Objectives
The goal of Proctor’s Rosebud Summer Service Trip is for participating students to experience life on the Rosebud Reservation, learn about Lakota Culture, and give back to the community in which we stay.

Program Overview

Trip Leaders
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Trip Description
Students travel to the Rosebud Reservation to learn from and give back to part of the Lakota Nation. Rosebud is home to the Sicangu, one of the seven tribes of the Lakota. Students will camp on property owned by the White Hat family, experience traditional ceremonies, learn about the history of the Lakota people and the land, and will give back to ongoing projects on the reservation with their strength and energy. In the first half of the trip students will work closely with the Sinte Gleska University Ranch Equine Therapy Program: Tiwahe Glu Kini Pi. Work will include infrastructure improvements as well as time with the horses and local students. In the second half of the trip, students will work at the Tree of Life in Mission, South Dakota, which will provide them with the chance to meet many of the people that live on the reservation. Depending on time, interest, and weather, students will have the chance to visit the Black Hills, Wounded Knee, the Badlands, & local tribal colleges. They will also meet a number of Proctor alumni who continue to live and invest in their communities in Rosebud.

Pre-Trip Education
Students will meet with the two faculty leaders periodically throughout the Spring Term in order to learn important background knowledge before the trip.

Costs
This trip is $1000.00 plus the cost of a round trip flight to Rapid City, South Dakota. Students should plan to bring money for snacks outside of what is provided and for souvenirs. Approximately $200.00 should suffice.

Timeline
Students will arrive in Rapid City, South Dakota on July 11 between noon and 3pm. They will fly out of Rapid City on the morning of July 21.

July 11 - 20, students will be based outside of St Francis, South Dakota, spending time during the day on the Sinte Gleska University Ranch, or in Mission, South Dakota, or taking a day trip to other parts of the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations. On July 20, students will do some sightseeing on
their way back to Rapid City, where they will spend a final evening in a hotel, before departing for the airport on the morning of July 21st.

**Academic Credits**
Students participating in the Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota trip fulfill the extracurricular requirement for the Global Citizenship Concentration.

**Rules and Expectations**
The rules for Summer Service Trips are the same as those on campus as published in Proctor’s Green Book, with the exception and emphasis of the following:

**Alcohol & Drugs**
Any involvement with alcohol or drugs—active usage, possession of drugs or paraphernalia, or being in the presence of—will result in immediate dismissal from the program at the very least.

**Behavior Unbecoming of a Proctor Student**
Involvement in any activity which the school judges unbecoming of a Proctor student to the extent that either the school’s reputation is affected, the student’s conduct endangers him or herself or the property of others, or the student is disrupting the academic or social process of the school will result in social probation and may lead to dismissal from the program and possibly from Proctor.

**Program Dismissal**
Any student who receives a Major Violation for substance or any other reason that compromises participation in the program will be immediately dismissed from the program.

**Technology**
Students may bring their phones and cameras on this trip; however, use will be limited. Parents will be notified that students have arrived safely; however, contact during the trip will be limited by design. This allows the students to be present in the small group and in the experience.

**Health and Safety**
Some element of risk is inherent in Proctor’s off-campus programs, as students are challenged to expand their skills through direct experience in a new environment. Proctor’s program directors and faculty take precautions to manage and minimize risk through careful program design, informing students of potential hazards, and training students to mitigate risk. However, anticipating and informing students of every possible risk or hazard is impossible, and students are also expected to play an active role in minimizing risk and making decisions with safety in mind.

**Program Specific Information - Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota**
As stated before, some element of risk is inherent in all travel, even when it is domestic. The following information is specific to this trip and should be read carefully.

**Environmental Risk**
Weather in South Dakota during July can quickly change. Temperatures can reach well over 100 degrees fahrenheit or drop below freezing. Powerful winds and intense lightning storms accompanied by hail are not uncommon, and tornadoes do happen in South Dakota. There is a high risk of dehydration, heat exhaustion, or sunburn (among other risks), though all heat related illnesses are preventable with proper self care. The Proctor group will have access to the Proctor bus as well as buildings, should extreme weather arise.

**Wildlife**
There are rattlesnakes and poisonous spiders in South Dakota. Students will want to be aware of not placing their hands and feet in places they cannot see, taking care of their belongings, and wearing closed toed shoes at appropriate times.

