

**International Ministries at Penn State**  
**and Above&Beyond Ministries**

PRESENT

**“GOWEST 2012!” A TOUR OF THE  
MAGNIFICENT AMERICAN WEST  
June 1 to June 10, 2012**

International Ministries at Penn State joins *Above&Beyond* Ministries for this memorable 5000 mile+ trip that includes some of America's most spectacular sights - Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Grand Canyon, Chicago, Las Vegas, and much more!

**Tentative Schedule**

Day #1 (Friday, June 1): We leave Penn State at 5:00 PM, and drive through the night to CHICAGO.

Day #2 (Sat., June 2): Arriving in Chicago in the AM we explore this grand metropolis, with a particular focus on the downtown and waterfront area. Leaving Chicago in the late afternoon, we travel through the night to South Dakota and **Badlands National Park**.

Day #3 (Sun., June 3): After a stop at the unique “Wall Drug” store, you will see the special rock formations of the Badlands, the famous **Mt. Rushmore** carving of four Presidents, and the unique **Devil's Tower**.

Day #4 (Mon., June 4): We drive up into the **Rocky Mountains**, where we will see waterfalls, long horn sheep, and some breathtaking mountain scenes. For lunch, we will stop at an old country store, and continue on to **Cody, Wyoming**, just outside **Yellowstone National Park**, arriving just in time for a shower, dinner, and playing at a recreation center there.

Day #5 (Tues., June 5): We tour the main part of **Yellowstone National Park**, seeing wildlife and visiting **Old Faithful** and numerous geysers and hot springs. Leaving Yellowstone, we drive down to **Grand Teton National Park** for a sunset dinner on the lake and campfire.

Day #6 (Wed., June 6): The Grand Teton mountains are the most spectacular of the Rocky Mountains as they seem to rise up out of the nearby lake. After breakfast we will take a ferry boat over to the bottom of the range and hike up to Inspiration Point. Dinner will be in **Jackson Hole, WY**, where we will also watch a mock Old West “gun-fight”.

Day #7 (Thurs., June 7): We arrive in **Las Vegas** in the late morning, where you can visit an amusement park, relax in a hotel room we provide, watch a show, or just wander through the many casinos. We leave Las Vegas in the late evening for **Grand Canyon National Park**.

Day #8 (Fri., June 8): The sun is rising over the **Grand Canyon**, one of the seven wonders of the world. It is truly an incredible, breath-taking sight. The day is yours to explore the Grand Canyon.

Day #9 (Sat., June 9): Driving through the night and the next day we arrive in **St. Louis** in the evening and visit the famous **Gateway Arch**. From there we continue driving, arriving in State College later on Sunday, June 10.

## Additional Trip Information

*Above & Beyond* is a Christian organization, based in Boston, which specializes in providing long-distance bus trips for international students. We will be traveling on one of their special "sleeper" busses. This bus will enable us to sit along the sides and at tables while traveling during the day. Then, while traveling longer distances at night, the bus is transformed into upper and lower platforms for sleeping. This allows everyone to have a regular night's sleep in their sleeping bag while the two drivers take turns driving us through the night. (En route we will stop periodically during the night for gasoline and to use the restrooms.) As we travel, the *Above & Beyond* staff or I will occasionally give a brief talk to explain and enhance the experience, which will help us to get acquainted with each other and to reflect on our lives and some of these special places and experiences from a Christian perspective.

Some meals are provided by *Above & Beyond*; others are usually "fast-food" stops (or Chinese buffets!). Also, we will periodically shop at a grocery store for food to bring along on the bus. There is a toilet on the bus for emergency use, but we stop every 3 hours or so for bathroom breaks for everyone. Each day there is planned to be an opportunity to take a shower, at a YMCA, campground, or college athletic center. The bus has 3 tables that can be used during the day, and you can bring along playing cards or favorite games, but don't bring elaborate games that involve small parts that could easily get lost, or which would be hard to learn.

What to bring? Bring your toothbrush and personal hygiene items, a towel, a pillow (if you use one), and a warm jacket for cooler nights in the Rocky Mountains. Optional items include a hat, camera, and sunscreen! You will also need to bring a sleeping bag, which, if you don't own one, you can borrow from a friend or buy for as little as \$20 at Wal-Mart (or I can get one for you if necessary).

**Trip Registration Information:** This trip is limited to 30 people. (The bus is reserved for our Penn State group until April 20, when any open spaces will be made available to international students from other universities.) To reserve a place on the trip, you should complete and sign the registration form below, and return it to me with a deposit check, payable to "Above & Beyond Ministries", for at least \$200 of the total payment of \$795 if registering and paying deposit by April 20; \$805 if registering after that date.) The remainder of full payment is required by May 4. The deposit is non-refundable unless you find someone else to take your place or unless we run out of spaces and have a waiting list. (A few spaces are available for children ages 5-12 at a reduced rate of \$650.)

Cost includes transportation and lodging on the bus, admission to all national parks and monuments, use of a hotel room while in Las Vegas, and some meals while sightseeing at the National Parks. All dates and scheduled activities are subject to change.

Additional details will be sent upon receipt of deposit or on request.

Questions? Contact Bill at the address below.

Send completed registration form and payment to:

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## IMPS "GOWest 2012" Trip Registration Form

Name: (Mr. Ms. Dr.) \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle the proper title) (circle the name you would like to be called)

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Lab Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Lab Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you: (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting Scholar \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Student (For PhD? \_\_\_Y/\_\_\_N)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Intensive English \_\_\_\_\_ Undergrad Student

University Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Field of Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Country: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical issues, foods you do not eat, special needs or other items of concern:

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List any additional family members coming with student/scholar:

(Mr. Mrs. Miss) name \_\_\_\_\_ relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mr. Mrs. Miss) name \_\_\_\_\_ relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read and sign:

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this activity, I personally assume full responsibility for my actions (and of my accompanying family members), and release the staff and agents of PRISM, International Ministries at Penn State, *Above&Beyond* Ministries, and associated organizations from responsibility for any loss, injury, or damage to myself, my family or my property, provided such persons shall act with reasonable care for the safety of me, my family and my property. Should any dispute or controversy arise, I agree to seek resolution according to Biblical principles through Christian Conciliation Services.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$795, or \$200 as minimum deposit) X \_\_\_\_\_ # people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(This includes payment for \_\_\_\_\_ children, ages 5-12, at \$650/child.)

Full payment is \$795 if deposit is paid before April 20; \$815 is full payment after April 20. Total payment is due by May 4.