

Yucatan Adventure - April 2020

Student Essay Questions

Please address the following thoughtfully and email to both Fran and Mandy fburns@theparkerschool.org and mlevine@theparkerschool.org (Essay)

Student travel is one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences ever. Its success greatly depends on the passion, responsibility and dynamics of the group, including each traveler individually. Students going on the trip should want to spend time with each and every member of the travel group and want to share in the responsibilities of a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. Because of this, we ask all students who wish to participate in this travel group to address the prompts thoughtfully and completely.

1. Please state your reasons for wanting to go on this trip and immersion experience in Yucatan, Mexico.
2. Group travel will require individuals to, at times, put aside their own personal desires for the good of the group. So much of the success of a travel group depends on the attitude of the group, the social connection, and the group's ability to create these connections. How do you already make positive contributions to group dynamics in classes, advisory, or other group settings? What would you contribute to a small travel group?
3. During this trip you will be staying with a Mexican family. *Describe, en tus propias palabras, ¿por qué quieres vivir con una familia mexicana y cuales son los beneficios de vivir con una familia?* Please try to do this **in your own words** in Spanish. If you cannot, please respond in English. (Using a translator is not acceptable.)
4. What do you think the biggest challenge will be of living with a host family, and what strategies will you use to overcome them?
5. Is there any additional information you would like us to know?