

**TRAVEL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT  
STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY  
AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The responsibilities of Fairfax High School Theatre Boosters (FHSTB) in regards to the theatre trip to London April 2-11 2009 are strictly limited. FHSTB has provided banking accommodations to handle and disburse fundraising monies for the group of Fairfax High School theatre students and parents traveling to London under the auspices of the Ivy Discovery Institute (IDI) to participate in an educational tour. All travel, accommodation, and sight seeing arrangements are made by Ivy Discovery Institute (IDI). IDI and FHSTB are not involved in the sale of air, bus, or train transportation to participants, and are not agents of the air, bus, or train carriers.

Neither FHSTB nor its representatives are responsible for the willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of IDI or any suppliers, respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives of transportation, accommodation, or performance arrangements employed by them including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services. All coupons, receipts, reservations, and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and/or air carriers.

**Participant Responsibility**

Participants are solely responsible for being in sufficient health to undertake the trip and for taking all appropriate medical precautions. IDI strongly recommends that participants obtain medical/trip cancellation insurance. Preparation for the trip should include studying of the itinerary and pre-departure information provided by IDI.

Illegal activities are generally punishable by harsher sentences in the United Kingdom than in the United States. FHSTB will bear no responsibility to assist participants who engage in such activities. IDI and the parent chaperones and teacher reserve the right to remove a participant who engages in such activities from the trip and to return the participant to his or her point of departure at the participant's own expense. All participants herein acknowledge that they have signed a separate document outlining the rules and regulations governing behavior on the trip.

**Participants are solely responsible for their own welfare, and accept any and all risks of delay, unanticipated events, illness, injury, emotional trauma, death, or any cost incurred due to incorrect or missing information provided to IDI by the participants.**

Participants agree to accept responsibility for their own actions and to behave in a manner that supports and protects the group with which they are traveling. Participants acknowledge that they are expected to exercise common sense and good judgment to ensure their own safety and to support the safe behavior of those in their travel group.

Parents and student participants agree that all prescription and over the counter medications are the sole responsibility of the participant to carry and administer.

Student participants and their parents acknowledge that the student participants are under the direct authority of the teacher and chaperones (Ms. Wendy Knight, list of chaperones) and the agents of IDI. Student participants agree to follow all the written IDI rules and regulations of the trip which parents and participants have read and signed. Further, student participants hereby agree to comply with any additional verbal instructions issued by the chaperones or the agents of IDI. Parents and participants acknowledge that the chaperones are volunteers without special training. While chaperones will enforce to the best of their ability the rules and regulations of the trip, parents and participants agree to hold them harmless for the behavior of participants who choose to disobey the rules. Should a behavior infraction occur, parents and participants agree that the chaperones, the teacher and the agents of IDI will use their collective judgment to respond to the incident. Parents and participants hereby agree to support any and all of the chaperones'/teacher's/agents' decisions, up to and including on site penalties, restrictions, or sending the participant home at the parents' expense.

#### **Supplier Responsibility**

Travel services are provided by various suppliers who are independent contractors, and are not agents or employees of IDI. By utilizing the services of these suppliers, **PARTICIPANTS AGREE THAT NEITHER FHSTB, IDI NOR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY HARM TO PARTICIPANTS ARISING FROM OCCURRENCES OR CONDITIONS BEYOND IDI'S CONTROL, INCLUDING ANY PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, INDIRECT, OR CONSEQUENTIAL HARM.**

#### **Reservation of Rights**

IDI and Ms. Wendy Knight reserve the right to decline, accept, or to retain any persons as a member of the trip. IDI reserves the right to take photographs or film records of the trip and to use such records for promotional purposes.

#### **Release and Discharge**

**PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR PARENTS UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED IN THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS FHSTB, ITS OFFICERS/CHAIRS, CHAPERONES (insert names), FHS THEATRE DIRECTOR WENDY KNIGHT, AND THE FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE BOOSTER BOARD MEMBERS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, OR DEMANDS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, SICKNESS AND DEATH, AS WELL AS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND EXPENSES OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH MAY BE INCURRED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OR THEIR FAMILIES ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS TRIP (INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT). FURTHERMORE, PARENTS ON BEHALF OF MINOR PARTICIPANTS AND ADULT PARTICIPANTS HEREBY ASSUME ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY, SICKNESS, DEATH, DAMAGE AND EXPENSES RESULTING FROM SAID PARTICIPANTS' INVOLVEMENT IN THIS TRIP.**

**FURTHER, PARENTS AND PARTICIPANTS HEREBY AUTHORIZE CHAPERONES TO ADMIT THE PARTICIPANT TO A DOCTOR, HOSPITAL, OR OTHER LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL COSTS OF SUCH TREATMENT.**

**FURTHER, SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY FOR THE PARTICIPANT TO RETURN HOME DUE TO MEDICAL, DISCIPLINARY, OR OTHER REASONS, PARENTS AND PARTICIPANTS DO HEREBY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PARTICIPANT'S TRANSPORTATION HOME AND ANY COSTS RELATED THERETO.**

**PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR PARENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE TRIP IS NOT SPONSORED BY FHSTB AND WHILE MEMBERS OF FHSTB MAY HAVE INITIALLY INITIATED THE TRIP, THE TRIP IS UNDERTAKEN INDEPENDENTLY BY STUDENTS AND PARENTS, AND FHSTB HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS TRIP IS CONDUCTED, AND NEITHER WILL PROVIDE LIABILITY COVERAGE OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF INSURANCE FOR THIS TRIP. PARTICIPANTS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO SECURE THEIR OWN TRAVEL/HEALTH INSURANCE. FURTHER, THEY HAVE SIGNED A CONDUCT CODE.**

**ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF A PARTICIPANT WHO IS A LEGAL MINOR MUST SIGN THIS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANT.**

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NAME OF PARTICIPANT (PRINT)

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SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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