

Twindly Bridge Charter School

**2009/2010
FIELD TRIP
PACKET**

OFFERED BY TBCS

Matanuska Susitna Borough School District

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Greg Miller, Principal

Dear TBCS Families:

This year I have arranged with the help of Jessica Borg, our own TBCS field trips in order to allow our students to have more opportunities to supplement their home education with learning experiences. There are some field trips that are free while others will have a fee. These fees are subject to change based on actual student-parent participation and may be adjusted. Our hope is that there will be enough interest in all of the following opportunities so we do not have to cancel any of them. Parents will be required to provide all transportation to these activities. Please read the following instructions to ensure all required paperwork is completed in order to participate in these learning opportunities. Please contact Sherri Lilly at Twindly Bridge (376-6680) with any questions or you may email her at sherri.lilly@matsuk12.us.

Sincerely,
Brooke L. Loudon
TBCS Parent

FIELD TRIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the detailed descriptions of each field trip and decide which activities your child would like to participate in. There is a check off list/calendar (pg. 7) of which activities you are signing up for including the date, time, and location. This will help you keep track of what you have signed up for. Place it on your refrigerator as a reminder.
- Fill out the attached application and permission slip. **Deadline is Friday, Sept. 4th.** Please return to the Front Desk.
- All field trips will require private transportation. This requires every student to have the following completed forms. Student Permission to Participate, Parent Waiver Signature Form, Parent Insurance Confirmation, Private Transportation release of liability and the Hold Harmless Agreement. Please sign each form.
- There is a check off list/calendar of which activities you are signing up for including the date, time, and location. This will help you keep track of what you have signed up for. Place it on your refrigerator as a reminder.
- DEADLINE IS Friday, Sept 4th, 2009. SOME TRIPS MAY REMAIN OPEN TO FULFILL THE REQUIRED PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Lilly at TBCS for assistance at 376-6680 or you may email her at sherri.lilly@matsuk12.us.

Alaska Museum of Natural History

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2009 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$4.00/ Pay to Vendor

Location: Alaska Museum of Natural History 201 N. Bragaw, Anchorage 907-274-2400

Ages: Recommended for ages K-5th grade

Description: Kids Dig It! Have you ever looked at your bedroom as an archaeological dig? Find out what future people would learn about you by looking at your artifacts.

Coyote Lake Fossil Dig

Date: Monday, September 21, 2009 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. **Free**

Location: Coyote Lake, Sutton

Ages: Recommended for ages K-8th grade

Description: Lets go on a fossil dig at Coyote Lake in Sutton. Rain will require cancellation.

Anchorage Museum Science in Toyland

Date: Friday, October 2, 2009 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Free**

Location: Anchorage Museum 625 C St; Anchorage, AK 99501; (907) 929-9200

Ages: Recommended for all ages

Description: This touring exhibit, developed by the California Science Center, uses classic toys such as matchbox cars and tops to demonstrate scientific principles and encourage children to experiment. Toyland combines problem solving with the fun of playing games to foster a positive attitude toward science. Displays include Kids Construction Co., a wood-and-foam house that teaches small children about shapes and patterns. In Tournament of Tops, children experience inertia and gravity through a top-spinning competition. Kids who gravitate toward transportation toys can experiment with acceleration and momentum by adjusting a racetrack, and discover the Bernoulli principle as they re-position the sails of a sail boat and follow the boat's resulting course.

Palmer Fire Department Tour

Date: Monday, October 5, 2009 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Free**

Location: Palmer Fire Department 717 S. Cobb Street

Ages: Recommended for ages K-5th grade

Description: Participants will meet at the Palmer Fire Department. Students will be given a tour and fire safety information by Chief Dan Contini. Maximum number of participants per tour. If more than 15 sign up then another tour will happen immediately after the first one. Dress warmly.

TBCS Harvest Festival

Date: Friday, October 9, 2009 **Time:** 2:00-5:00 p.m. **Free**

Location: Twindly Bridge Charter School

Ages: Recommended for all ages

Description: Please sign up to help with making this happen. If we have enough help from parents, then we will proceed with this activity. Please sign up on August 24 to help!!

