

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FIELD TRIP REQUEST (Las Positas College)

INSTRUCTOR NAME: James Dobson DIVISION/AREA: ALSS/Speech

COURSE TITLE AND NUMBER: SPCH 48 SECTION(S): V01

DESTINATION: The Pullman Paris Montparnasse

PLACE OR FIRM

19 Rue Commandant Rene Mouchotte 75014 Paris

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STREET ADDRESS

CITY OR AREA

PURPOSE
(Be Specific)

The Speech team will be competing at the International Forensics Association Tournament.

DEPARTURE DATE: Friday March 14 2014 8:00 a.m.
Day of the Week Month Date Year Time am/pm

ESTIMATE RETURN: 10:00 P.M. 3-22-14
(TIME) (A.M.-P.M) (AND DATE)

TYPE OF TRIP

CHECK ONE

- Class I (On Campus)
- Class II (In District)
- Class III (Out-of-District)
- Class IV (Out-of-State)

CLASS I - Field trips are **ON-CAMPUS** activities limited to College campus. Authorization is granted through the administrator in charge.

CLASS II - Field trips are **IN-DISTRICT** activities off campus, but limited by boundaries of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Union City, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol).

CLASS III - Field trips are **IN-STATE, OUT-OF-DISTRICT** activities extending outside boundaries of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. Requests must be submitted at least **ONE MONTH** prior to the date of the trip.

CLASS IV - OUT OF STATE, activities conducted outside the state of California. Requests must be submitted at least **SIX WEEKS** prior to the date of the trip.

ASSEMBLY POINT:

- Las Positas
- Chabot
- Destination
- Other (identify) SFO Airport

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 8

VEHICLE NEEDED*: Van (15 passenger) Bus (25 passenger) Rental Vehicle Other (District Vehicle)

*Check Box if a District Vehicle/Gas Card Request Form has been submitted to M&O Dept.:

10-9-13
(DATE)

James Dobson
(INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE)

APPROVAL

[Signature]
DIVISION DEAN
10-20-13
(DATE)

[Signature]
VICE PRESIDENT
(DATE)

[Signature]
PRESIDENT (Class III & IV)
12-4-2013
(DATE)

Account Number _____

1. Rescheduling of field trip from approved date indicated above must be approved by the Office of Academic Services.
2. Requests for chartered bus transportation will be confirmed by the Office of Administrative Services.
3. Arrangements for van transportation shall be made by instructor with Maintenance & Operations Department.
4. A college first aid kit must be in the possession of the instructor while on a field trip.



Date: November 5, 2013

To: Janice Noble, VP Academic Services (Acting President)
Justin Garoupa, Interim Dean of Arts, Letter & Social Science

From: Jim Dobson, Director of Forensics

Re: Forensics – International Travel

The 2013/2014 Forensics Team is planning (with permission!) to attend the prestigious International Forensics Association Tournament, scheduled to be held in Paris, France from March 14-22, 2014.

The Las Positas College Talk Hawks have participated in this competition five times in the past:

2006 in Prague, Czech Republic
2007 in Buenos Aires, Argentina
2009 in Montreal, Canada
2012 in Rome, Italy
2013 in Antwerp, Belgium

In 2006 and 2009 LPC had the International Champion in Informative Speaking. In 2007 LPC finished as the top two-year institution at the tournament. In 2009 LPC finished 2nd Place overall at the competition. Last year LPC collected six individual awards and finished in 3rd Place in the Community College Division and 6th Place overall. We are hoping to improve on that finish.

The purpose of this trip is to expose our students to the highest caliber of competition from both the United States as well as foreign institutions. Our second-year (returning) students are ready for the challenge. It has been our experience that the learning and cultural exposure that comes from participation at these international competitions far outweighs the educational opportunities that are provided from similar tournaments held here in the Bay Area. Typically, the best Forensics Programs in the country attend this event so this is also an opportunity for Las Positas College to be exposed/showcased to the top speech and debate institutions around the world. This has resulted in scholarship offers to our students in the past and we expect the same this year.

