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2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

Dear parent,

Greetings for the day !

### SPACE EXPEDITION PROGRAM

**Space Expedition from Frontiers Edutainment** is a thirteen day, intensive program of learning and discovery, and a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to visit NASA. Students participating in this program will spend four days at Houston, the home to NASA's Johnson Space Center, four days exploring Orlando, Florida including NASA's Kennedy Space Center, and two days in New York City. They will also visit the amazing Niagara Falls. The detailed itinerary is provided on the next page.

#### **Phase I: Educational program at NASA's Space Center Houston**

The four day program at Houston brings to life the concept of science and maths that students have studied in their textbooks. During this period, students will :

- Work on innovative projects
- Meet a NASA astronaut who will share his/her experiences of the space missions
- Take exclusive tours of the labs and facilities at NASA's Johnson Space Center
- Train like astronauts in a pool using Scuba diving equipment
- Participate in a simulated space shuttle mission at the Challenger Learning Center
- Engage in educational activities at the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences
- Watch space shows and space movies

#### **Phase II - Orlando, Florida**

After the conclusion of the program at Houston, students will visit Orlando, Florida, the theme park capital of the world.

At Orlando students will get an opportunity to visit Kennedy Space Center, and two exciting theme parks – Disney World and Universal Studios.

#### **Phase III - New York and Niagara Falls**

New York is the largest city in America and one of the most exciting cities in the world. It exerts a powerful influence over global trade, finance, media, culture, art, fashion, research, education, and entertainment. The headquarters of the United Nations are also located in New York.

Students will spend two days in New York exploring world famous attractions including

1. The Statue of Liberty
2. The Empire State Building
3. The Hayden Planetarium
4. The United Nations
5. NBC Studios
6. American Museum of Natural History
7. Rockefeller Center
8. Times Square
9. Fifth Avenue, Wall Street, New York Stock Exchange and much more.

The students will also spend another two days visiting the exciting Niagara Falls.

The Space Expedition program inspires students to pursue a career in science, builds confidence in their own abilities and offers a fantastic experience for them to learn and grow.

#### **Important Information**

##### **Eligibility**

1. This program is open to hardworking school students willing to explore new ideas and horizons. This program is not a vacation but demands serious efforts by all participants.
2. The age group for the program is between 11 - 18 years (6<sup>th</sup> Grade and above)
3. The program is restricted to 30 students on a first come first serve basis

The group will be escorted by teachers and a tour director from Frontiers Edutainment.

##### **Program Dates**

The program will be organized in Summer 2011.

##### **Program Cost**

The program cost will be Rs. 2,22,000 per student. (Program during May 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>)

##### **Cost Inclusions :**

The cost includes economy class return airfare, visa, insurance, hotel accommodation on quad sharing basis, NASA fees, all meals, local transport by chartered bus, tickets for Disneyworld, Universal Studios, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, American Museum of Natural History, Hayden Planetarium, NBC studios, Rockefeller Center observation deck, bus tour of Manhattan, Maid of the Mist boat at Niagara Falls.

**Exclusions:** Cost excludes any expenses of a personal nature and anything not included above.

**Cancellation Policy:** If the US visa is denied, the entire cost except the visa fees and airline cancellation charges will be refunded. A cancellation fees of Rs. 50,000 will apply if cancellation is done after receiving the US visa.

If you wish to send your child for this educational programme, kindly give your consent to the respective class facilitator by filling the acknowledgement slip by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and we shall send you the detailed brochure and the Itinerary about the programme. Since there are limited seats available for this programme I would request you to kindly adhere to the date mentioned above. For further details, pls get in touch with our Admin Manager on 9246550323.

With best wishes,

Principal.

