

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FIELD TRIP REQUEST (Las Positas College)

INSTRUCTOR NAME: James Dobson

DIVISION/AREA: ALSS

COURSE TITLE AND NUMBER: SPCH 48 Forensics

SECTION(S): V01

DESTINATION: Radisson Blu Astrid, Antwerp Belgium

PLACE OR FIRM

Koningin Astridplein, 7-B-2018 Antwerp Belgium

Antwerp Belgium

STREET ADDRESS

CITY OR AREA

PURPOSE
(Be Specific)

The Forensics team will be competing at the International Forensics Association World Championships.

DEPARTURE DATE: Friday March 9th 2013 12:00 p.m.
Day of the Week Month Date Year Time am/pm

ESTIMATE RETURN: 12:00 P.M. March 15th
(TIME) (A.M.-P.M) (AND DATE)

TYPE OF TRIP

CHECK ONE

- Class I (On Campus)
- Class II (In District)
- Class III (Out-of-District)
- Class IV (Out-of-State)

CLASS I - Field trips are **ON-CAMPUS** activities limited to College campus. Authorization is granted through the administrator in charge.

CLASS II - Field trips are **IN-DISTRICT** activities off campus, but limited by boundaries of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Union City, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol).

CLASS III - Field trips are **IN-STATE, OUT-OF-DISTRICT** activities extending outside boundaries of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. Requests must be submitted at least **ONE MONTH** prior to the date of the trip.

CLASS IV - OUT OF STATE, activities conducted outside the state of California. Requests must be submitted at least **SIX WEEKS** prior to the date of the trip.

ASSEMBLY POINT:

- Las Positas
- Chabot
- Destination
- Other (identify) SFO Airport

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 8

VEHICLE NEEDED*: Van (15 passenger) Bus (25 passenger) Rental Vehicle Other (District Vehicle)

***Check Box if a District Vehicle/Gas Card Request Form has been submitted to M&O Dept.:**

10-31-12
(DATE)

James Dobson
(INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE)

APPROVAL

M. J. M. J.
DIVISION DEAN
11/6/12
(DATE)

Janice Powell
VICE PRESIDENT
12/3/12
(DATE)

PRESIDENT (Class III & IV)

(DATE)

Account Number 953030 - 39340 -

1. Rescheduling of field trip from approved date indicated above must be approved by the Office of Academic Services.
2. Requests for chartered bus transportation will be confirmed by the Office of Administrative Services.
3. Arrangements for van transportation shall be made by instructor with Maintenance & Operations Department.
4. A college first aid kit must be in the possession of the instructor while on a field trip.



Date: October 31, 2012

To: Janice Noble, VP Academic Services
Marilyn Flores, Dean of Arts, Letters & Social Science

From: Jim Dobson, Director of Forensics

Re: Forensics – International Travel

The 2012/2013 Forensics Team is planning (with permission!) to attend the prestigious International Forensics Association Tournament, scheduled to be held in Antwerp, Belgium from March 9-15, 2013.

The Las Positas College Talk Hawks have participated in this competition four times in the past:

- 2006 in Prague, Czech Republic
- 2007 in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2009 in Montreal, Canada
- 2012 in Rome, Italy

In 2006 and 2009 LPC had the International Champion in Informative Speaking. In 2007 LPC finished as the top two-year institution at the tournament. In 2009 LPC finished 2nd Place overall at the competition. Last year we had two students finish in the top five in their events.

The purpose of this trip is to expose our students to the highest caliber of competition from both the United States as well as European institutions. Our second-year (returning) students are ready for the challenge. It has been our experience that the learning and cultural exposure that comes from participation at these international competitions far outweighs the educational opportunities that are provided from similar tournaments held here in the Bay Area. Two of the individuals from our 2009 team changed their majors and career plans *because* of their participation at this tournament. Typically the best Forensics Programs in the country attend this event so this is also an opportunity for Las Positas College to be exposed/showcased to the top speech and debate institutions around the world. This has resulted in scholarship offers to our students in the past and we expect the same this year.

Presently, the students and coaches are planning to pick up all of the costs for the transportation that will be associated with this trip. The current airfare rates are \$1100 for a round trip ticket and we'll need approximately \$100 more for shuttle and transportation services once in Belgium. This will be paid for by the individual participants. We plan to use the Forensic Team's co-curricular funds for lodging expenses only – as they would be used for any stateside competition.

It is projected that the amount of money that will ultimately be spent from our co-curricular funds will be equivalent to what would be spent at the State Championship Tournament, the competition that we are replacing with the IFA trip.

