

Greetings,

We are pleased to bring you updates on Nawa Academy. Much has happened over the past school year. Enjoy this quick update.

Summer Update

Spaces are still available in our adventure summer school programs. Looking for a fun and challenging summer experience but concerned that summer school may get in the way? That's where we come in. Our four-week experience offers a unique opportunity to gain academic credit while experiencing the outdoors. Some activities include backpacking, hiking, climbing, rafting, caving, and swimming. Middle school (grd. 7-9) and high school (grd. 9-12) groups are avail. Session begins Sat. June 28th and ends Sat. July 25th.

Reminder- units earned while in our summer school programs are transferable to other schools. Students can earn a semester of credit in an academic subject (math, science or language arts), P.E., and our Outdoor Leadership Course (elective credit). That's three semesters of credit in four weeks.

Outdoor Leadership? Indeed. This new course expands on our previous Wilderness First Aid course and includes: facilitated teambuilding activities, leadership development, problem solving and mentoring. This takes our approach of using wilderness first aid, outdoor rescue and other leadership development tools developed over the past 21 years and packages it into a course which offers school credit.

Looking for that "first time away from home" camp experience for a youngster? Our Trinity Challenge summer camp program is ideal for students ages 10-14 who

have not yet been away at a longer term overnight camp. Spaces are available.

Are you a professional consultant? A parent or legal guardian? Here's what you can expect if you have a student in one of our Nawa Summer Programs: It is important to us that we stay in close contact with you both during the application process and the student's enrollment. Express your expectations regarding communication and we will do our best to accommodate.

An experience with our Nawa Summer Programs can prove to be a great opportunity to "test the waters" for a student who is interested in enrolling during the school year at Nawa Academy. Curious? Learn more on our website:

www.nawa-summer-programs.com



Experience China

This three-and-a-half week experience is designed for mature and motivated (coed) students in grades 10-12. Hosted by the Chinese Hong Kong English School (CHES), our students teach conversational English to Chinese students. A semester of school credit is offered in our Global Cultures & Travel elective course. CHES is located in Jiangmen City in the Guangdong Province of China. Tour of Beijing also included. Experience China is scheduled from July 11th through Aug. 5th. Spaces are available.

Pre-Nursing Program September, 2010

Why develop a pre-nursing program? The Bureau of Labor Statistics notes that "...registered nurses are projected to generate 587,000 new jobs, among the largest number of new jobs for any occupation" in the coming years.

The Pre-Nursing program is designed for any student who would like to explore a career in the medical or nursing field. As with all of our academic programs at Nawa Academy, the Pre-Nursing program will accommodate both conventional students and those with learning differences. Students in this program will be exposed to various aspects of the health care industry, while working in conjunction with other courses to complete the curriculum. Through this experiential approach to education, participants will be prepared to enter an AA, or RN program or pursue a post-secondary education leading to a wide range of health-care careers.

The Nawa Academy Pre-Nursing program will open: September, 2010. Up to 14 students in grades 9 and 10 will be admitted into this program for the 2010 - 2011 school year. By 2012, students will be enrolled in all four years of our Pre-Nursing program. Volunteer opportunities and experiences in various health care settings will begin locally and progress to extended domestic and international trips.

More information will be posted on our website in May. We will begin to accept applications for this program in October 2009. Contact our Office of Admissions with questions.

College Counseling

Our Academic Dean, Jake Weld, and our Principal, Jan Kells, are busy working with our seniors and their parents to wrap up the school year. This includes Jake advising the seniors who are still exploring their options for the fall. This year, our students have received top scores for their English placement exams. This is exciting for several of our students who were well below grade level prior to their enrollment at Nawa Academy. Students can attend open houses at local colleges and families are encouraged to take their child to visit a college or university of their choice. Also, our traveling program visits many colleges and universities during their travels abroad.

Fall Enrollment

Space is still available for each of our school year programs. At the moment, our Pre-Registration (available for returning students) is at 17 students, with 8 more students expected to return for the 2009-2010 school year. With a graduating class this year of 19 students, we are pleased with these Pre-Registration numbers.

If you are new to Nawa Academy, here are some helpful facts:

- We are a boarding school for coed students in grades 7-12. Post-graduate is available upon request.
- We are fully accredited.
- School year= Sept. - June
- "International Academy"- travel with a small group to countries like Vietnam, Peru, India, China... during the 9 month school year.
- "California Academy"- our main program based on our campus, which offers small class sizes and lots of activities.
- "Snowboard USA"- offers competitive and non-competitive snowboarding on the weekends during the snowboard season.

Our Office of Admissions is very busy coordinating the admission process for new student applicants. Spaces are first-come, first-served, with a required interview and completed application to qualify. Contact our Office of Admissions with questions: 530-359-2215 or info@nawa-academy.com

NAIS Membership

Nawa Academy has been accepted for full membership by the Board of Trustees of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). This will open up many opportunities for our faculty and staff, as well as our Board of Directors in areas of professional development. It will also enable us to access the NAIS online library on the numerous statistics and research conducted on private school education.

International Academy

Our International Academy group is preparing for their final trip of the school year- Southern China. This will end their year with a total of seven trips. Prior to their departure, our students will attend a tea ceremony at the Chinese Embassy in San Francisco. This marks the second time our group has been invited by the Chinese Consulate General and is considered an honor.



Expeditionary Learning

Each school year, during the fourth academic block, our students experience Expeditionary Learning. The theme for this year is 'Careers'. With the focus on interdisciplinary, project-based learning, our teachers have worked diligently to tie their classes into this theme. Full and half day workshops and field trips include a visit to the Redding Smoke Jumpers Base, the KRCR television studio, Record Searchlight, and several others.

Further Developments

Even in these times of economic hardships, parents and supporters of Nawa Academy have continued the spirit of giving. For example, our Parents Club, led by Maura Carlson, devoted a lot of time and resources to ensure that our first dinner auction was a success. The proceeds will be applied to campus improvement projects over the next few months.

This year, our cafeteria received a makeover, thanks to the generosity of Rudy and Esther Gaytan, which included new appliances, stainless steel oven hood, counter tops and a new outdoor grill.

Giving has also included multiple large capacity generators to power our campus during an outage.

New Phone System

You may have noticed recently that our voice mail sounds different. We recently updated our phone system with many added features. This has allowed us to greatly expand our capabilities with communication. For example, admission inquiry calls received after business hours can now be routed directly to our Office of Admissions.

Website

If it has been a while since you've seen our website, check it out. Our re-designed school and summer websites are more interactive with many more photos. Both websites offer all the needed information to guide you through the application process.

www.nawaacademy.org
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Check out our blog:
<http://nawaacademy.org/blogger>

Sincerely,

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