

**The German Exchange
Fremd High School and Hugo-Gaudig Oberschule 2008-2009**

Here is some information and an application for the exchange program. Even though it seems early, the process of matching students takes a few weeks. Students will be a member of the Foreign Exchange Club this year and next. **They will be involved in fundraising.** The money goes toward the costs of the trips that we take the Germans on while they are here next year. The Germans reciprocate this while we are in Berlin. If we raise enough money to cover those costs, then any additional money will go toward the return trip to decrease the costs.

Students who are participating in the reciprocal exchange have 1st priority. Students will be asked to complete recommendation forms. Students are then matched due to availability of students who are coming, who can host a male or female, levels of each language, allergy concerns and then by personality traits. Not everyone is guaranteed to get a student. The reciprocal exchange program is intended for sophomores and juniors. Next year's seniors will be considered. Anyone can host without returning if there are openings.

Responsibilities of the Participating Students

Exchange students must be prepared for a lively participation in partner school activities and the life of their host family. They are to converse in the language of the host country. Participating students must be prepared to be hosts to a student from the partner school during the return visit. Students from either country are also required to have access to sufficient spending money. Also, students are expected to make a concerted effort to build a friendly relationship through letters and other communication before they first meet and maintain that throughout the length of their visits. Students need to be prepared to walk from 1 to 6 miles a day in either country. Students are a member of the Foreign Exchange Club and will be involved in fundraising.

Responsibilities of the Host Family

Besides simply providing a bed (not necessarily a room) for their guest and 3 meals a day for the duration of the stay, host families are expected to be actively involved in the exchange procedures. Weekends should be set aside for mutual activities involving both the host family and the exchange student. A definitive effort should be made to communicate only in the language of the host country.

Included in the price of the Berlin Trip (still tentative but near \$2500):

- ◆ ◆ *round trip airfare on Lufthansa*
- ◆ ◆ *room and board during your home stay*
- ◆ ◆ *sightseeing in Berlin, Potsdam and surrounding areas*
- ◆ ◆ *an overnight train ride to Munich, (tentative)*
- ◆ ◆ *a weekend of sightseeing in Munich, (tentative)*

Arrival: ?

Departure: ?

At this time we can only estimate the amount of our return trip. We will stay with our host families in Berlin for three weeks in June after school is out. (We would leave right after finals.) We will most likely travel for a few days after or during to Munich, but that has not yet been decided for sure. We will be gone for approximately 3 weeks. This could run into the first week of July depending upon our date of our last day of school. We will return before the start of the second semester of summer school. Costs will be approximately \$2500 (about \$800.00 less if we don't go to Munich). We don't have a locked in price yet since that will depend upon the number of students we have, the fuel costs, etc. Once again, the more we fundraise as a group, the less we pay.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION ASAP. The payment schedule will be:

if going to Germany	(deposit with application, \$100.00 non-refundable unless we don't go)	1 st payment made out to FHS
June 1 st	\$600.00 (Payment made to All Travel)	
November 30 th	\$600.00 (Payment made to All Travel)	
January, 30 th	\$600.00 (Payment made to All Travel)	
March 30 th	balance (depending on the cost)	

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Frost at 1-847-755-2731. There will be an information meeting for parents and students on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, 2007 in room 129 at 7pm.

Sincerely,
Julie Frost

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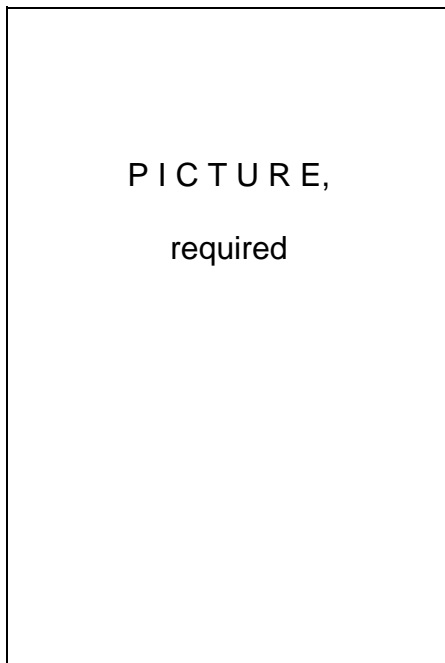
STUDENT INFORMATION APPLICATION