Presently, the students and coaches are planning to pick up all of the costs for the transportation that will be associated with this trip. The current airfare rates are \$1,100 for a round trip ticket and we'll need approximately \$100 more for shuttle and transportation services once in Paris. This will be paid for by the individual participants. We plan to use the Forensic Team's co-curricular funds for lodging expenses, entry fees and a team meal after the tournament – as they would be used for any stateside competition.

It is projected that the amount of money that will ultimately be spent from our co-curricular funds will be almost equivalent to what would be spent at the State Championship Tournament, the competition that we are replacing with the IFA trip.

We continue to actively seek donations from local clubs, organizations, family members and friends. We'll be having a Speech and Story Night fund-raising event in December (\$10.00 per person charge). Additionally, we will be going to the LPC Foundation to beg for funds. All of this raised money would be used to help offset our costs for both the IFA tournament AND our National Championship Tournament held in Denver Colorado in April.

Currently we have not been provided a budget. However, between the \$15,570 that we received from co-curricular funds last year, the \$4,000 that exists in our current Foundation account, and the fund-raising activities that we have planned, we fully expect to be able to cover the operational expenses for our International Tournament. And again, the students and coaches will be paying \$1200 out of their own pocket to get themselves on the airplane and travel to the hotel.

Additionally, I (Jim Dobson) have been elected Treasurer of the organization. This was an honor to be nominated and elected. My attendance is necessary. More about the IFA organization can be learned by visiting the following link: <http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/1723.asp> For many of our students this is an opportunity of a lifetime. They are willing to make the sacrifice of fronting their own money to cover a majority of the expenses that are associated with this tournament. Our continued fund-raising efforts will help to alleviate some of that personal sacrifice.

Please contact me further if there are additional questions/concerns about these plans. It is our hope/desire/goal to embody Las Positas College at the highest level of Forensics Competition and give nothing less than the highest quality of representation.



INTERNATIONAL FORENSICS ASSOCIATION

Barbara S. Baron
President
Brookdale Community College

Jim Dobson
Treasurer
Las Positas College

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Arkansas State Univ.

Clark D. Olson
Vice President
Arizona State University

July 26, 2013

Dear Forensics Educator:

Greetings from the International Forensics Association (IFA)! This year, we will host the 24th Annual IFA Tournament in Paris, France from March 15 – 22, 2014! Springtime in Paris sounds great, doesn't it? We will continue our tradition of meeting outside of the United States providing wonderful opportunities for students, coaches and friends of the IFA to experience diverse cultures, view exceptional architectural and artistic wonders, and to sample culinary delights.

Known as the "City of Lights," Paris is one of the world's foremost centers of business and culture. situated on the river Seine, Paris is a beautiful, cosmopolitan city whose influence on politics, education, entertainment, fashion, and the arts is felt worldwide. Innumerable monuments built to reflect the glory of France and its rulers stand testament to the city's rich history and have led Paris to be the world's most popular tourist destination. Famous sites and landmarks include the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Bastille, and the Luxembourg Gardens. Many of the almost twelve million Parisians are recent immigrants from around the globe, and make the city one of the most diverse cultural environments in the world.

This year, we have booked a block of rooms at a wonderful hotel that is centrally located, can accommodate our group with adequate meeting spaces; and offers fine amenities. For the past four years, all participants have arranged for their own travel. With the advent of the Internet, there are no incentives offered by airlines. We do strongly request that all participants book their hotel space through the IFA website link that is listed in the travel section of this letter. Our rate includes an American breakfast, and all applicable taxes. The rate you are charged will surpass any that you may find online. Should there be a large shift in currency exchanges, we can negotiate with our representative at the hotel to adjust the rates. We cannot provide that service for those who do not book through our site.

Every school is responsible for a competition room in the hotel at the rate of 1 room per 10 entries. While you may find better rates nearby at an inferior hotel, in order to keep the tournament affordable for all schools to attend, we strongly advise that you make reservations at the tournament hotel. It is unfair for some schools to subsidize the costs of the tournament while others do not. While we appreciate the budget constraints that nearly all schools have, we have worked dilligently to find a hotel that is affordable for all. In order to continue the IFA, if a substantial number of contestants do not use the tournament hotel, we will be forced to change our per slot room requirement and/or increase the per person fee for those not staying at the hotel. We cannot stress the importance of this for the sustained viability of the tournament .

