



Application 2011

FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME
Enter these exactly as they appear or will appear on your passport.

PREFERRED NAME

DATE OF BIRTH GENDER CURRENT GRADE

PARTICIPANT'S EMAIL ADDRESS

HOME ADDRESS

CELL PHONE HOME PHONE

NAME OF SCHOOL

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL

PARENT 1 OR LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME OCCUPATION

CELL PHONE WORK PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PARENT 2 NAME OCCUPATION

CELL PHONE WORK PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

WITH WHOM DOES APPLICANT LIVE?

TO WHOM SHOULD WE BILL TUITION?

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VISIONS? (SCHOOL, FRIEND, CONSULTANT, OTHER. IF OTHER THAN YOUR SCHOOL, PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME/S OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR OTHER SOURCE OF REFERRAL.)

Please mail signed enrollment agreement, application and tuition deposit to:

VISIONS Service Adventures
321 East Main Street, Suite 426
Bozeman, MT 59715

QUESTIONS?

Phone: 406.551.4423 or 800.813.9283
Fax: 406.551.1525
E-Mail: info@VisionsServiceAdventures.com
Web: www.VisionsServiceAdventures.com

Please mark the program you wish to attend:

JUNE 29–JULY 27 (4 weeks)
€ Peru \$4,900

JUNE 29–JULY 30 (4+ weeks)
€ Vietnam \$5,150

JUNE 30 - JULY 27 (4 weeks)
€ Alaska \$4,900
€ British Virgin Islands \$4,900
€ Dominican Republic \$4,900
€ Ecuador & Galapagos \$5,450
€ Guadeloupe \$5,150
€ Mississippi \$4,900
€ Montana \$4,900
€ Nicaragua \$4,900

JULY 7–AUGUST 3 (4 weeks)
€ Dominica \$4,900

AUGUST 3–AUGUST 22 (3 weeks)
€ Montana \$3,900
€ Dominican Republic \$3,900
€ British Virgin Islands \$3,900
€ Peru \$3,900

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

JULY 7–JULY 27 (3 weeks)
€ Virgin Gorda Island Passage \$3,900
€ Montana Northwest Passage \$3,900

Payment by credit card will incur a 2.5% convenience fee. Tuition does not include airfare to program site or student trip interruption/emergency medical protection (2-4% of program cost).

Noteworthy Information

Application Procedure

To apply, complete the Application, the Parent/Guardian Agreement and the Participant Contract with required signatures and dates. Send to VISIONS with a deposit of \$600. **Note:** We prefer payment by check or wire transfer for deposits. We will accept credit cards. Our published tuitions reflect a 2.5% discount for direct payment.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and subject to space availability. VISIONS reserves the right to refuse and/or rescind acceptance to a student at VISIONS's sole discretion who we believe is unsuitable for our programs for health, physical ability or reasons of behavioral history, or who subjects the program to any risk of harm or disrespect. Failure to disclose fully any information regarding the participant that results in an inappropriate placement in a VISIONS program is cause for dismissal without refund.

After acceptance, all participants receive in early spring specific program and health information, travel details, a packing list, medical and health insurance forms, and general liability releases for activities. If the participant is not a U.S. citizen, it is the participant / parent / guardian's sole responsibility to obtain, in advance, any visas and other documents required to enter an overseas program and to re-enter the United States.

Tuition

The \$600 deposit includes a \$300 non-refundable processing fee. The remaining \$300 is refundable in full until March 15 and non-refundable thereafter. Tuition balance is due April 1. Applications received after April 1 should include tuition payment in full. Tuition does not include airfare, personal spending money (we recommend \$40-\$50 per week), ferry fees or departure tax at some locations. We provide a packing list of clothing and equipment for each program. It is the responsibility of the participant to come properly equipped with appropriate clothing and gear. For your convenience, VISIONS sells or rents some of the items on the packing list. VISIONS's insurance does not cover and VISIONS is not responsible for theft or loss of personal property or equipment of participants.

Rebates, Withdrawals, Trip Cancellation Insurance

The seasonal nature of summer programming precludes rebate of tuition fees for cancellation after March 15, or for late arrival or early withdrawal. Our costs are determined on a group basis, not a per-student/per-day basis. Should

a participant have to withdraw due to a medical emergency, injury or other crisis, partial or full refunds shall be distributed through the trip protection/emergency evacuations insurance purchased in addition to program tuition. You can also purchase trip cancellation insurance through an insurance and/or airline carrier.

Program Alterations

It is VISIONS's intention to conduct programs and projects at sites described in the brochure. Project activities or sites may be altered due to any act of God, including weather or other condition affecting the safety of participants, cultural sensitivities, and circumstances beyond VISIONS's control. When possible, families will be notified in advance of such changes. In all cases we will substitute in good faith with something comparable. If a program is cancelled by VISIONS for any reason prior to its starting date, VISIONS will place the applicant on another program of his/her choice depending on space availability or will refund full tuition paid by parent/guardian. VISIONS is not responsible for other costs incurred by participants preparing for a trip that has been cancelled.

