Trip Information 2020

Travel Study Opportunities
All trips must meet a minimum enrollment in order to run. Need-based financial assistance is available for these trips through Brearley Travel Study endowed funds. Please include a request for assistance in your trip application. Travel Study trips are designed to offer students the opportunity to step outside of their comfort zones to engage with a new culture; to foster learning that both enhances and transcends the classroom; to accomplish cross-cultural dialogue by collaborating on tasks that are mutually beneficial; and to foster a habit of reflection. To apply for any of the trips listed below, please complete the application here: http://www.brearley.org/travelstudy2020 by the November 19 deadline.

Québec City, Canada
March 13-March 19, 2020
Estimated Trip Cost-$2730
Number of students: 10-15
Trip Chaperones-Ms. Lucile and Dr. Gardner

This language and cultural immersion program to Québec City is an exciting and fascinating itinerary, which includes a visit to the The First Nations Community “Onhoüa Chetek8e” Huron Village, the Parliament of Quebec, a dog-sledding adventure, Montmorency falls, museums and much more. Activities and visits will be conducted in French, and the trip features a homestay experience for the students. This trip is open to French students in Classes IX-XII. Students from all tracks (comprehensive and ongoing) are encouraged to apply.

Understanding Civil Rights Past and Present: Alabama
June 13-June 20, 2020
Estimated Trip Cost-$2,000
Number of Students-8-10
Trip Chaperones-Ms. Kramer, Ms. Hosein and Mr. Sanchez

On this trip, students will learn about the legacy of the struggle for civil rights in the United States. Brearley students will work with students from Indian Springs School in Pelham, Alabama, and stay in the dormitories at the school. Through visits to museums, historic sites and local community agencies, as well as extended dialogue with their contemporaries and community leaders, students will come to understand the role that race has played in American history and continues to play today. This trip is open to students in Classes X and XI.
Beijing, Yunnan (Kunming and Dali), Hangzhou and Shanghai, China
June 13-June 27, 2020
Estimated Trip Cost-$5,000
Number of Students-10
Trip Chaperones-Ms. Tang and Mr. Gao

On this two-week long trip, students will experience authentic traditional lifestyles and also witness the vibrant social transformation of major metropolitan cities. Highlights include: interactions with the local communities in Beijing and ethnic groups in Yunnan; producing a short oral history documentary; homestays with families in Yunnan; and visits to world-famous cultural heritage sites and high technology companies. All of these opportunities allow students to immerse themselves in the richness of Chinese language and culture. Students studying Mandarin will be given preference for this trip, though all students are encouraged to apply. This trip is offered to students in Classes IX-XI.

Scholarships for Independent Travel and Study
The MacDonald Scholarship for Study and Travel in England
Open to Classes IX, X and XI; preference is given to older students
Trip Costs: The MacDonald Scholarship usually covers travel expenses and the cost of the independent travel program. Students pay their own incidental expenses.

This scholarship is specifically for students interested in studying in England. Past recipients of this scholarship have chosen programs such as those offered at Oxford, Cambridge and Harrow. Students interested in pursuing this application for English summer programs will need to take the initiative to research programs and prepare their own proposal. In addition to the enclosed application, students should include a letter of interest with specific details about the proposed trip, including costs and the sponsoring organization.

Kathryn Schaefler Pershan ’49 Scholarship for Study and Travel
Open to Classes IX, X and XI; preference is given to students studying Latin and/or Greek
Trip Costs: The Pershan Scholarship usually covers travel expenses and the cost of the independent travel program. Students pay their own incidental expenses.

This scholarship is available to Upper School students who want to participate in community service or other programs abroad relating to the study of classics or art history in Italy, Greece or Turkey. Students may submit proposals that go beyond the scope of that area, though preference will be given for those within the region. Students interested in pursuing this application will need to take the initiative to research programs and prepare their own proposal. In addition to the enclosed application, students should include a letter of interest with specific details about the proposed trip, including costs and the sponsoring organization.
Trip to the Yukon
The Horne Family Charitable Foundation Travel Grant for the National Outdoor Leadership School
June 15-July 14, July 1-July 31, July 12-August 10 (student selects one date)
Open to students 16+ years of age
Trip Costs: The grant covers all costs related to the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) expedition trips, including for tuition, travel and equipment.

The National Outdoor Leadership School is a leader in wilderness education and teaches skills and leadership that serve people and the environment. NOLS takes students of all ages on remote wilderness expeditions and teaches them technical outdoor skills, leadership, and environmental ethics. The NOLS community and its staff, students, trustees, and alumni share a commitment to wilderness, education, leadership, safety, community, and excellence. For information about the trips eligible for this grant, please see the information below or visit the NOLS website (www.nols.edu). For the summer of 2020, two travel grants will be awarded to two Brearley Upper School students to experience the Yukon.