We continue to actively seek donations from local clubs, organizations, family members and friends. We'll be having a Speech and Story Night fund-raising event in December (\$8.00 per person charge). Additionally, we will be going to the LPC Foundation to beg on our knees for funds. All of this raised money would be used to help offset our costs for both the IFA tournament AND our National Championship Tournament scheduled during spring break

Between the \$15,570 that we were given from co-curricular funds, the \$1,300 that exists in our current Foundation account, and the fund-raising activities that we have planned, we fully expect to be able to cover the operational expenses for our International Tournament. And again, the students and coaches will be paying \$1200 out of their own pocket to get themselves on the airplane and travel to the hotel.

More about the IFA organization can be learned by visiting the following link:
<http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/1723.asp> For many of our students this is an opportunity of a lifetime. They are willing to make the sacrifice of fronting their own money to cover a majority of the expenses that are associated with this tournament. Our continued fund-raising efforts will help to alleviate some of that personal sacrifice.

Please contact me further if there are additional questions/concerns about these plans. It is our hope/desire/goal to embody Las Positas College at the highest level of Forensics Competition and give nothing less than the highest quality of representation.

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Foreign Travel Agreement

Name on Passport: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

The undersigned has voluntarily enrolled in the Las Positas College Speech 48 (Activities in Forensics) course, Spring Semester 2012 involving foreign travel, March 9-17, 2012. I understand and agree to all of the following:

- Travel to any foreign country may involve changes in plans, unexpected delays, and limited access to some services;
- I am subject to the laws of the country visited;
- The College cannot be held responsible or accountable for the actions of a foreign government or its representatives;
- By their very nature, the use of transportation, housing, food and other goods and services or activities in connection with participation in this program and tour carries a risk of personal injury, property loss, or both, to participants. In spite of these risks, I wish to participate in the course and tour, and assume the liability and responsibility for any and all potential risks that may be associated with participation in the program;
- I agree to release and discharge the district, its officers, employee and agents from liability for injury, damage or loss of any kind, that may arise in any way or for whatever reason out of participation in the course and tour;
- After my airline ticket has been issued, it is non-refundable;
- The payment for the trip is non-refundable as of 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date unless the district cancels the trip;
- The district reserves the right to cancel the trip or my participation in the trip, at its discretion and at any time, as long as all money paid to the district by me for the trip is refunded;
- I have *no* known medical condition that would risk my health or safety by my participating in the course and tour;
- Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Subchapter 5, Section 55450, by participating in this field trip/excursion, I am deemed by law to have waived any claims against the district for injury, accident, illness or death occurring during or by reason of this trip;
- I am expected to follow all applicable board policies that may apply to the course and trip, and adhere to the student code of conduct.

I have read, understand and agree to all of the above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY WAIVER, RELEASE & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of permitting _____ (name of participant) to enroll in and participate in the *International Forensics Association Tournament, scheduled in Rome, Italy, March 10-16, 2012 (departing March 9, 2012 and returning March 17, 2012)* and class instruction of *Speech 48 (Activities in Forensics, Spring Semester 2012)* given by *Las Positas College in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California*, the undersigned hereby voluntarily releases, discharges, waives and relinquishes any and all actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to him/herself arising as a result of engaging or receiving instructions in said activity or any activities incidental thereto wherever or however the same may occur and continue, and the undersigned does for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns hereby release, waive, discharge and relinquish any action or causes of action, aforesaid, which may hereafter arise for him/herself and for his/her estate, and agrees that under no circumstances will he/she or his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns prosecute, present any claim for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death against the *Chabot-Las Positas Community College District* or any of its officers, agents or employees for any of said causes of action, whether the same shall arise by the negligence of any of said persons, or otherwise.

It is the intention of _____ (participant) by this instrument, to exempt and relieve *Chabot-Las Positas Community College District* from liability for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death caused by negligence.

The undersigned, for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, agrees that in the event any claim for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death shall be prosecuted against *Chabot-Las Positas Community College District*, he/she shall indemnify and save harmless the same *Chabot-Las Positas Community College District* from any and claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented for personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read the foregoing Waiver of Liability Notice and the foregoing three (3) paragraphs, has been fully and completely advised of the potential dangers incidental to engaging in the activity and instructing of *Speech 48 (Activities in Forensics)*, and is fully aware of the legal consequences of signing the within instrument.

Signature (Participant)

Date

Signature (Witness)

Date