We expect a large tournament in Paris; the inquiries so far have been tremendous. We hope that you are able to join us for what we know will be a wonderful experience for all. Details for the hotel and our travel agent are included in the following pages of this letter. Springtime in Paris..... We can't wait to see you there!

Best Regards, *Barbara Baron* for the IFA *** see the next page for travel details!!!***

24th Annual International Forensics Association Tournament
Paris, France
Tournament to be held ~ March 17-18, 2014

The tournament hotel is the Pullman Paris Montparnasse.

The Pullman Paris Montparnasse is an upscale hotel perfectly located in the heart of Paris' historical commercial and cultural Left Bank district. The hotel is a stone's throw from the Montparnasse train station, a few minutes' walk from the Latin Quarter and 10 minutes by metro from the Eiffel Tower.

To make reservations, click on the link below:

<http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/booking/room-dates.shtml>

Use the "PREFERENTIAL CODE" - L05TC

RATES PER NIGHT:

- Room with one person: 154.21 EUR
- Room with two people: 179.91 EUR

Breakfast and Internet is included in the rate. A one-night deposit per room is required when making the reservation. The website will convert the rate to USD, using the conversion rate for that day. PLEASE NOTE:

- The deposit will be fully refunded for reservations cancelled 30 days or more prior to arrival
- For cancellations made between 30 days and 8 days prior to arrival the one-night deposit will not be refunded
- For cancellations made between 8 days and the arrival day, the hotel will charge the total amount of the reservation.

Travel insurance is always a good idea when travelling internationally. Be sure to check the terms of your insurance and see under what conditions the hotel charges would be reimbursed if someone were unable to travel.

If you have any questions regarding the hotel or need assistance making your reservations, please reach out to Jill Kraatz at Experient, who is always happy to help you:

Jill.kraatz@experientselect.com or 760.717.5150

The hotel is located in the Montparnasse neighborhood of Paris

Highlights of Montparnasse include:

LATIN QUARTER: The Latin Quarter of Paris is an area situated on the left bank of the Seine, around the Sorbonne. Known for its student life, lively atmosphere and bistros, the Latin Quarter is the home to a number of higher education establishments. The area gets its name from the Latin language, which was once widely spoken in and around the University since Latin was the international language of learning in the Middle Ages.

CIMITIERE DU MONTPARNASSE: the Montparnasse Cemetery, where Charles Baudelaire, Constantin Brâncuși, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, Samuel Beckett, and Susan Sontag are buried

CATACOMBS OF PARIS: An underground ossuary which holds the remains of about six million people and fills a renovated section of caverns and tunnels that are the remains of Paris's stone mines. <http://www.parislogue.com/catacombs>

GARE MONTPARNASSE: The Gare Montparnasse is one of the six large terminus train stations of Paris. The station was opened in 1840, and rebuilt completely in 1969. The station is used for the intercity TGV trains to destinations in

the west and southwest of France including Tours, Bordeaux, Rennes and Nantes. Additionally, it is served by several suburban and regional services on the Transilien Paris – Montparnasse routes. There is also a metro station, and a high-speed moving walkway

LEFT BANK (LA RIVE GAUCHE): The southern bank of the river Seine in Paris. Here the river flows roughly westward, cutting the city in two: looking downstream, the southern bank is to the left, and the northern bank (or *Rive Droite*) is to the right. "Rive Gauche" or "Left Bank" generally refers to the Paris of an earlier era; the Paris of artists, writers and philosophers, including Colette, Margaret Anderson, Djuna Barnes, Natalie Barney, Sylvia Beach, Kay Boyle, Bryher, Caresse Crosby, Nancy Cunard, Hilda Doolittle (H.D.), Janet Flanner, Jane Heap, Maria Jolas, Mina Loy, Henry Miller, Adrienne Monnier, Anais Nin, Jean Rhys, Solita Soland, Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Renee Vivien, Edith Wharton ^[1] Pablo Picasso, Arthur Rimbaud, Paul Verlaine, Henri Matisse, Jean-Paul Sartre, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and dozens of other members of the great artistic community at Montparnasse. ^[2] The phrase implies a sense of bohemianism, counterculture and creativity. ^[3] Some of its famous streets are the *Boulevard Saint-Germain*, the *Boulevard Saint-Michel*, the *rue Bonaparte* and the *Rue de Rennes*.