Terms of Participation - Conduct

Participants may not use, pursue the use of or possess tobacco products, alcohol, illegal drugs/substances nor abuse over-the-counter drugs. Exclusivity, sexual activity, intimate involvement with other participants is not allowed due to the emotional impact upon individuals and on the dynamic of the entire group. Program policies are established with safety, health and welfare, common sense, and local laws in mind. Chronic defiance of rules and procedures set forth, disrespectful, abusive, unsafe or illegal conduct and on-going profanity will not be tolerated. We reserve the right to remove participants from the program who VISIONS ascertains have violated the conditions for participation or whose behaviors are counterproductive to community-building, offensive to or disrespectful of our host community or otherwise detrimental to maintaining standards or successful operation of the program. Participants who are dismissed for cause will be flown home at the expense of parent/guardian who will be responsible for making the timely changes in airline reservations. No tuition or other fees will be reimbursed and any additional costs incurred by VISIONS will be charged to and paid for by parent/guardian.

Safety and Health Information

Safety is our premier consideration, and we are proud of our exceptional safety record. There are risks inherent to

programs of this nature, both foreseeable and unforeseeable. Participants and their families must understand the nature of our programs and accept the risks involved. These risks include but are not limited to: the risks of air, foot and motor travel; unfamiliar diet and diarrhea; civil unrest, war, terrorist activity. It is imperative that students follow the rules, policies and protocols established by VISIONS and any adventure services contracted by VISIONS. Any disability arising during the program must and will be examined and verified by a physician of VISIONS choosing. Certain adventure activities require additional liability releases signed by parent/guardian and will be included in the spring mailing. All participants must have health insurance coverage, valid passports, and, in some locations, emergency evacuation insurance. Participants will receive health insurance and medical forms to be completed and signed by a physician and parent/guardian.

Transportation

VISIONS organizes group flights on scheduled carriers, NOT charter flights. Families are free to make their own travel arrangements but must confirm itineraries first with VISIONS before final booking. Our leaders will always greet alternative flights at the program site. VISIONS has no control over the airlines and is not responsible for cancellations or other disruptions in air travel to/from our sites. Complete travel information is provided in the spring mailing or sooner upon request. Extra transportation expenses for some overseas programs may include exit taxes or ferry fees. **For high school programs neither VISIONS staff nor representatives fly with students on the group flights, nor will a VISIONS representative be present at the destination airports to greet return flights at the end of the programs.**

Communication

After greeting all flights on the day of arrival, VISIONS leaders ask participants to call home and provide blocks of phone times. All home bases have telephones for business, messages or emergency calls only, and are not for regular use by participants. We discourage calls home on more than a once-a-week basis. VISIONS's headquarters can be reached 24 hours a day. Messages may be left at the program site. *Participants may carry cell phones only on flight days to/from their programs. Staff will collect phones upon arrival to be returned to participants on departure day.*

Food

Menus on all programs are comprised of meat and non-meat dishes, pasta, vegetables, fruits, and other fresh foods. Food is nutritionally balanced and plentiful. We

practice strict health protocols, especially in the choice and preparation of foods at all of our overseas sites.

The concept of highly specialized vegetarianism does not translate well to some program sites. Participants with exceptional diets or dietary restrictions should let us know well in advance of the program so that we can plan with the parent/guardian to accommodate these needs.

Community Service Credits

All participants who *complete* a VISIONS program successfully receive a Certificate of Service recognizing between 65 – 100 hours and detailing the projects accomplished.

Financial Aid

VISIONS offers a limited number of partial and full scholarships to attend our programs, based on need and demonstrated initiative. Let us know as early as possible if you want to apply for financial assistance.

Expectations of VISIONS Participants

Safe, considerate conduct and respect for the program policies and framework are essential. A mindset of team work and a cooperative attitude are musts. We expect participants to commit to work goals, be actively curious about the community and culture and to come ready to invest in their and their peers' experience. We live and work in the public eye. Appropriate behavior, language, and dress are necessary.

Participants should be prepared to be flexible and to push their comfort zones for the benefit of their group. The resources available in program locations are unsophisticated compared to home. We make every effort to create a comfortable, clean and welcoming environment within the framework of the surrounding community.

Program leaders keep cell phones, passports and other valuables and extra money locked in secure places. Participants who choose not to lock up electronic items, accept full responsibility for these items' safety. Things can get lost or simply disappear on outings. We restrict the use of hi-tech items. Our programs offer personal connections, sights and sensations that are unique. VISIONS is an opportunity to forsake regular routines and focus instead on an experience that has the potential to be among the most powerful in one's life.