions, OC International (www.onechallenge.org) and Spanish Language Academy (www.learnksa.com), we want to offer Davidson families a study and mission opportunity in Guatemala, Central America (http://www.visitguatemala.com/site/home/index_3.html; <http://www.nuestraguatemala.com/inguat.htm>), June 3-24, 2007. The setting for this tour is historic Antigua, Guatemala, a colonial city founded in the 1600's, which was once the capital of all Central America.

The practical incentives for considering this opportunity are multiple:

- A three week, four hours a day, five days a week, individual Spanish language program, based first on practical conversation, which allows the student to have their own private tutor, to assure maximum and efficient in-depth learning.
- The students will live with a Guatemalan family, carefully selected, providing each student with a private room, hot showers, and three meals a day from Monday to Saturday. Students will find security, hygiene, and a warm atmosphere. Living with a Guatemalan family gives the opportunity to learn about Guatemalan traditions, practice Spanish in a real Latin cultural situation, and get familiar with the Guatemalan way of life.
- Each student will be evaluated and put into a level which is most appropriate for his or her language proficiency.
- Students will be involved in a local mission project during the afternoons during the week when they are not studying.
- Weekends will be occupied with different excursions to the many spectacular and historic places, including the pyramids of Tikal, the center of the Mayan empire; Lake Atitlán, perhaps one of the most beautiful lakes in the world, surrounded by three of the 33 volcanoes in Guatemala; Cobán; The Caves of Lanquín; and the Pools of Semuc Champey. We will also climb one of the volcanoes near the capital city.
- Davidson will offer ½ unit of credit for language which can be applied to their level of Spanish.

This program is open to students now in grades seven through 12. We are also inviting parents to participate in the program. The total cost of the tour is between \$1,855.00 and \$2,480.00 depending on which excursions you select, if any. All excursions include transportation, hotels, most meals, and a professional guide. If you are interested in participating in this experience for yourself and/or your student(s), please visit the internet links in this letter to learn more about Guatemala, OC International, and the Spanish Language Academy. Then complete and return the reservation form and \$100 non-refundable deposit* per student to me by February 2, 2007. There will be a general information meeting January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the upper school. If you have more questions please call me at (615) 565-0245 or email me at [sherod@davidsonacademy.com](mailto:sherod@ davidsonacademy.com).

*checks should be payable to Davidson Academy

Please fill out Reservation Form and Return to Dr. Stan Herod, Davidson Academy, 1414 Old Hickory Blvd., Nashville, TN 37207

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. E-mail: _____
4. Home Phone: _____
5. Work Phone: _____
6. Fax: _____
7. Gender: _____
8. How old are you? _____
9. Do you have a passport? _____
10. Have you studied Spanish before: _____
11. For how long: _____
12. In your own opinion, your Spanish level is: (beginner, intermediate, advanced)
13. Why do you wish to learn Spanish? _____
14. Which Spanish Program would interest you: General, Missionary, medical, other?: _____



**Adult (or Family)
Europe Trip!
London, Paris, Rome
June 8 –18, 2007**

After years of planning trips for Davidson Academy students to Europe, there has recently been interest in a similar trip designed for adults!

For detailed itinerary and other information go to <http://daintra.davidsonacademy.com/daintra/Adult%20Europe%20Trip/Adult%20Europe%20Trip.htm>!

Found....

...Two large canvas bags containing crafts and food items possibly from a Christmas party. They are located in the Lower School teacher's workroom.

Blood Drive on January 24th

The Blood Mobile will be at Davidson Academy on Wednesday, January 24th, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Upper School. Sign-up sheets went home last week. There is a blood shortage at this time, so we need everyone who can to sign up to give blood. Thanks!



**Next Week
Week of January 21-27, 2007**

- Sunday: Applicant Open House, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday: 5/6 Cubs Basketball at Brentwood Academy, 6:30 p.m.
7/8 Basketball vs. Hendersonville Christian, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 7/8 Basketball vs. Merrol Hyde, 4:00 p.m.
JV Basketball vs. DCA, 4:15 p.m.
Financial Aid Meeting for Senior Parents, 6:30 p.m.
5/6 Cubs Basketball at DCA, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity Basketball vs. Merrol Hyde, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m
- Thursday: 8th Grade Retreat in Gatlinburg
Varsity Basketball at Columbia Academy, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday: K5 Classes to Owls Hill Nature Sanctuary, 9:15 a.m.
5/6 Cubs Basketball Brentwood Academy Tournament
8th Grade Retreat
Varsity Basketball at Father Ryan, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 5/6 Cubs Basketball Brentwood Academy Tournament

Lower School Menus - Week of January 22-26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Garden Vegetable Soup Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Tossed Salad White Cake Assorted Fresh Fruit	Beef Noodle Soup Cheese Ravioli Garlic Rolls Roasted Carrots Tossed Salad Holy Cow Cake Assorted Fresh Fruit	Fun Food Day Cream of Broccoli Soup Soft Taco Beans & Rice Roasted Squash Medley Tossed Salad Snickerdoodles Assorted Fresh Fruit	Tomato Soup Shrimp Poppers Baked Tots Green Peas Tossed Salad Banana Pudding Assorted Fresh Fruit	White Chili Sub Sandwiches Corn Chips Veggies & Dip Tossed Salad Apple Crunch Assorted Fresh Fruit

Upper School Menus - Week of January 22-26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Garden Vegetable Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Chicken Fillet Macaroni & Cheese Green BEans Fresh Baked Cookies Assorted Fresh Fruit	Beef Noodle Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Cheese Ravioli Garlic Bread Roasted Carrots Fresh Baked Cookies Assorted Fresh Fruit	Fun Food Day Cream of Chicken Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Soft Taco Beans & Rice Roasted Squash Medley Fresh Baked Cookies Assorted Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Cheese Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> DA Chicken Fillet Sandwich Curly Fries Veggies & Dip Dirt Pudding Assorted Fresh Fruit	White Chili <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Shrimp Poppers Baked Tots Green Peas Banana Pudding Assorted Fresh Fruit