Join us for a W.I.L.D. experience! **Circle language: French, Spanish, German**

Weekend Immersed in Language Development

Sponsored by the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers

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Mail the application to:
Pete Bernstein
1100 Derek Dr. SW
Jacksonville, AL 36265

When: Friday evening, November 13 to 15, 2009
Who: 90 students of Spanish, French, German
Where: YMCA Hargis Retreat, Chelsea, AL 35043
Cost: $ 50.00 dollars (Some waivers are available)*
Application postmark deadline: **October 10, 2009**

W.I.L.D. Directors:
Mirella Hodges, President of AATSP
Linda Paragone, Executive Director of AAFLT

Purpose: These three days will give high school students of French, German and Spanish the opportunity to practice their new language in a total immersion setting without having to leave the country. Students and teachers will speak only the target language throughout the weekend while they engage in educational and enriching workshops that include academics, dance, crafts, singing, and other interactive activities.

Lodging: Dormitories (students provide own linens, pillows and towels)

Meals: Friday supper through Sunday breakfast included.

Transportation: Students must provide their own transportation to and from the YMCA Hargis Retreat.

Applicants: The immersion weekend is open to any enrolled high school student who has at least completed a full course of Spanish 1, French 1, or German 1 and who is in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall of 2008.

Cost: * A fee of fifty dollars ($50.00) must accompany the application. This amount will be refunded **only** if cancellations are made no later than October 22, 2009

Please fill out completely and print neatly **Student Foreign Language Immersion Weekend Application**

Student name:________________________________ Home Ph. ( )________________________

Email address that is checked regularly: _____________________________________ Cell Ph. ( )__________________________

Students address: _______________________________________ School name:____

____________________________ Zip code: __________School address:____________________ _____Zip code ____________

Circle present grade: 10 11 12

Which language? ____ Spanish ____French ____German School Ph. #: ( ) __________________________

Are you currently in a foreign language course? ______Yes Which course?_________________ ________No

Current or last foreign language teacher's name and email address: ____

Teacher's email address: ______________________________________ teacher's phone number: _____________________________

NOTE: mail this application and the following to the above address:

1. Attach 2 letters of recommendation: 1 from your foreign language teacher and 1 personal reference from an adult other than a relative.
2. Submit a one-page, size 11 font, double-spaced essay expressing the following:
   - Describe your foreign language experience: travel, years studying the language, etc.
   - List your reasons for wanting to attend the immersion weekend.
   - Identify the benefits of attending the immersion weekend.
   - Explain your expectations for the weekend.
   - Explain how foreign language complements your studies as you prepare for the future.
3. Submit a transcript signed by your counselor or registrar.
4. Submit a $50 check or money order (no cash) made out to AAFLT.

Postmark deadline is October 10, 2009. No application will be accepted after this date. *Contact your foreign language teacher for free waiver information

For further information on the program contact Mirella Hodges at: juanamirellahodges@yahoo.com or Linda Paragone at: Linda.paragone@knology.com. For information on the application contact Mr. Pete Bernstein at elquijote@cableone.net

BEFORE SENDING YOUR APPLICATION YOU MUST ESTABLISH ELECTRONIC CONTACT WITH Mr. Pete Bernstein at elquijote@cableone.net