

**Friendship Force International
Open World Russian Leadership Program
SEPTEMBER 2 – 10, 2006**

Saturday, September 2nd

9:40 A.M Pickup candidates at DIA – treat to lunch - Take to Museum of National History, IMAX theatre.

6:00 PM Meet host families at the Chinese Buffet GREAT WALL at 1525 West Eisenhower in Loveland. Treat delegates and host families to buffet dinner (\$8.29 per plate)

Sunday, September 3rd:

Free day with host families: Please invite your guest to worship with you.

Monday, September 4th:

Free day with host families: Suggest that hosts take their guests to some form of “Labor Day Celebration” and explain what this holiday signifies and why Americans have set this day aside as a national holiday.

Tuesday, September 5th

8:15 AM Meet at West Side Albertsons for ride to Ft. Collins. Must be pre-arranged with Kathy.

9:00 A.M Meeting with Lisa Malmquist of “Lightsource Creative Communications, Inc.” at 121 West Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80524 (Phone (970) 224-2806, extension 23) for presentation on marketing and question / answer session

11:00 AM Meet at the Community Gardens (Old Fort Collins High grounds) A panel from Colorado State University Women’s Center will share their experiences, thoughts, and preparations for starting to care for their parents, while maintaining balance among a career, children, partners, and other responsibilities. Relax while listening; enjoy the surrounding gardens and eat Wendy’s Salads as lunch

1:30 PM Meet with Gordan Thibedeau and Judy Chapman of the United Way who will speak on the History of United Way, Local History, What we do, umbrella organization, Fundraising Efforts, and Community Impact Process. . There will be “on site” visits to various other agencies in the building. Samantha Murphy of the United Way will give a presentation on Grant Writing. **Optional visits to other agencies in building**

* **Disabled Resource Services**

* **MS Society**

* **Women's Center**

* **Neighbor to Neighbor**

* **Colorado Legal Services**

5.00 PM Host families pick up their delegates at either United Way in Ft. Collins or Albertson’s in Loveland IF you’ve pre-arranged for transportation with Kathy.

Wednesday, September 6th

- 9:00AM Introduction to the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, its programs, and the Visitors Center Sergio Plaza and Gaye Stockman, President/CEO of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce.
- 9:15 AM Loveland Center for Business Development – *Don Abbott* A presentation of this unique business assistance center that is funded by the City of Loveland to help businesses grow.
- 10:00AM The Leadership Loveland Program (Sergio Plaza) *An overview of one of the Chamber's signature programs that encourages leadership development and volunteerism.*
- 10:30AM The Loveland Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center – *Gaye Stockman* A presentation of the programs, services and purposes of the Chamber, including a tour of the Visitor's Center.
- 11:15AM Loveland's Economic Gardening Program – *Gaye Stockman and Scott Lee* - *An inside look into the newly implemented pilot program that serves area businesses.*
- 12:00PM Chamber Networking Luncheon
- 1:30 PM Sculpture Park – Public Private Partnership and tour of sculptures purchased through a joint venture of the City of Loveland and the Loveland Arts Council
- 3:30 PM Meet with Harris Cole of the Home State Bank. Harris has been a lender for 31 years and is Vice President in charge of commercial loans. Harris will address credit worthiness, evaluation of loan process, etc.
- 5:00 PM Hosts pick up at Home State Bank – two blocks East of Hwy 287 on 29th Street – Loveland.

Thursday, September 7th:

- 8:30AM Meeting with Chad McWhinney, local visionary and developer to discuss how they went from "vision" to "reality", zoning restrictions, getting support and working with governmental entities, marketing, attracting national merchants, and financing – stages behind each level. (McWhinney's developed the Outlet Mall with Hotels, shopping areas, Apartments, Office Buildings off Interstate 25.)
- 10:00AM Mary McCambridge of Home State bank and Rotary past president will speak to group about women's role as business leaders and in the community.
- 1:30 PM Candidates will individually shadow an American business counterpart whose business relates as closely as possible to their Russian enterprise. A variety of local business professionals will participate.
- Olga Aleksandrova – Rotary lunch & meet with FFI BOD at 2:30 –
Irina Veysman (human resources) – CSU – literature & language departments
Galina Neverova (accountant / economist) Meet with Lauren Lehman or Bob Rummel of Reporter Herald,
Tatyana Romanova (marketing specialist) Meet with manager of Quality Inn Hotel
Natalya Alymova (centralized Muni accounting) Allan Krcmark – City of Loveland and League of Women Voters

Marina Dedyukhina (owns business) meeting - pending
Svetlana Shcherbinina (Pronto Samara) – also Reporter Herald
Svetlana Zmeyerova (Lawyer) - Becky Aldridge, attorney

5:00 PM Hosts pick up their visiting delegate at their last business meeting of the day

Friday, September 8th:

9:00 AM **No meeting currently scheduled.**

10:30 AM Meeting at Palmer Gardens (150 East 29th Street) Conference Room with Scott Evans who will speak on developing a competitive strategy in marketing your product or service.

1:00 PM Meet at Ranger Station for environmental instructions, a Nature Hike in the Rockies with ranger, viewing the beauty of Colorado Mountains, and observe the Elk which will be in their rutting season that frequent the park. Delegates will be told about how the national parks are managed, funded, etc.

7:00 PM All delegates will attend the monthly meeting of Friendship Force of Northern Colorado where they will be entertained by an actress out of Laramie, Wyoming who will put on a skit called “Calamity Jane”

Saturday, September 9th:

See sheet with activities available locally. Or consider taking your guest to the mountains for the day if you weren't able to make it up yesterday afternoon.

6:00 PM Farewell Party - At the home of Dot & Frank Cada – Will be in form of Thanksgiving dinner with Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, etc. Side dishes to be brought by host families.
Ya-all come!

Sunday, September 10th:

5:00 A.M. Meet at Park-n-Ride – I-25 and Hwy 34 for departure to Russia from DIA . **As this is an International Flight, it is imperative that you be prompt!!! We will leave the Park-n-Ride promptly., If you're not there, you will need to drive your candidate to DIA yourselves.**

SUGGESTIONS for HOST FAMILIES over Labor day:

- 1) Labor Day Arts & Crafts Show – Ester Park, CO 1-800-443-7837**
- 2) Taste of Colorado – Civic Center Park, Denver, CO [www. tasteofcolorado.com](http://www.tasteofcolorado.com)**
- 3) Taste of Colorado – Bancroft Park, Colorado City, Colorado Springs**
- 4) Windsor Harvest Festival – Parade starts at 10:00 AM – Labor Day**

Choices for other weekend

- 1) 8th – 175h – Oktoberfest – Larimer Square 303-685-8143
- 2) 9th – Glory Days – Lowry Town Center – Denver
- 3) 9th – Denver International Buskerfest – 16th Street Mall
- 4) 8th – 9th – Art Wear Fashion Week – Ft. Collins: www.LCTIX.com

PLEASE – if you know of anything going on locally during the week of September 3rd – 9th, let Dot or Kathy know so that they can pass on ideas to the host families!!!