THE MUSEE RODIN: A museum that was opened in 1919 in the Hôtel Biron and surrounding grounds. It displays works by the French sculptor Auguste Rodin. Rodin used the Hôtel Biron as his residence from 1908, and subsequently donated his entire collection of sculptures (along with paintings by Vincent van Gogh and Pierre-Auguste Renoir that he had acquired) to the French State on the condition that they turn the building into a museum dedicated to his works. The Musée Rodin contains most of Rodin's significant creations, including *The Thinker*, *The Kiss* and *The Gates of Hell*. Many of his sculptures are displayed in the museum's extensive garden.

Check out [this link](http://www.hotelpanner.com/Attractions/56893-Things-to-do-in-Montparnasse-France) to see some other highlights of the Montparnasse area:

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY WAIVER, RELEASE & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of permitting _____ (name of participant) to enroll in and participate in the *International Forensics Association Tournament, scheduled in Paris, France, March 17-18, 2014 (departing March 14, 2014 and returning March 22, 2014)* and class instruction of *Speech 48 (Activities in Forensics, Spring Semester 2014)* given by *Las Positas College in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California*, the undersigned hereby voluntarily releases, discharges, waives and relinquishes any and all actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to him/herself arising as a result of engaging or receiving instructions in said activity or any activities incidental thereto wherever or however the same may occur and continue, and the undersigned does for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns hereby release, waive, discharge and relinquish any action or causes of action, aforesaid, which may hereafter arise for him/herself and for his/her estate, and agrees that under no circumstances will he/she or his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns prosecute, present any claim for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death against the *Chabot-Las Positas Community College District* or any of its officers, agents or employees for any of said causes of action, whether the same shall arise by the negligence of any of said persons, or otherwise.

It is the intention of _____ (participant) by this instrument, to exempt and relieve *Chabot-Las Positas Community College District* from liability for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death caused by negligence.

The undersigned, for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, agrees that in the event any claim for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death shall be prosecuted against *Chabot-Las Positas Community College District*, he/she shall indemnify and save harmless the same *Chabot-Las Positas Community College District* from any and claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented for personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read the foregoing Waiver of Liability Notice and the foregoing three (3) paragraphs, has been fully and completely advised of the potential dangers incidental to engaging in the activity and instructing of *Speech 48 (Activities in Forensics)*, and is fully aware of the legal consequences of signing the within instrument.

Signature (Participant)

11/8/2013

Date

Signature (Witness)

12-3-13

Date

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Foreign Travel Agreement

Name on Passport: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

The undersigned has voluntarily enrolled in the Las Positas College Speech 48 (Activities in Forensics) course, Spring Semester 2014 involving foreign travel, March 14-22, 2014. I understand and agree to all of the following:

- Travel to any foreign country may involve changes in plans, unexpected delays, and limited access to some services;
- I am subject to the laws of the country visited;
- The College cannot be held responsible or accountable for the actions of a foreign government or its representatives;
- By their very nature, the use of transportation, housing, food and other goods and services or activities in connection with participation in this program and tour carries a risk of personal injury, property loss, or both, to participants. In spite of these risks, I wish to participate in the course and tour, and assume the liability and responsibility for any and all potential risks that may be associated with participation in the program;
- I agree to release and discharge the district, its officers, employee and agents from liability for injury, damage or loss of any kind, that may arise in any way or for whatever reason out of participation in the course and tour;
- After my airline ticket has been issued, it is non-refundable;
- The payment for the trip is non-refundable as of 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date unless the district cancels the trip;
- The district reserves the right to cancel the trip or my participation in the trip, at its discretion and at any time, as long as all money paid to the district by me for the trip is refunded;
- I have *no* known medical condition that would risk my health or safety by my participating in the course and tour;
- Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Subchapter 5, Section 55450, by participating in this field trip/excursion, I am deemed by law to have waived any claims against the district for injury, accident, illness or death occurring during or by reason of this trip;
- I am expected to follow all applicable board policies that may apply to the course and trip, and adhere to the student code of conduct.

I have read, understand and agree to all of the above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____