Dates for German stay:
September or October 2008

Tentative Dates for American stay:
June 2009 to July 2009

Check the box which suits you best:

- I will host either a boy or a girl
- I prefer a boy, but would accept a girl
- I prefer a girl, but would accept a boy
- I can ONLY host a boy
- I can ONLY host a girl
- I can't host, but I want to go to Berlin
- I will return to Berlin and I'm turning in the \$100.00 deposit
- I cannot return to Berlin



About staying with your host family:

You need to be willing to :

- share a room
- eat a homemade lunch (sandwiches)
- live in a small space (apartments)
- share a bathroom with the whole family
- little or no air conditioning
- walk everywhere

What kind of room will your partner have?

- a room to him/herself
- a shared room but his/her own bed

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Name		Birth date	
Address		FHS ID #	
City	IL	Zip Code	
Home Phone	()	Student cell phone	
		Parent cell phone	-----
Student e-mail		Parent e-mail	
Languages studied		How long?	
Languages spoken at home		List pets	
Father's full name		occupation	
Mother's full name		occupation	
Names of brothers and sisters		Ages	

Do you live with: 2 natural parents a single parent step-parents

Personal Habits and Preferences

The information contained in this application will be used to select a host family that best approximates your personal way of life. It is, therefore essential that the information you present is sufficiently detailed so as to give us a true picture of yourself. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE BEST SELECTION CAN ONLY BE MADE IF YOUR RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY CANDID! Information concerning special health needs is crucial if prompt, effective action is to be taken in an emergency. All information will be treated confidentially.

Smoking:

Do you smoke? no occasionally a little a lot

If your host family wished you to, would you be willing to reduce this amount? yes no

Do you object to others smoking around you? yes no

A signed *District 211 Extracurricular Activities Code of Conduct* states that you will refrain from the use, sale, possession of drugs, alcohol, or other illegal substances.

Religion:

Do you attend services regularly? yes no

Is religion an important part of your life? yes no

Job:

Do you have a job? yes no

Where do you work? _____

How many hours a week do you work? _____

Are you willing to reduce your hours during the Exchange? yes no

School Sports:

What sports do you play? _____

How often do you practice? _____

How many hours a week do you practice? _____

Can you reduce the hours during the Exchange? yes no

School Activities:

What activities are you involved in? _____

How often do you meet? _____

How many hours a week do you have meetings? _____

Can you reduce the hours during the Exchange? yes no

Animals:

Do you like animals? yes no

In your spare time

Circle the activities that interest you and give some details where possible:

	What kind?		What kind?
exercise	_____	go shopping	_____
play team sports	_____	dance	_____
be with friends	_____	do hobbies	_____
listen to music	_____	see movies	_____
play instruments	_____	go camping	_____
sing	_____	read books	_____
cook	_____	work on computers	_____

Travel Experience

Where to?	How long?	Where to?	How long?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Health Information

Do you have any special requirements pertaining to your health?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes*	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Do you take any medication regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes*	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Do you have a special diet?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes*	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Do you have any allergies?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes*	<input type="checkbox"/> no

* Please explain IN DETAIL any yes answers.

Also, please indicate if you have any other information regarding your health of which we should be aware (i.e. eating disorders, past or present psychological care). Please be specific.

Further Information:

Explain any other information you consider important.

I have given this information to the best of my knowledge and conscience. I have not withheld anything which could be of importance in selecting my exchange partner and host family, which might jeopardize my own security or that entire Exchange group or which might otherwise undermine the success of the Exchange Program.

As a representative of my school, I understand that it is my responsibility to adhere to all rules and regulations and laws of the program, *Hugo-Gaudig-Schule, Fremd High School, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the United States of America* and to conduct myself in an appropriate manner at all times.

place/date

signature of applicant

Confirmation of Parent or Guardian
place/date

signature of parent(s) or guardian

