

# IMPS Niagara Falls Weekend Tour

## Oct. 15-17, 2010

The IMPS weekend trip to Niagara Falls on Oct. 15-17 is a great opportunity to not only see the world-famous Niagara Falls, but also to stay with an American host in their home and experience the worship service at their church with them. (It also is a great time to travel as the leaves on all the trees will be changing colors at this time.) We will be staying with hosts from churches in Lockport, NY. The entire day on Saturday will involve sightseeing at the Niagara Falls area. After the church service on Sunday we will have a lunch together with all the hosts before returning to Penn State that afternoon. This trip is limited to 30 people, so register early! (Note that we will leave from State College at 2 pm on Friday, Oct. 3.)

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday

1:30 PM- Assemble at the lobby of the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center (across Curtin Road from Pattee Library and the main CATA bus stop), and leave promptly by 1:45 PM

5:30 PM- Stop in Salamanca, NY area for restroom, dinner and gas en route

7:00 PM- Arrive at First Baptist Church, Lockport, NY; meet Host Family; spend the evening with them

#### Saturday

8:30 AM- Meet at Church & drive to the Niagara Falls

9:00 AM- Arrive at Niagara Falls; Bill will guide in exploring the American side of Falls ( Power Vista, Whirlpool State Park, Goat Island, Three Sisters Islands, and Rainbow Mall)

(1:30 PM- Those having Canadian visas or not needing them can walk across the bridge and enter Canada and explore the Canadian side of the Falls and the town of Niagara Falls, Ontario; those staying on the American side- most of our group- will have free time to choose among the options listed below.)

8:30 PM- After viewing the light show, return to Lockport and Host Family at 9:30 PM

Sunday Morning- Attend church activities with Host Family

12 Noon- Lunch at Church with all Host Families

1:30 PM- Leave from Church and return to State College; arrive home by 7:00 PM

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Meals: Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and lunch on Sunday are provided by the Host Family; students must bring or buy food for Saturday lunch and supper while sight-seeing.

Cost: \$45 = your share of car rental cost, van maintenance, insurance, gasoline, parking, and administrative costs

\*Optional activities on the American side will include: (approximate costs)

Maid-of-the-Mist Boat ride- \$12.50 for adults

Cave of the Winds Trip- \$12 for adults

Aquarium of Niagara Falls- \$8

Niagara Festival Theatre- \$2.50

\*While sight-seeing, you should always stay with at least one member of our group.

\*You will not need any sleeping bags, pillows or towels. Your host family will provide your bedding and towels like in a hotel. Please bring your other bathroom supplies like soap, shampoo, toothbrush etc.

\*Bring a rain coat or umbrella, and warm clothing, since the mist coming from the Falls can be heavy and cold. (Climate is similar to State College.)

\*Common courtesy in the USA includes sending a short "thank you" letter or email to your host family after you return to State College.

\*We will do all of our sightseeing on the American side of the Falls, so you don't need a Canadian visa. Most international students need visas to enter Canada, and since it costs over \$75 to get a Canadian visa for the few hours you could be in Canada by walking across the bridge, most of our group will be staying on the American side of the Falls. (If you choose to apply for a Canadian visa, you may obtain the application form at the Penn State Office of International Students and Scholars. Note: The application process typically takes at least 2 weeks.)

To register, print off, complete and sign the registration form below, and return it with your payment of \$45 (cash or check payable to "Bill Saxton") to me at 210A Eisenhower Chapel. You can call before you come to be certain that I am there. Even if I am not there when you come, you can place your payment in an envelope, write your name and phone number and email address on the envelope, and slide it under my office door. I will then email you to confirm that I received it and that you are registered for the trip!

An important note about this trip:

It is necessary that you speak some English in order to communicate with your host family. Visiting parents or other relatives who do not speak English may join this trip if they are accompanied by their Penn State-affiliated family member who does speak English. Also, if they do not have Penn State University medical insurance, you should purchase insurance for them. For insurance, you can check the following website <http://www.insurancepa.com> or contact them by email: [mark@insurancepa.com](mailto:mark@insurancepa.com) or phone: 1-888-671-2639.

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**IMPS Niagara Falls Weekend Tour- Oct. 15-17, 2010 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell/Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Office/Lab Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **IECP/Intensive English** \_\_\_\_\_ **Undergrad Student**

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

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

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

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Please read and sign:

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this activity, I personally assume responsibility for my actions (and my accompanying family members), and release the staff and agents of International 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 a Christian Conciliation Service.

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