**Hospitals**
Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility  
400 Soldier Creek Rd  
Rosebud, SD 57570  
(605) 747-2231

Cherry County Hospital  
510 N Green St  
Valentine, NE 69201  
(402) 376-2525

Rapid City Regional Hospital  
353 Fairmont Blvd  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
(605) 755-1000

**Insurance**
In addition to your own personal health insurance policy, it is the policy of Proctor Academy to require accident insurance for participants in off campus programs sponsored by Proctor. The policy that Proctor has is through United States Fire Insurance Company and provides coverage for Accident Medical Expense, Accidental Death Benefit, Accidental Dismemberment, Medical Evacuation, and Repatriation. It is not for long-term treatment or convalescence. The cost of the insurance is included in the program deposit.

**Eligibility & How to Apply**
All applicants must be current freshmen, sophomores or juniors in good academic, social, and wellness standing. Graduating seniors may apply; however, priority will be given to students who will continue to be enrolled at Proctor in the following academic year. These trips do not impact students’ eligibility for other off campus programs.

Interested students must consider their summer plans, consult with their families, and confirm with their advisors that this program fits their needs and interests.
Students who have active majors, including substance majors, may apply for this program. Those on active No Use Agreements must continue to follow the guidelines of that contract even while on the off-campus program. Any student who receives any Major Violation after being accepted to the program will forfeit their spot and lose their deposit. Any student who receives a Minor Violation after being accepted will have their candidacy come under consideration.

The application process will take place in the late fall / early winter, with applications due right before winter break. The application is a simple form filled out online with questions pertaining to group dynamics and comfort traveling away from familiar situations.

To determine the group, the following criteria will often be used: year of graduation, followed by years at Proctor and quality of application. Other factors, such as effort grades and gender balance will also be taken into consideration. To determine whether the student is in good academic, social, and wellness standing, the program coordinator and school administrators will review completed applications. Each program coordinator or director has the right to allow room for judgment in the decision process.

**Paperwork and Program Costs for Summer Trip to Rosebud Reservation, SD**

**Timeline for Application, etc.**
Due mid December:
- Application completed by student via Google Form.

Due mid-January:
- Read Information Packet
- Reservation agreement and authorization for payment
- Acknowledgement of Rules form
- Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk form
- Financial Aid Application (if your student has been put on the program list)

**Forms and Deposits**
Once students have been selected in January, they and their parents will need to complete all required paperwork by early February. Paperwork includes a reservation agreement and a completed assumption of risk. Parents will also authorize the Business Office to bill them for the cost of the trip: $1000. Fifty percent of the cost is nonrefundable ($500); however, the remaining balance will be refundable up to 3 months before the trip.

**Airline Tickets**
Students will fly into Rapid City, South Dakota to meet the trip leaders on the first day of the trip as early as possible. Families are responsible for purchasing the flight. Please connect with trip leaders to work out logistics.

**Spending Money**
Students should bring spending money for out-of-pocket expenses such as souvenirs and snacks. Our experience has been that $200 in spending money is sufficient for a student's 10 day stay in South Dakota. Some have returned with much of this, others have spent far more. We suggest that students bring some cash as well as a debit card that will allow them to either make purchases or take out cash from an ATM. If a student would like to bring all cash, the majority of it can be given to the leaders until needed.

**Financial Aid**

Need-based financial aid is available, on a limited basis, to help defray the cost of summer trips for students already receiving financial aid. Applications for this financial aid are available if your student has been selected for the trip, upon request. Applications are due mid-February.

**Travel Information**

**Travel To and From South Dakota**

Students should plan to arrive in at the Rapid City Regional Airport between noon and 3pm on July 12, 2017. Their flights home should depart the Rapid City Regional Airport before noon on on July 22, 2017.

**Alternate Travel Arrangements**

If for some reason your family chooses to drive to South Dakota, please plan to drop your child off to trip leaders at the airport at an agreed upon time, which will be based on other students' flight itineraries.

**Lodging Information**

Students and faculty will camp in the backyard of the White Hat family, a long time Proctor family. Students and faculty will have access to a shower house and bathrooms, and will be sleeping in tents. Students and faculty will prepare and enjoy their own meals using much of the Mountain Classroom gear. They will enjoy one meal out while in Rapid City the night before they fly home.

**Packing for the Trip**

Students are allowed one carry-on bag, one personal item, and one bag to check; however, students should remember that they will be living in tents for the duration of the trip. Less is more. A daypack is required, so that while on our daily adventures, students can carry their own water bottles and snacks. The group will travel in the Mountain Classroom Bus. A detailed packing list will be provided in the term before departure.

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Flight status resource: flightstats.com (also available as an app)