### Proposed Itinerary for Space Expedition Program

<p><b>Day 1:</b> Evening</p> <p>Report to Hyderabad airport Arrive in Houston. Dinner and hotel check in.</p>	<p><b>Day 8:</b> 8 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 am to 6 pm</p> <p>Visit Universal Studios</p> <p>6 pm to 8.30 pm</p> <p>Shopping at Walmart</p> <p>9 pm</p> <p>Dinner</p>
<p><b>Day 2:</b> 9 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>10 am</p> <p>Orientation in hotel</p> <p>12 pm</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>4 pm to 9 pm</p> <p>Report to Space Center Houston for educational activities</p> <p>9.15 pm</p> <p>Dinner</p>	<p><b>Day 9:</b> 5 am</p> <p>Depart for Orlando Airport</p> <p>8 am</p> <p>Flight to New York</p> <p>10.40 am</p> <p>Arrive in New York</p> <p>12 pm</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>12.30 pm to 8 pm</p> <p>Visit Times Square, Empire State Building, NBC Studios, Rockefeller Center</p> <p>8.30 pm</p> <p>Dinner</p>
<p><b>Day 3:</b> 9 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>10 am</p> <p>Tour of NASA's Neutral Buoyancy Lab</p> <p>11 am to 3 pm</p> <p>Underwater Astronaut Training Activity.</p> <p>4 pm to 9 pm</p> <p>Lunch at the pool. Educational activities at Space Center</p> <p>9.15 pm</p> <p>Houston – day 2 Dinner</p>	<p><b>Day 10:</b> 7 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>7.30 am</p> <p>Depart for Niagara Falls. Lunch en-route</p> <p>2.30 pm</p> <p>Arrive at Niagara falls Sight seeing and boat ride</p> <p>8 pm</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>9 pm</p> <p>Niagara Falls Illuminations</p>
<p><b>Day 4:</b> 8 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 am to 12 pm</p> <p>Tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center</p> <p>1 pm</p> <p>Presentation by NASA astronaut</p> <p>2 pm</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>3 pm</p> <p>Free time for shopping</p> <p>8 pm</p> <p>Dinner</p>	<p><b>Day 11:</b> 7.30 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>8 am</p> <p>Depart for New York</p> <p>3 pm</p> <p>Arrive in New York. Visit Statue of Liberty and Financial District (Wall Street and New York Stock Exchange)</p> <p>8 pm</p> <p>Dinner</p>
<p><b>Day 5:</b> 8 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 am to 11 am</p> <p>Space Shuttle Mission at the Challenger Learning Center</p> <p>11 am to 1 pm</p> <p>Visit Houston Museum of Natural Sciences</p> <p>1.30 pm</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>4.30 pm</p> <p>Report to Houston Airport for flight to Orlando</p> <p>9.30 pm</p> <p>Arrive in Orlando, Dinner and hotel check in</p>	<p><b>Day 12:</b> 7.30 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>8 am to 5 pm</p> <p>Visit United Nations, American Museum of Natural History and Hayden Planetarium</p> <p>1 pm</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>5 pm</p> <p>Depart for airport</p> <p>8.30 pm</p> <p>Flight to India</p>
<p><b>Day 6:</b> 8 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 am to 5 pm</p> <p>Visit Kennedy Space Center</p> <p>6 pm to 9 pm</p> <p>Shopping at Prime Outlets</p> <p>9 pm</p> <p>Dinner</p>	<p><b>Day 13:</b> Late night</p> <p>Arrive in Hyderabad</p>
<p><b>Day 7:</b> 8 am</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 am to 8 pm</p> <p>Visit Disneyworld</p> <p>9 pm</p> <p>Dinner</p>	

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP**

**If you are interested in sending your son/daughter for the proposed NASA trip, please fill in the slip below and send it to the class teacher before \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.**

I would like to send my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_(enter name) studying in Standard \_\_\_\_\_  
Section\_\_\_\_\_for the proposed trip to the United States in Summer 2011. I agree to pay the charges of Rs. 2.22 lakhs.

**Passport Status (tick one)**

- My son/daughter has a passport valid till 31st December 2011

Name:

Signature: