



Student/Parent Information Sheet

2010 Year 3/Institute for Student Leaders India

June 25 - July 4, 2010

Welcome to the GYLI Year 3/Institute for Student Leaders! This year will join students and faculty who have completed Years 1 and 2 of GYLI with newcomers from schools all over the world. It will be a population that reflects a portion of the great diversity on our Earth. It is also our first program in India – the result of many years of preparation.

We are working very hard to provide a safe and fruitful experience for this group in India. Our host site in India is Mahindra United World College India (www.muwci.net) and the Pune YMCA – who are also diligently preparing to provide for our needs.

Please read all the information below and check www.gyli.org for the most up-to-date information. We are glad you have chosen to take part in the GYLI journey to become an effective and powerful agent of change in your school and in our world.

Program Outline:

June 25 – Arrival – Mumbai airport

- Arrive at Mumbai airport before 12:00pm
- Bus to MUWCI campus
- Welcome and orientation at MUWCI

June 26 – MUWCI campus

- Team building in watch groups
- Campus exploration of MUWCI
- Global Poverty study circles

June 27 – MUWCI campus

- Hike to hydroelectric dam
- Tour biodiversity reserve
- Homestay orientation

June 28 – Homestays

- Bus transportation to homestays in Pune

June 29 – Homestays

- Community interaction projects in Pune

June 30 – Pune YMCA

- Pick up from homestays
- Student presentations on homestay and community interaction experience

July 1 – Pune YMCA

- Hands on projects with Centre for Environment Education (CEE) Pune

July 2 – Pune YMCA

- CEE projects and recreational day in and around Pune

July 3 – Mumbai

- Bus from Pune to Mumbai
- LLP presentations
- Sightseeing in Mumbai
- Cultural drumming circle

July 4 – Departure

- Small group closings
- Arrive at Mumbai airport by 9am (allow 2 ½ hours before flights)



Safety:

We take great care to insure your safety throughout all GYLI programs. All of our Institute Coordinators are CPR/First Aid certified. Students are in the constant care of both male and female chaperones. Curfews are enforced, safety hazards pointed out, and caring community is established in each GYLI program. Our average faculty-to-student ratio is 1:3, and our commitment is to provide the highest quality physical and emotional safety.

Please use your personal profile on www.gyli.org to list any medical needs. We can certainly accommodate almost any need, and would be glad to discuss a specific situation with you personally.

If you have **any safety concerns** before, during or after the GYLI summer institute, please don't hesitate to call or email your faculty chaperone, the Institute Coordinators, or GYLI Executive Director, Matt Nink (cell phone: 414.397.1159).

Cell phones/electronics:

All GYLI programs are designed to be low-tech and community focused. To that end we ask that students **NOT BRING CELL PHONES or other electronics—including laptops and I-pods.** This will prevent any water damage in the many areas we will be, and keep our focus on the relationships within the group. Adults will have cell phones available in case of an emergency. If a student does bring electronics, we will simply collect it and return it to the student at the end of the institute.

Transportation:

Transportation to and from Mumbai, India is the responsibility of GYLI students and faculty at participating schools. GYLI staff will help schools book their flights.

Once school groups arrive at the Mumbai airport, transportation during the event will be provided by GYLI with licensed drivers on chartered buses.

Lodging:

All GYLI students and faculty will be sleeping in dorm-style housing at MUWCI and at Pune YMCA, and in a family's home during the home stay. Because there will be much movement, packing light is critical to a good Year 3-ISL experience. See packing list for appropriate sleeping gear.

Meals:

GYLI will provide all meals and snacks. Food at this program in India will be fresh and nutritious. Please use your GYLI website profile to list any dietary restrictions or preferences. **DO NOT BRING SNACKS**—we will provide plenty of healthy, energy sustaining snacks.



Sign up and Registration:

Each GYLI student and faculty member will register at the GYLI website: www.gyli.org This can be done only when each school's GYLI school coordinator activates the system for the school.

Tuition Costs:

The tuition cost for the Year 3-ISL institute is \$2,200. This includes meals, lodging, bus transportation, guest speakers, admissions, and program materials, but it DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE to and from India.

Other Costs:

These may include transportation, lodging before or after the institute, or other costs as determined by each GYLI school. Please see your GYLI school coordinator for a breakdown of these costs.

Passport:

All participants must have a valid passport to travel to this institute. YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE VALID 6 MONTHS AFTER YOUR RETURN to your home country. Please don't wait until the last minute, as passports can take a couple of months for processing. Passport copies **must** be sent or given to the faculty member traveling with the students (teacher from your school)

Parent Permission/Student Expectations form and Student Health form:

Please see your school coordinator or visit www.gyli.org to download these forms. The expectations form must be signed by students AND parents, the health form must be signed by a licensed medical practitioner, and they must both be submitted with the tuition check to the school coordinator. This sheet must be received by GYLI BEFORE any student or faculty member can participate.

Parent Notarized letter:

This letter allows us to take minors out of the country, who are not our own children. All participants must deliver two copies of this form to the faculty member traveling with the students (teacher from your school).

Payment:

All fees should be turned into the **GYLI participating school** through the school coordinator. Checks should be made out TO YOUR SCHOOL and are due in full at the time of sign up. Each school will submit one payment for all participants to GYLI. This will allow us to guarantee the facilities, pay speakers, and prepare for this institute.



Financial Aid:

We are committed to socio-economic diversity and therefore will do everything possible to see that all qualified and committed candidates can participate in GYLI. Requests for financial aid should be made to each GYLI participating school. A limited number of block grants are available from GYLI to help cover school costs. Each school will request these funds from GYLI.

Deadlines:

All students and faculty should register on the website by February 1, 2010. All fees are due to the school as soon as possible after that time. All checks from schools are due to GYLI by March 1, 2010, and participant forms must be submitted by mail or fax to the GYLI office by April 1, 2010.



Packing List for India

Note: It will be rainy and humid, so pack clothes that are light and will dry quickly (jeans are not a great choice)

Luggage: Pack in one large bag (for all your belongings) and one small bag (to use during the day and to take on the homestay)

- Passport!!!! (Be sure that it is valid for 6 months after your return)
- Hiking boots or tough shoes that can get dirty
- Walking or running shoes
- Hat with brim
- Work clothes (pants and long sleeved shirt)
- Rain jacket
- 5/6 lightweight shirts (long sleeves are good against sun and bugs)
- 3-4 pair of pants and shorts (again, long pants are good against sun and bugs)
- Bathing suit
- Towel
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries (travel-size... pack light!)
- Prescription drugs (labeled and in original containers)
- Spending money (\$20-\$100)
- Writing utensils (journal will be provided)
- Small gift for host family: some ideas include- baseball cap, T-shirt, toy for children, small coffee table book with pictures of your city, photos of yourself and family to leave behind
- Camera (optional)

There will be laundry service available at MUWCI campus