Dorothy Page Museum

Date: Friday, October 16, 2009 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Free**

Location: Dorothy Page Museum 323 N. Main St. Wasilla

Ages: Recommended for ages K-12th grade

Description: **New Harmonies: A Celebration of American Roots Music**

A Museums on Mainstreet/Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit

Want to learn more? Reading suggested for kids: *American Musical Traditions* by Jeff Todd Titon, 2002; *The Blues: Birth of an American Sound* by Pamela Dell, 2005; *Chariot in the Sky: A Story of the Jubilee Singers* by Arna Bontemps, 2002; *In the Time of the Drums* by Kim L. Siegelson, 1999; *This Land is Your Land* by Woody Guthrie and Kathy Jakobsen, 2002. Suggested websites: American Roots Music / www.pbs.org/americanrootsmusic; Country Music Hall of Fame / www.countrymusicHalloffame.com; The Blues Foundation / www.blues.org; Folk Music Archives / www.folkmusicarchives.org; Smithsonian Global Sound / www.Globalsound.org; Music Museum Alliance / www.musicmuseumalliance.org

The Imaginarium - From Teeth to Tummy

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$12.00/Allotment

Class size, Minimum = 10 students, Maximum = 30 students

Location: Twindly Bridge Charter School

Ages: For grades K-2 only

Description: What happened to your breakfast? Make a group model of digestion in this newly adapted workshop for young learners.

The Imaginarium - Brain Scan

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$12.00/Allotment

Class size, Minimum 10 students, Maximum 30 students

Location: Twindly Bridge Charter School

Ages: For grades 3-5 only

Description: This popular hands on workshop includes dissection of a sheep's brain and learning how the brain controls the body systems.

The Imaginarium - Eye-Eye

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 **Time:** 3:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$12.00 / Allotment

30 students maximum

Location: Twindly Bridge Charter School

Ages: For grades 6-8 only

Description: Find out how we "see the light" by studying a cow eye. Students describe the complex functions of the eye while getting hands-on dissection experience.

Palmer Post Office

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. **Free**

Location: Palmer Post Office

Ages: Recommended for ages K-8th grade

Description: Tour the Palmer Post Office and see how the mail is handled and distributed.

Ragamala

Alaska Junior Theatre

Date: Friday, October 23, 2009 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. **Cost:** \$7.00/ Allotment

Location: The Discovery Theatre

Ages: Five and up

Description: Bharatanatyam Dance and Taiko Drumming on one stage! Six dancers and two drummers converge to embody the rhythm and flow of life and the primordial sound that unites all of creation. Sva (Vital Force) brings the thundering percussion and stunning physicality of the Wadaiko Ensemble Tokara of Nagano, Japan, into conversation with Ragamala's complex rhythmic structures and dynamic athleticism.

Study guide is available at www.akjt.org under 2009-10 Study Guides.

Matsu Regional Hospital

Date: Friday, November 6, 2009 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Free**

Location: Matsu Regional Hospital

Limited to 14 students

Ages: Recommended for ages k-8th grade

Description: Nature of the tour will be determined based on the ages represented.

Palmer Carrs Quality Center Tour & Food Drive

Date: Monday, November 16, 2009 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Free**

Location: Palmer Carrs Safeway Grocery Store

Ages: Recommended for ages K-8th grade

Description: Students will tour the floral, produce, dairy, bakery and seafood departments of the Palmer grocer store. This will give students an idea of what it takes to make all of the products in a grocery store available to them. Meet at the floral department to start the tour.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Date: Friday, November 27, 2009 **Time:** 2 pm
Cost: Adults - \$47 Kids/Seniors: \$39 - A Seating / Allotment
Location: Atwood Concert Hall
Ages: Recommend for all ages

Description: The #1 event of the holiday season! Kids of all ages will fall in love with the whimsical sets and costumes designed by former Disney artist, Don Carson, and new company, Eugene Ballet Company. It tells the story of Clara's dream about her childhood sweetheart, Hans, transformed into a life sized nutcracker soldier who battles mice. The magical trip continues as the Clara's home turns into the Mouse Kingdom and the enchanting Land of Sweets where she meets all your favorite Nutcracker characters.

Into the Woods

Alaska Theatre of Youth

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2009 **Time:** 10 a.m. **Cost:** \$7.00/ Allotment
Location: Sydney Laurence Theater at the Alaska Ctr. for the Performing Arts
Ages: Recommended for ages K-5th grade
Description: A double feature of Stephen Sondheim's famed musical for the Holidays.

The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe

Alaska Theatre of Youth

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2009 **Time:** 10 a.m. **Cost:** \$7.00/ Allotment
Location: Sydney Laurence Theater at the Alaska Ctr. for the Performing Arts
Ages: Recommended for ages 6th -12th grade

Gingerbread House Party

Date: Friday, December 4, 2009 **Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Cost:** TBA Pay to Vendor
Location: Twindly Bridge Multi-purpose Room
Ages: Recommended for ages K-8th grade
Description: Time to celebrate the Christmas Season with gingerbread houses! Come have a fun afternoon with your friends and make a house to take home for decoration and eating!
Hosted by: Brooke Loudon

Jason & the Argonauts

Alaska Junior Theatre

Date: Monday, December 7, 2009 **Time:** 9:45 a.m. **Cost:** \$7.00/ Allotment
Location: Discovery Theatre at the Alaska Center for Performing Arts Ages: Grades 3 – 8
Description: Two actors, 65 minutes, one golden fleece of comedy. One of the UK's leading theatre companies, Visible Fictions, presents a hugely physical and irreverent telling of the ancient Greek Myth. Playing with scale, invention, action figures and a stunning transformative cart, this piece is a great adventure story with monsters, romance, destiny, heroism and revenge.
Study guide is available at www.akjt.org under 2009-10 Study Guides.

