



River of Raptors – Veracruz, Mexico 2008 Application & Agreement form

Name: _____
(last, first, middle) - as it appears on your passport/birth certificate

Home Address: _____
(street) (city) (state/province) (postal code/zip)

_____ E-mail _____

County of Residence _____ Home Telephone (____) _____

Citizenship _____ Date of Birth _____ Passport # _____

Name of Employer _____ County _____

Address _____

Current Position _____

If teacher: Name of School you work in _____

School/Work Telephone (____) _____ School Fax # _____

Previous travel experience: _____

Billing Address for Fees: _____

() Enclosed is my check/voucher for **\$650.00** as Registration Fee (deposit, due by May 15, 2008) for participation in River of Raptors - Veracruz-Mexico.

Additional Basic Program Fee (\$800.00) for land cost is due on or before July 15, 2008

Checks (drawn in US dollars) payable to "EIRC/Global Connections" and mailed to:
Monarch Teacher Network™ at EIRC, 606 Delsea Dr. Sewell NJ 08080, attn: Erik M.

Dates of the trip: Saturday, October 4 to Sunday October 12, 2008

List any medical information the group leader should be aware of & attach to this application.

In case of emergency, please notify _____

Address _____ Telephone: _____

I have read, understand and accept the terms, conditions and responsibilities contained in the Application and Agreement Form. (see reverse side)

_____ (Signature of Participant) Date _____

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TERMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS

CONDITIONS

Educational Information and Resource Center (hereafter called EIRC) acts as "agent" for the services and accommodations that constitute the Monarch Teacher Network program (hereafter called MTN), provided that in the absence of negligence on the part of EIRC, EIRC is not responsible for personal injury or property damage arising out of the act, omission or negligence of any direct air carrier, hotel, restaurant, or other persons rendering any of the services or accommodation offered in the program. EIRC shall not be or become liable or responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to person or property otherwise resulting, directly or indirectly, from acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of government or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quantities, medical or custom regulations, or from any causes beyond EIRC's control, or from any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas, or other documents, and EIRC should not be or become liable or responsible for any additional expense or liabilities sustained or incurred by program participants as a result of any of the foregoing causes. EIRC shall also not be responsible in any way for the loss of or damage to participant's baggage.

By signing below, as a participant in the Monarch Teacher Network program, I agree that as a responsible member (or "delegate") in the program, and in exchange for the efforts of the EIRC and MTN in administering the program, I will pay any costs incurred as a result of my actions, whether intentional or unintentional, negligent or willful, and the costs of any damages whatsoever resulting from my conduct, speech, action or inaction, while participating in the Monarch Teacher Network program. I further agree to hold the EIRC and the Monarch Teacher Network program, their agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers in the program harmless for such costs, expenses, or any damages whatsoever arising from my speech, action, inaction or conduct, whether intentional or unintentional, negligent or willful, including the legal costs associated with defense of a claim for damages, costs or expenses, resulting from my conduct while a participant in the Monarch Teacher Network program.

MTN and the EIRC will not provide security personnel or special security precautions for program participants in foreign countries, nor will EIRC or MTN assume any special duty for the safety of program participants during travel or while participating in the MTN program in Mexico.

EIRC reserves the right to change the program itinerary and arrangements as necessary and will attempt to provide reasonable notice of such changes to participants. Any changes in terms, responsibilities and program arrangements and itinerary are authorized only by EIRC-MTN. This agreement will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

PAYMENT

The cost (drawn in US dollars) consists of the Registration Fee and the Basic Program Fee. The Registration Fee is \$650.00 (deposit) and must be received by EIRC-MTN on or before May 15, 2008 along with the completed Participant Application and Agreement Form. Registrations after this date will be accepted as space allows. EIRC-MTN will confirm acceptance of the participant in writing. Once a participant is accepted into the program, all fees are non-refundable except in the event of trip cancellation by EIRC-MTN.

The additional Basic Program Fee (\$800) must be received by July 15, 2008 and is subject to adjustment. **All costs are based on double occupancy at hotels. Please make checks payable to "EIRC/Global Connections", drawn in US dollars.**

Included in the Fees are 8 nights hotel accommodation (double occupancy), 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 2 dinners, and all admission fees to scheduled group activities, transportation via air-conditioned motorcoach with guide/group leader. Any services not specifically stated in the itinerary are excluded. As this tour is based on group travel, no refund will be granted for unused services.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If the participant and/or the sponsoring agency has not made full payment by July 15, 2008. EIRC-MTN reserves the right to cancel the participant and withhold the Registration Fee.

If unpredictable circumstances necessitate cancellation by the participant, full refund of monies paid will be given minus the Registration Fee plus any additional unrecoverable monies already expended. Cancellation must be in writing or by e-mail; verbal or telephone cancellations are not acceptable. If the program is canceled by EIRC due to low enrollment or other reasons, the Deposit and Program Fee will be fully refunded.

PARTICIPATION

All adults may apply; teachers and educators are encouraged to apply. Other persons will be considered on an individual basis.

MTN reserves the right to remove any participant from the Program at any time. If a participant is removed prior to the trip, the sole and only liability of EIRC-MTN shall be to refund any monies paid to the Program. If the participant is removed from the Program during the trip, his/her return to the US will be on the first available flight. Under such circumstances, no Program monies will be refunded and any additional costs incurred are the responsibility of the participant.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the participant chooses to return to the US prior to the completion of the trip, no money will be refunded and any additional costs incurred are the responsibility of the participant.

PASSPORT

A valid passport is required for participation in the

Program. **Cost of obtaining the passport is not included in the Program Fee.** It is the responsibility of the participant to obtain a valid passport.

AIRFARE/DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances, EIRC-MTN cannot guarantee arrival and departure dates but will make all reasonable efforts to adhere to planned departure and arrival dates. It is the responsibility of the participant to be at the arrival hotel in Mexico City on time. The cost of airfare is not included in the program. Participants are responsible to book their own airfare to and from Mexico City and must coordinate their arrival and departure time with that of their group leader.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel accommodations are included as noted in the itinerary. Before and during the visit, the group leader will assist participants in obtaining information about various optional activities in the arrival city. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the entire delegation in the same hotel.

BAGGAGE

Participants are advised not to exceed the weight or volume measurements of checked baggage and flight bag (carry-on). **Participants are responsible for carrying their own luggage. Any fees for porters carrying baggage, or for excess baggage (either for excess weight or for number of bags) is the responsibility of the participant.**

INSURANCE

Travel insurance is not included in the Basic Program Cost. Travel insurance is available. Participants should decide individually if travel insurance is something they wish to have. MTN recommends that all participants check the adequacy of their medical coverage before going to Mexico and obtain extra coverage if necessary.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST

Not included in the cost is round-trip airfare to/from Mexico City, immigration/airport departure taxes, 6 dinners, beverages with the included 7 lunches and 2 dinners (except for coffee/tea), arrival and departure transfers from Mexico City airport to hotel, admissions fees (unless noted in itinerary) and tips for the bus driver and tour guide. Also not included are unscheduled individual or group activities, the cost of telephone or cable charges, laundry expenses, personal tips, or any other items or expenses of a purely personal nature.

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I have read, understand and accept the terms, conditions and responsibilities contained in this tour agreement.

Signature of Participant

Date

