



# ATTENTION ALL 7th GRADERS

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY --- A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME  
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ARGENTINEAN CULTURE...**

\*\*\*Live with a family in Bariloche, eat empanadas, visit an Argentinean school, experience life in South America, speak Spanish, and much, much more!

**DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY!!!**

## **THE EVENT:**

For the first time ever, *we plan to send 10 Aspen students to Bariloche in June 2014*. The students and teachers will stay with families in Bariloche. Aspen will then host the 10 students and their teacher chaperones from Bariloche, Argentina in October 2014. As our guests, the Argentinean students and teachers will stay with host families and experience our culture. The groups in both countries will attend school, and cultural functions, go sightseeing, and shopping, as well as participate in local activities.

## **THE COMMITMENT:**

1. **Fund-raising & Family Participation:** Each student and his/her family will be expected to help with various fund-raising events throughout the summer and the following school year. Families will also need to attend all organizational meetings and be prepared to supervise activities in order to make this exchange a success. In essence, this program must be very high on the activity priority list.
2. **Study:** All students must be currently enrolled in a school Spanish class. Students will also be expected to participate in several after school, cultural awareness classes before their spring trip.
3. **Presentations:** Students will need to prepare speeches and slide shows to be given in Bariloche and in Aspen upon their return.
4. **Hosting:** Each family will be required to host an Argentinean student in October 2014 for approximately two weeks.
5. **Money:** Every family should be prepared to pay up to \$2500 and of that money students need to earn, on their own, at least \$350 toward the trip to demonstrate their personal commitment. Scholarships are available, but requests must be made using a scholarship form and must then be submitted with the original application – please call Georgina Levey at 948-8629 if more information is necessary.
6. **Eligibility:** Students cannot receive a grade of a D or an F in any subject on a report card. Secondly, students who receive serious behavioral consequences (i.e. out-of-school suspension, expulsion, etc) or who make poor behavioral choices outside of school may be dismissed from the program at the discretion of school administrators.

## **THE APPLICATION PROCESS:**

**Note:** Students will be chosen from the Aspen Middle School, the Aspen Country Day School and the Aspen Community School.

1. Complete the attached application form.
2. Write a short essay about the similarities and differences between Aspen and the country you want to visit (see application for more information).
3. Be available for an interview during the week of April 7-11, 2014.
4. **Submit your application to Maria Carbonetti at ACDS, Jolaine Pfeifer at AMS or Hilary Forsyth at ACS no later than Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 3:30 PM.**
5. Participants will be chosen mid- April. The first organizational meeting will be at the beginning of May.

If you have any questions please call Georgina Levey at 948-8629 or email her at zgnomad@hotmail.com.

Thank you for applying and good luck!

**PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR "IMPORTANT DATES."**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Thursday, February 27th: Meeting for all parents and students interested in learning more about the student exchange program. We will meet at 5:00 in the Aspen High School Seminar Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor; far east side of building)
- Wednesday, April 2nd: All exchange applications are due to the contact designated for your school (either Maria Carbonetti, Jolaine Pfeifer or Hilary Forsyth).
- April 7-11: Interviews for chosen candidates. You will be given an interview time between 3:15 and 6:00 PM one of these days.
- By April 30 Decisions will be mailed home. This date could vary slightly
- \*\*Tuesday, May 6th First organizational meeting at 5:00 in the Aspen Middle School Library (far east side on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of building). Attendance is **mandatory** for all participants and their parents. **This is a different meeting date and time than for the other groups**