Sleigh Ride by the Horse Drawn Carriage Company

Date: Monday, December 14, 2009 **Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Cost: To be determined by attendance / Pay to Vendor
Location: Peters Creek (Directions will be provided)
For all ages. Limited Attendance at 40. First come first served.
Description: Sing Christmas carols on a horse drawn carriage ride and enjoy a bonfire with story time afterwards. Each child will receive an age appropriate book as a gift from TBCS.

The Alaska Zoo Animal Outreach

Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2010 **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** TBA/ Pay to Vendor
Location: Twindly Bridge Charter School **Ages:** Recommended for K-12th Grade
Description: A trained handler will bring a red fox to our school and discuss the species natural history, conservation issues, how the animal is cared for and why they live at the zoo.

The Great Harvest Bread Company Tour

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010 **Time:** 3:00 p.m. **Cost:** TBA/ Pay to Vendor
Location: The Great Harvest Bread Company 570 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage
Ages: Recommended for all ages
Description: Learn how they make bread and have a sample.

ECHO Festival of Performing Arts

Date: Friday, January 22, 2010 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. **Cost:** \$6.00/ Allotment
Location: Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage **Ages:** Recommended for grades 2-12
Description: Shows are approximately 1 hour in length, and include a question and answer segment. Students watch a performance by professional actors and singers from Alaska, Massachusetts, and Hawaii, representing Yup'ik, Inupiaq, Hawaiian, Wampanoag, and Cape Verdean cultures. The production weaves together the ancestral stories, dance, and music of the three regions. This visit does not include the film, art project or a village site tour. **NOTE:** No lunches are permitted at the Center during this week.

Flowers By Louise

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010 **Time:** 2:30 p.m. **Free**
Location: Palmer Flowers By Louise 1030 S. Colony Way 745-3754 **Ages:** K-12th Grade
Description: Students will meet at the Flowers By Louise in Palmer to learn about running a flower shop.

Suessical the Musical -Alaska Theatre of Youth

Date: January 29th, 2010 **Time:** 10 a.m. **Cost:** \$7.00/ Allotment
Location: Sydney Laurence Theater at the Alaska Ctr. for the Performing Arts
Description: ATY celebrates Dr. Suess' birthday in conjunction with Read Across America in February.

Tap Kids - Alaska Junior Theatre

Date: Friday, February 5, 2010 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. **Cost:** \$7.00/ Allotment
Location: Discovery Theatre **Ages:** 3-12th
Description: Eight of the nation's most talented young tap dancers create TAP KIDS: a Broadway-caliber show that takes this traditional dance form to new heights in an electrifying performance that is hip, contemporary, and uplifting. In a series of musical vignettes, TAP KIDS tells the story of high school kids facing challenges as they prepare for the big school dance and graduation. **Study guide is available at www.akjt.org under 2009-10 Study Guides.**

Bagels Alaska

Date: Monday, February 8, 2010 **Time:** 2:00 pm **Free**
Location: 6177 E. Mountain Heather Road off Palmer Wasilla Hwy. 373-1385
Ages: K-12th Grade
Description: Students will tour the facility and learn how they make bagels.

Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Museum

Date: Monday, February 15, 2010 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Cost:** Free
Location: Iditarod Museum 22 Knik Goose Bay Road 376-5155 **Ages:** K-12th Grade
Description: Students will meet at the museum and learn about the history of the Iditarod sled dog race. Teacher guides can be obtained at www.iditarod.com.

Alaska Wild Berry Products

Date: Friday, February 26, 2010 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$4.50/ Pay to vendor
Location: Alaska Wild Berry Products in Anchorage **Ages:** Recommended for all ages
Description: Go on a guided tour and learn how they make candy in the kitchen.

Triple D Farms

Date: Monday, March 22, 2010 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Cost:** Free
Location: Triple D Farms 5840 E. Gershemel Loop Wasilla, AK 376-3338 **Ages:** K-12th Grade
Description: Students will meet at the hatchery and see how the farm operates their commercial business of fresh eggs and turkeys.

