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Oundle School Expedition to Alaska, the Yukon and Texas July 2009

Dear Parents

I am planning an expedition to the United States and Canada that will take place in July 2009. This will involve travelling to Alaska, the Yukon and Big Bend National Park, Texas. My plan is to fly to Skagaway, Alaska and from here hike the Chilcoot Trail. This is the route taken by prospectors during the gold rush era and is historically very significant and also very beautiful. This hike takes us into the Yukon and from here we will travel by coach to Dawson City which was the destination of the prospectors and still the site of working gold mines. We then move to the Wrangell and St. Elias National Park, Alaska for a few days of hiking in a unique and unspoilt area which contains the nine tallest mountains in North America (after Mount McKinley). The next phase of the expedition involves flying from Anchorage to El Paso, Texas and from here travelling by minibus to the remote Big Bend National Park on the Mexican border. We will hike in Big Bend for a few days and this will provide a wonderful contrast to the conditions experienced in Alaska. This would complete the trekking part of the expedition and we will then use the remaining days to travel through Texas and New Mexico to Albuquerque via Roswell - alleged site of alien landings. Numerous activities are available in Albuquerque such as mountain biking, rafting and kayaking or just plain sightseeing. We will then fly back to the UK from Albuquerque.

The cost of the expedition will be £2200 payable in instalments over the next two years. This trip will be in the same spirit as previous trips I have run such as Hawaii 2006, Utah 2004 and Australia 2002. These trips were very successful and I feel that the pupils who went on them made the most of the opportunity and had a very good time. Safety is obviously a major factor in trips such as these and I will be taking sufficient experienced leaders to make sure that this is not compromised.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on the expedition please complete and return the reply slip that is included with this letter. If you require any more information please feel free to contact me. My home number is +44 (0) 1832 275183.

Yours faithfully,

P.C. Clark

Alaska 2008 Reply Slip

I would like to reserve a place on the trip to the Alaska trip, 2008.

Pupil's Name:

House:

Signed:

Please return to Mr P.C. Clark, Physics Department, Oundle School, Blackpot Lane, Oundle, PE8 4AT.