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Friendship Force International

Friendship Force of Northern Colorado is a chapter of Friendship Force International. FFI's mission is: To promote world peace and understanding by creating an environment where individual friendships can be established across the barriers that separate people. Friendship Force International is a non-profit organization dedicated to the principle that each person can make a contribution to global goodwill. Home hospitality - the heart of a Friendship Force exchange - provides the opportunity for people of different countries and cultures to connect at a personal level. Our chapter has hosted groups from many fifteen countries and club members have visited many other countries. The ever-widening Friendship Force global network represents a powerful and growing force that can overcome differences between people and nations.

Saturday, October 31, 2009

Welcome to Colorado

2:14 PM: Delegates arrive at the Denver International Airport (DIA)

1 HOUR: For Orientation to the planned program with an explanation of expectations and answers to any inquiries that delegates may have regarding their individual special interests For Clarification of their duties for the week and discussion of any special interests that they may have for the shadowing portion of the program

5:30 PM: Meet host families and introduction of delegates and hosts. Hosts take them to their homes in time for observing "Trick or Treat" American style.

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Whole day: Opportunity to get to know host families

6:30 PM Begin progressive dinner: Appetizers - Main Course - Dessert at various places. One dinner in Fort Collins; One in Loveland. Entrée (either Prime Rib OR Steak will be purchased by family hosting main course – then submit a bill to Dot or Kathy for reimbursement!)

Monday, November 2, 2009

9:00 – 12:00: Meet at the United Way Agency office: (Gordon Thibedeau – 407-7002 direct line) 424 Pine Street, Suite 102, Fort Collins. Grant writing, Explanation of community involvement. Volunteer group recruitment. Business's role in community. Select from five different agencies within United Way Umbrella for site visits.

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch at the country Buffet

1:00 – 3:00: CSU (Colorado State University): The university has an already an on-going program with the Saratov Agricultural University with exchanges of professors and students. In addition, this University hosted the first program on Volga German Heritage with Saratov University this summer. Candidates will meet with the environmental service department to learn CSU global effect on self sufficiency of energy production. There will be a panel discussion from professors

**The Environmental Science - Dr. Gillian Browser
and the Dept of Sociology – (Dr. Jack Brouillette,)**

3:30 – 5:00 Candidates will meet with John Manago of the Loveland Police Department's Internal affairs Professional Standards Unit for discussion regarding issues of police corruption.

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

4 pm Olympics 1-800-777-5767

- 8:30-10:00:** Candidates will meet at the PARK & RIDE and travel back to Denver (1.5 hour commute) (Suggest that you arrange to "ride share"!)
10:00 – 11:00: Upon arrival they will be addressed by where Sandi Moilanen, Director of Trade & Investment for Europe, the Middle East & Africa for the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade, - 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700 Denver, - where she manages the export promotion and inward investment attraction program for the EMEA region.
11:00 - 12:00: Jane Howell of Internal Affairs of the Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline (Formal Complaint form has been submitted for translation) will address the recourse for situations with apparent judicial misconduct.
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 3:30: Candidates will be driven to the Museum of Science, and the IMAX theatre .
4:00 – 5:00: Dr. Deborah Palmarie, U S Trade Ambassador to Russia, and former Director of Russian American Chamber of Commerce- was unable to be there!!! So time spent at Museum – Ginhus Khan exhibit / IMAX / Underwater Creatures
5:30 – 8:00: Candidates will have dinner at Casa Bonita where entertainment includes high divers, a Melodrama and opportunity to participate in a Mariachi band
8:00 – 9:15: Drive back to Loveland / Fort Collins from Denver Host families will be
9:15 –10:15 Shopping at Kohl's

Wednesday: November 4, 2009

- 9:00 – 9:15:** Loveland Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Welcome and General overview by Sergio Plaza.
9:15 – 10:00 Address by the director of the chamber of Commerce – Brian Willms
10:00 –10:40: Leadership Loveland Program explained by Sergio Plaza
10:40 –11:00 Vickie Rasmussen of Chamber / coffee break
11:00 –11:30: Stacy Johnson – Economic Development and Incentives
11:30 –12:00: STIR panel - Networking
12:00 - 1:45: "Networking luncheon / Social" (with business community Participants and prior Leadership Loveland Candidates)
2:00 – 4:00: Troy McWhinney a principal of the group which developed the Outlet Mall, Hotels Condos, Apartments, Office Buildings, and a Sculpture Area will speak
4:00 – 5:00: High Plains Environmental Center which was started by the McWhinney brothers and now works with "at risk Kids" in an environmental actual garden will explain the benefits of their program to the community.
5:00 Candidates will be met by their host families at the Park & Ride off I25 & Hwy 34 (Eisenhower Blvd.) (following is optional!)
5:30-6:45: Line Dance lessons at Sundance in Ft Collins the cost is \$5 with or without meal

THURSDAY: Nov 5, 2009

9:00 – 11:00: Ken Amundeson, (669-5050) Publisher of the Loveland Reporter Herald will address the group on “open public records” requirement of reporting. Then City Editor – Jeff Stahla, a Volga German on the staff, will discuss accountable government.

11:15 – 12:00: Terry Anderson, at the City Clerk’s office (962-2322) will explain how the City keeps record of all e-mails between the city council members and how this information is made open to the public.

12:00 - 1:00: Lunch will be at the “China Dragon Buffet”

1:00 – 5:00: “Shadowing” with one to two people in a field as closely related to their interests as we can match professionals, will take place. We will hire additional translators so that all visits will have translation. Some visits will be available on a one-to-one basis, but with four people in “media” we may do two different organizations rather than four.

FRIDAY: Nov 6, 2009

9:00 – 10:00 Fort Collins County Clerk, Scott Doyle, keeper of the ballots which are counted a few days after each election with each party having a representative present to avoid any irregularities will address the group.

10:00 – 11:30 Meet with “Light Source) for an advanced marketing information and discussion of Internet aspect of marketing. (Presentation by Lisa Malmquist – co-owner)

12:30 – 1:30 Box Lunch at Loveland Sculpture Garden (weather permitting) with an explanation of how this Public / Private Partnership by Dorothy Cada Co Founder 26 years ago and now the largest outdoor sculpture show

1:30 – 5:30: Travel to Rocky Mountain National Park with short stops along the way for Photos Travel time approximately 1 ½ hours each way.

SATURDAY: Nov 7, 2009

Day with host families.

6:30 p.m. Going away party – Thanksgiving style at Dorothy’s Catering on 2248 West 1st Street, Loveland, CO (461-5865). Turkey, Stuffing, and Potatoes will be furnished by Dorothy. Those attending will be requested to bring their family favorite dish to go with the entrée’s provided by Dorothy.

SUNDAY: Nov 8, 2009

8:45 a.m. Meet at the Park & Ride for transport to Denver airport for departure.

12:34 p.m. Departure from Denver, CO to Washington, DC (United Airlines, flight # 316)