

January, 2021

To: Members of the Benton Community Board of Education  
Superintendent Dr. Pamela Ewell  
Principal Rob Arnold  
Activities Director Shawn Pfiffner

Re: Spanish Club trip to Europe

The Spanish Club respectfully requests your approval to allow Interact Travel Company to sponsor a trip to Europe during the summer of 2023. This trip will provide a cultural and language immersion experience for students and will include a homestay with a family in Spain. Each student is responsible for the balance of their trip and personal spending money.

The trip will be offered to interested sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are enrolled full-time at Benton Community High School. These students need to have successfully completed at least Spanish II and be enrolled in a Spanish class during the 2022-2023 school year, or be a Spanish IV graduate. Acceptance to the travel program will require students to be in good standing with our school Good Conduct Policy, with school administration and supervising teachers of the trip. Academic, disciplinary, and attendance records may be used in determining the eligibility of the student to travel abroad.

There are many unknowns surrounding Covid-19. At this time, Interact Travel Company is requiring each student to be vaccinated against Covid-19. Also, Interact may cancel or modify the program at any time, and cannot assure or insinuate that any refund, either partial or full will be available. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that participants purchase travel insurance from an outside company. In the case of a cancellation, Benton Community School will not negotiate for a refund on participants behalf.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Justin Liddle  
Spanish Club sponsor