



EXPLORE AMERICA TOURS, Inc YFU Trip Dept.  
**4924 Balboa Blvd #287**, Encino, CA 91316 USA  
 or fax to 818-788-4399

**2009-10 YFU Heartland  
 NATURAL PARENT  
 PERMISSION**



*Please print*

A **natural parent** must sign in 2 places below before a student can go on any YFU trip. Host parents may not sign for an exchange student's natural parents.

Student US phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_—\_\_\_\_\_ Student cell phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_—\_\_\_\_\_

Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate which trip(s) your child is taking.** Students are not permitted to miss more than 1 week of school.

- Heartland Chicago Fri Dec11-Sun13 '09 \$265.** Bus transportation from the Minneapolis area is included. Full payment is required to hold your space. \$50 cancellation fee before Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. After Nov 15<sup>st</sup> — no refunds.
- Heartland Hawaii Wed. Feb 24- Mar 3 '09 \$825+airfare.** A deposit of \$100 or more holds your space. The total amount of \$825 is due by Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Until Dec 10<sup>th</sup> \$50 cancellation fee. After Dec 10<sup>st</sup> \$100 cancellation fee. After Jan 10<sup>th</sup> —no refunds.
- Heartland East Coast Sat. Mar 20-26 '10 \$725+airfare.** A deposit of \$100 or more holds your space. The total amount of \$725 is due by Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Until Jan 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 cancellation fee. After Jan 1<sup>st</sup> \$100 cancellation fee. After Jan 31<sup>st</sup> —no refunds.
- Heartland Western Tour Fri. June 4–Sun June 13 '10** This trip costs **\$950+airfare.** A deposit of \$100 or more holds your space. The balance is due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Until Mar 31<sup>st</sup> \$50 cancellation fee. After Apr 1st \$100 cancellation fee. After April 15th —no refunds.

Hotels, buses, chaperones, entrances fees, tour guides, breakfasts, dinners, taxes and tips are all included. Students need \$8-10 a day for lunch, as well as money for souvenirs, arcade games, film, telephone calls, snacks, and other personal expenses. **AIRFARE IS NON-REFUNDABLE ONCE PURCHASED.** Only students in good standing with school, host family and YFU are allowed to participate in these tours.

As the natural parent/s, I / we hereby grant permission for my/our child to participate in the Youth for Understanding trip indicted above. I/We have been advised of the cost of this trip, and have no objections to our child paying the designated amount. I/we understand that my/our child's host family knows about and approves of this trip.

YFU and Explore America Tours, Inc., their officers, directories, employees, shareholders, affiliates, subsidiaries, & agents do not own or operate any entity which provides goods or services for this trip including, for example, lodging, transportation, meals, etc. As a result, YFU and Explore America Tours, Inc. are not liable for any negligence or willful act or failure to act of any such person, or of any third party not under its control. Without limiting the foregoing in any manner, YFU and Explore America Tours, Inc. accepts no responsibility for any risks or resulting injury, delay, costs, inconvenience, damages, or death resulting from criminal activity, weather or other acts of God, accidents, illness, physical activities, strikes, political unrest, acts of terrorism, or other events beyond its control. Participants & natural parents assume these risks.

I/We agree not to hold Explore America, the travel agent, Youth for Understanding, or any representatives thereof, responsible for any injury, accident, or loss suffered by my child during the trip, including injuries sustained while participating in biking, rollerblading, surfing, canoeing, boating, sailing, or other similar activities, & while traveling in public transportation & privately leased or hired vehicles. Explore America Tours, Inc. acts as an agent only & accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or injury resulting from delay or negligence of any company or vendor in the service YFU or Explore America Tours, Inc.

I/We understand that this trip is a YFU-sanctioned group activity, and as such will be subject to all YFU rules, including those regarding inappropriate behavior, alcohol, and drugs. There will be curfews, and students must be in their assigned rooms after that time. Inappropriate behavior of students includes destruction of property, injury to others, unacceptable noise levels, open and indiscrete sexual behavior, and non-compliance with any trip rules or local laws.

I/We understand that if our child does not obey the YFU policies or trip guidelines, he/she may be returned to his/her host family at his/her own expense. I/We understand that a violation of YFU rules before the trip begins may cause the Regional Director to cancel my/our child's place on the trip. In this case, no refund would be given. I/We are aware that though we have given permission for this trip, the YFU Regional Director has the authority to deny my/our child's participation in this activity.

YFU & Explore America Tours may use photographs videotapes or testimonials of participants for marketing purposes. Such use will be without remuneration.

Any dispute concerning this trip shall be resolved exclusively through arbitration in the state of California pursuant to the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Release**

In the event my child needs any medical treatment in while on this YFU trip, the Trip Coordinator, YFU Chaperone, or Explore America representative has my/our permission to act for me/us as his/her parent/s.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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