Eligible Trips:
- Yukon Backpacking and Wilderness Canoeing
- Yukon Backpacking Course

Application Process:
- Deadline is Tuesday, November 19.
- Student applicants must be 16 years old.
- Applicants must write a brief essay to the Head of School, stating why they want to go on this trip, what they hope to gain from the experience and what they hope to bring back to the School after the trip.
- Materials should be submitted through the online Travel/Study Application: http://www.brearley.org/travelstudy2020.
- The Head of School will interview each applicant to discuss the NOLS experience and to determine the applicants’ suitability for this particular program.
- Following their selection by the Travel/Study Trip Committee to receive this grant, the applicant must go through the NOLS formal application process, including medical examination.
- By accepting this travel grant, awardees agree to mentor future awardees in the year following their trip so that some of the wisdom learned from the trip experience will pass down to others who are preparing for this exciting opportunity to explore the Yukon.
- Grant awardees may also be asked to write about their experience for School publications or to share their experience with their peers in the following year.
Trip Description: Yukon Backpacking and Wilderness Canoeing  
Course Dates: July 1-July 30, 2020  
16 and Older

The Expedition  
This expedition spends thirty days exploring the remote, stunning Yukon Territory on foot and in canoes. As you master your skills, you’ll have opportunities to see terrain rarely visited by even the most adventurous explorers.

Depending on the course start date, you may either have separate backpacking and canoeing sections, or you may combine these sections, paddling for several days, then stowing your canoe gear and exploring the nearby mountains for several days. Regardless of your expedition’s format, the trip will start with the basics: learning how to camp and travel in a remote wilderness, leadership skills, and learning about the environment in which you’ll be living.

As you backpack, you’ll explore Yukon’s high country, taking in the brief but intense summer season as you master navigating without trails and explore the region’s ridges and valleys. As you canoe, you’ll learn basic paddle techniques and how to decide whether to run up to Class II rapids or carry your canoes around them. By the end of this course, you will have developed the skills and confidence to explore remote rivers and high country on your own, and take along your friends and family as well.

Course Features:
- Duration: 30 days
- Paddle route length: 200-300 kilometers (120-180 miles)
- Hiking route length: 30-60 kilometers (20-40 miles)
- Average group size: 15 students / 3 instructors
- Average age: 19 / Minimum age: 16
- Terrain: arctic mountain, boreal forest and remote river
- Paddling on flat water and possibility of Class I to II+ for river sections
- Activities include off-trail travel, carrying canoes over land to access remote rivers, and mountain travel
- Nearly continuous daylight
- Travel in black bear and grizzly bear habitat
- Boreal forest ecosystem where you might see caribou, wolf, sheep, and moose
- Opportunity for students to travel in small groups independent of instructors at the end of the course (based on instructor discretion)
Trip Description: Yukon Backpacking Course
Course Dates: June 15-July 14, 2020 or July 12-August 10, 2020
16 and Older

The Expedition
On this expedition, you may travel in the Coast Mountain Range southwest of the NOLS Yukon campus in Whitehorse. Depending on conditions, some courses may use alternate routes in the Ogilvie, Pelly, Ruby, Cassiar, or Selwyn Mountains. Each of these stunning, remote ranges offer many opportunities for you to develop as a leader in a remote environment.

Your trip will start with the basics of camping, including cooking, setting up camp, and navigating in the mountains. You’ll also learn to work with your group to communicate effectively and make decisions. As you travel, you’ll be almost entirely off-trail, bushwhacking through tangled willows, crossing rivers, traveling across vast expanses of alpine tundra, and relishing the beauty of this rarely-visited place. As you gain competence and experience, you’ll take charge of more decision-making. By the end of this course, you’ll have the skills to pursue your own expeditions in remote places.

Course Features:
- Duration: 30 days
- Route length: 120-150 kilometers (75-95 miles)
- Average group size: 15 students / 3 instructors
- Average age: 20 / minimum age: 16
- Terrain: alpine tundra, thick undergrowth, primarily off-trail
- Nearly continuous daylight
- Boreal forest ecosystem with caribou, wolf, sheep and moose sightings possible
- Travel in black bear and grizzly bear habitat
- Opportunity for students to travel in small groups independent of instructors at the end of the course (based on instructor discretion)

Additional Summer Grant Opportunity
Summer Service Stipends
This grant is awarded to two or more students to support their volunteer work with social/nonprofit programs in the NYC region during the summer. Recipients are required to submit a concluding report to the Community Service Coordinator at the end of the summer. The grant offers students a stipend for up to 10 weeks of community service work. The stipend amount is commensurate with the duration of volunteering.

Previous recipients engaged in 2+ weeks of volunteering at the East Harlem Tutorial Program, the Go Project, Association to Benefit Children, DOROT and other NYC based nonprofits.

Eligibility: Students in Classes X and XI may apply; preference is given to students finishing Class XI.

To apply for this opportunity, click here: Summer Service Stipend Application.
For questions, please contact Ms. Hosein at shosein@brearley.org.