

Friendship Force International
Open World Russian Leadership Program
Program Schedule for Economic & Social Development Group
SEPTEMBER 17 – 25, 2005

Saturday, September 17th

- 11:24 A.M Pickup candidates at DIA – treat to lunch - Take to Museum of National History, IMAX theatre.
- 5:30 PM Meet host families at Park & Ride – I-25 and Hwy 34 (Loveland hosts can make arrangements to have us bring their guests to Albertson’s parking lot - US 34 & Taft - in Loveland around 5:50 p.m.)

Sunday, September 18th:

Free day with host families:

- 4:30 PM Progressive Dinner with Friendship Force members in three different homes. See Map. Appetizers, Main course , and Desserts in Loveland and Ft. Collins: (See host / candidate list for addresses of homes for dinners!)

Monday, September 19th:

- 9:00 A.M Meet at the American Distributing facility off of I-25 and Crossroads Boulevard (3800 Clydesdale Pkwy – (970) 663-1690) for tour and explanation by Tracey Bentley of their role in product dispersion across the US. Delegates will be given a chance to do a marketing plan for an assigned product.
- 11:00 AM Meeting with a McWhinney representative. (McWhinney’s developed the Outlet Mall with Hotels, shopping areas, Apartments, Office Buildings off Interstate 25.) Discussion of 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.
- 12:00 Noon Lunch at the place of your choice in the Outlet Mall. Each candidate will be given enough money to purchase their lunch
- 2:00 PM Meet at the Anhauser Busch processing plant for VIP tour and explanation of marketing policies.
- 4:00 PM Meeting with Amanda Miller of the Downtown Business Association 970-484-6500 Amanda will explain benefits of association of business people and how individual businesses benefit.
- 5.00 PM Host families pick up their delegate at American Distributing 3800 Clydesdale Pkwy –right South of I-25 and Crossroads Boulevard.

Tuesday, September 20th:

- 8:15 A.M. Meet at the Park-n-Ride at Highway 34 and Interstate 25 for trip to Denver. Loveland hosts can make arrangements to meet at Albertson's Parking Lot (US 34 & Taft) in Loveland at 8:00 a.m.
- 9:30 A.M. Colorado International Trade Office 303-892-3850 1625 Broadway, Ste 1700 in Denver. Learn how countries are targeted for trade, export items. Discussion of Colorado companies working in Russia
- 10:00 AM Aleksandr Shorokhov will be taken to visit the Federal Depository Center and Andrey Maksimov will have a one-on-one meeting with a Colorado State Tax Auditor.
- 11:00 AM US Export Assistance Association Center with Martha Butwin. Gathering data regarding which companies need your product. 1-303-844-6623.
- 2:30 PM Visit to American / Russian Chamber of Commerce 1552 Pennsylvania St. Denver. (303-831-0829) Dr. Palmiere will explain how they recruit members & find partners in Russia.
- 4:30 PM Casa Bonita dinner to postpone travel back to Loveland until traffic subsides
- 8.30 PM Meet host families at Park & Ride – I-25 and Hwy 34 (Loveland hosts can make arrangements to meet at Albertson's Parking Lot -US 34 & Taft - in Loveland at 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21st:

- 9:00AM Introduction to the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, its programs, and the Visitors Center (Gaye Stockman, President/CEO of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce)
- 10:00AM The Leadership Loveland Program (Sergio Plaza)
- 10:45AM Loveland Center for Business Development (Kelly Peters, Director)
- 11:30AM Loveland's Economic Development Program (Donna Smith, Economic Development Manager for the City of Loveland)
- 12:15PM Chamber Networking Luncheon.
- 2:00 PM Public / Private partnership discussion with High Plains Environmental Center with Pat Wok, for an explanation of the role they're playing in the development of Centerra and how they are attempting to preserve the ecology of the area.
- 3:15 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.
- 5:00 PM Hosts pick up at Home State Bank –East of Hwy 287 (two blocks) on 29th Street – Loveland.

Thursday, September 22nd:

- 9:00AM Meet with Gordon McKinney of "Light Source", an advertising firm at their offices - 121 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins. 970-224-2806

10:15AM 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

* Women's Center

* Colorado Legal Services

* MS Society

* Neighbor to Neighbor

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.

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

Friday, September 23rd:

9:00 AM Meet with Cindy Buckardt, parent, the Principal of Carrie Martin Elementary School (4129 Joni Lane) to view a Handicap accessible playground that took 13 years to finance and build. The project involved parents, students and staff.

10:00 AM Visit the Loveland Museum at 5th & Lincoln to tour the history of Germans from Russia who settled in this Northern Colorado area. Curator's assistant, Dr. Janice Currier has Russian Connections.

11:15 AM Visit to the local Sculpture Park. Cooperative arrangement between the city, private artists, and art-minded citizens who initially presented the prospect to the City. Dot Cada will give the history of how this private / public partnership came into being.

1:00 PM After a picnic lunch at the Sculpture Park, candidates will be taken to Rocky Mountain National Park to view the beauty of Colorado Mountains and see the Elk that frequent the park which will be in their rutting season.

5:00 PM The group will congregate at the YMCA of the Rockies for dinner and another exposure to the effective operation of a non-profit service organization serving the public's needs

Saturday, September 24th:

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 George & Mark Lundeen (internationally recognized sculpture artists).** 5894 W. US Hwy 24 (turn left right after crossing Big T. bridge)

Sunday, September 25th:

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.**