Winnie the Pooh - Alaska Theatre of Youth

Date: Friday, April 23rd, 2010 **Time:** 10 a.m. **Cost:** \$7.00/ Allotment
Location: Sydney Laurence Theater at the Alaska Ctr. for the Performing Arts
Description: Celebrate Winnie the Pooh's 70th Birthday with this play!

Alaska Sea Life Center- Aquanaut Explorer Workshop

Date: Monday, April 12, 2010 **Time:** 10 a.m. **Cost:** \$6.50/ Allotment
Location: Twindly Bridge Charter School **Ages:** K-5th Grade/ Limit 30 per class
Description: How do researchers find out more about life beneath the surface of the sea? See how people and marine mammals compare in their abilities to explore the ocean.

Alaska Sea Life Center -Cephalopods

Date: Monday, April 12, 2010 **Time:** 11 a.m. **Cost:** \$6.50/ Allotment
Location: Twindly Bridge Charter School **Ages:** 4th – 12th grade/ Limit 30 per class
Description: Learn all about "head-footed" animals through dissection and discussion!

Pushcart Players - Alaska Junior Theatre

Date: Friday, April 16, 2010 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. **Cost:** \$7.00/ Allotment
Location: Discovery Theatre **Ages:** K-4th Grade
Description: The Pushcart Players perform this familiar brew of favorites that delight audiences of all ages. This charming, well-seasoned blend of carefully selected folk tales chosen from around the world to encourage the joy of reading. Dynamic, participatory and filled with zesty entertainment, "Stone Soup..." is on the gourmet "not to be missed" list for young viewers!
Study guide is available at www.akjt.org under 2009-10 Study Guides.

Reindeer Farm

Date: Monday, April 19, 2010 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$4.00/ Pay to Vendor
Location: The Reindeer Farm 125 Bodenbug Road, Palmer **Ages:** K-12th Grade
Description: Visit the reindeer farm to pet, feed, and photograph reindeer. The deer are tame, gentle, and love visitors. You are welcome to hand-feed the deer with grain they provide. Take in the majestic Chugach mountains, and visit the nearby historic farms, hiking trails, and scenic wonders.

Musk Ox Farm

Date: Monday, April 26, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00/ Pay to Vendor

Location: Musk Ox Farm

Ages: K-12th Grade

Description: The Musk Ox Farm, located just outside of Palmer, Alaska (a scenic 50-minute drive from downtown Anchorage) is home to a unique domestication project which began in 1954. The Musk Ox Farm is an ideal place to observe and photograph these animals at close range. On the tour you'll learn about the history of the musk ox, a prehistoric remnant of the last great Ice Age, and how it has been domesticated on the farm. You'll see cows, powerful bulls, and tame yearlings. The Musk Ox Project promotes the use of *qiviut* (the fine under-wool of the musk ox) as the basis of an Arctic native textile industry, which provides an economic supplement to subsistence communities throughout Alaska. Each family will receive the book "Itchy Little Musk Ox."

Wizard of Oz – A Broadway Production

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$63.75 for Youth/ \$66.25 Adults / Allotment

Location: Atwood Concert Hall

Ages: Recommended for all ages.

Description: There truly is no place like home as the greatest family musical of all time, the wonderful WIZARD OF OZ, twists its way into Anchorage! The entire family will be captivated as they travel down the Yellow Brick Road and beyond with Dorothy, Toto and their friends the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow in this lavish production, featuring breathtaking special effects, dazzling choreography and classic songs. A spectacular celebration of the iconic 1939 MGM film, THE WIZARD OF OZ will blow you away from the moment the tornado touches down and transports you to a dazzling art deco Oz, complete with munchkins and flying monkeys. Don't miss the chance to travel "Over the Rainbow" and experience this national treasure on stage.

Home School Bowling League

Dates: Wednesdays starting September 9, 2009

Time: Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$7/week and \$50 fee for end of semester party w/ trophies/ Pay to Vendor

Location: North Bowl Wasilla **Ages:** Recommended for all ages.

Description: Come and join a Home School bowling league with a certified bowling instructor.

Home School Book Club

Dates: 2nd Weds. of the month starting September 9, 2009 **Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Free

Location: Palmer Public Library **Ages:** 3-6th Grade

Description: Join a book club for home schoolers in grades 3 through 6. A list of books can be found on the Palmer Public Library website.

TBCS Friday Family Movie Nights

Date: November 13, January 8, February 12, April 9

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Free

Location: Twindly Bridge Charter School **Ages:** All ages welcome

Description: Come as a family and enjoy a movie on the big screen with popcorn and other treats available for purchase. Pizza orders will be taken in advance. **Parents are required to stay with their children for this activity.**

