

January 10, 2020

Dear Dr. Deininger, Dr. Mahoney, and The Board of Education,

We would like your approval and support to go to New York on a Club 9 trip with Mrs. Starkey in June.

The purpose of the visit is to see the Statue of Liberty, as well as the 9/11 Memorial, Ellis Island, and other monumental landmarks that all students need to see before they graduate high school. The other theme of our trip is "food." We are planning to visit food factories and sample several regional foods while we drive through Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, and New York.

A *draft* of our itinerary is included with this letter. As you can see, we will travel to New York, however we will not stay the night in the city. We will not drive through New York, but instead take the train and buses. On the way back, we will visit Niagara Falls. Mrs. Starkey plans to go to New York on Spring Break to verify the route for us.

We have already raised \$1500 through concessions to support Club 9. That is enough money to pay for our trip, and "pay it forward" to the next travel group. Our individual cost will be \$75. We are only asking for your approval to go, a school van, one full tank of gas, and some tolls. The tolls will cost approximately \$50 roundtrip throughout Illinois. We will cover the tolls in Ohio and New Jersey.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kenny Bower  
Charles Gatz  
Max Miller

## **Travels with the Hawk**

### **Summer of 2020 - I Love NY**

#### **Tuesday, June 9 Oregon, IL to Indiana Dunes, IN**

***Albanese Confectionery*** (5411 E. Lincoln Hwy. Merrillville) (free)

Made in Indiana, Albanese World's Best Candy is known for manufacturing the highest quality products. The free tour will go through how the candy and chocolate is made, then the free samples after the tour for the kids to eat.

***Indiana Dunes National Park*** ( 1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter, IN) (National Park pass)  
Hugs 15 miles of the southern shore of Lake Michigan and has much to offer. Whether people enjoy scouting for rare species of birds or flying kites on the sandy beach, the national park's 15,000 acres will continually enchant you. Hikers will enjoy 50 miles of trails over rugged dunes, mysterious wetlands, sunny prairies, meandering rivers and peaceful forests.

***Camp - Indiana Dunes*** ( 1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter, IN ) ( \$25/night)

#### **Wednesday, June 10 Indiana Dunes, IN to Keystone SP, PA**

***The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame*** (1100 E 9th St, Cleveland, OH) (\$26 per adult)

On the shore of Lake Erie. The museum documents the history of rock music and the artists, producers, engineers, and other notable figures who have influenced its development.

***Camp - Keystone State Park*** (1150 Keystone Park Rd, Derry, PA 15627) ( free)

#### **Thursday, June 11 Keystone, PA to Clinton, NJ**

***Hershey Chocolate World*** (101 Chocolate World Way, Hershey, PA) (free)

Follow cocoa beans on a delicious journey in this immersive and FREE chocolate making tour. See, feel, hear and smell the transformation of cocoa beans to HERSHEY'S famous chocolate on this fun tour. Then, enjoy a complimentary Hershey's product sample at the end!

***Camp - Spruce Run Recreation State Park*** (68 Van Syckles Rd. Clinton, NJ) (\$25)

Spruce Run Recreation Area is a 1,290-acre NJ state recreation area located in Union Township and Clinton Township in Hunterdon County, NJ. It encompasses the Spruce Run Reservoir that is used as a backup reservoir to protect the state from prolonged droughts.

## **Friday, June 12 NYC**

### ***Statue of Liberty***

Train from New Jersey to NYC. Seeing the Statue of Liberty is the main reason for the trip.

### ***Times Square***

We would like to see where the ball is dropped at during New Years.

### ***World Trade Center Memorial* (\$15/person)**

Located at the World Trade Center in New York City, the 9/11 Memorial Museum tells the story of 9/11 through media, narratives, and a collection of monumental and authentic artifacts, presenting visitors with personal stories of loss, recovery, and hope

### ***Empire State Building***

Expensive (\$42-72), so we are just looking

### ***Camp - Spruce Run***

## **Saturday, June 13 NYC**

### ***Coney Island***

### ***Brooklyn Bridge* (free)**

### ***Paul's Da Burger Joint* (131 2nd Ave, New York, NY )**

Mrs. Starkey's cousin says that these are the best in NY. Challenge accepted

### ***Camp - Spruce Run***

## **Sunday, June 14 New Jersey to Buffalo, NY**

***Niagara Falls*** (10 Rainbow Boulevard, Niagara Falls, NY) (\$5-30 parking)

***Sleep - Hotel Comfort Inn University*** (Flint Road, Amherst, NY) (free with points)

## **Monday, June 15 Buffalo to Oregon**

***Wake up from the hotel and go home.***

## **Tuesday, June 16 or Wednesday, June 17**

***Van cleaning***