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QSI

INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF **PÁPA**
HUNGARY

Week without Walls

Week without Walls is an adventure based, experiential education program offered to Middle School and Secondary School students at QSI

During each Week without Walls course, students explore the world outside of our campus walls while participating in a wide range of activities including, for example: Caving, Cycling, Cultural Exchanges, Extreme Sports, Farming, Horseback Riding, Rafting, Rock Climbing, Sailing, Service Learning, Surfing, Touring and Trekking.

All activities are age appropriate and focus on leadership development and team building while allowing students to put into practice the QSI Success Orientations skills.

Courses are led by QSI Pápa Staff supported by trained instructors and guides.

Secondary (12 - Secondary IV) Week without Walls

The secondary teachers at QSI Pápa are excited to be able to offer a Week without Walls trip for the secondary students to participate in an adventure based on Zlarin Island (near Šibenik), Croatia departing on **Saturday, June 6** and returning **Saturday, June 13, 2020**. This trip is designed to offer students a variety of experiences: service-learning, community service, cultural experiences, and outdoor exploration. Since our first trip to Zlarin in 2018, the island is soon set to become the first plastic-free Croatian island! We will use this as an opportunity to develop an ongoing service-learning project prior to departure. We will also explore the Adriatic on sea kayaks, hike, climb, go orienteering, see the beaches on nearby islands, work in an olive grove, visit a science park, and see two of Croatia's amazing national parks: Krka National Park and Plitvice Lakes National Park. Having worked with us twice before and knowing how great our students at QSI Pápa are, our friends at Peak & Paddle Croatia are offering this trip to us without taking a profit to offer the best of Croatia: food, history, heritage, nature, sea, and service to others.

The cost including all transportation, most meals, all equipment and safety gear, highly-qualified and experienced instructors is tentatively set at **€575** based on all students participating. The first deposit of **€300** is due on **Friday, February 28, 2020**.

More information will be sent to all parents by email and we will be available after school to answer questions on **Tuesday, February 11**. Otherwise email Michael Fitzgerald anytime at michael-fitzgerald@papa.qsi.org.



Upcoming Events

Feb 7	School Dance
Feb 10	100th Day of School
Feb 10	Scouts
Feb 12	MSA Obj Team Meeting
Feb 13	Movie Night (12+)
Feb 17-21	February Break
Feb 28	Trustworthy Assembly

Lunch February 3-7

- 3: Egg barley with pork ragout, potatoes and pickled cucumber
- 4: Chicken Kyiv with rice and corn
- 5: Spaghetti with tomato sauce and meat dumplings
- 6: Chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes
- 7: Pizza with salami and cheese



Elementary (8-11 year-olds) Week without Walls Döbrönte

Our trip to Döbrönte will be hosted by Szarvasház Turistaház (szarvashaz.hu). We've worked with our guide, "Geo-George," to create a program focused on outdoor education, geology and topography of the area (caves, volcanoes, and land formations). This includes hiking and wildlife watching, exploration of Tapolca lake and cave, local history (exploring castles and ruins), archery, team-building activities (night walking), and a *Service Learning project* (aimed at protecting wildlife and preventing tourism's environmental impact). Other surprise activities will be thrown in as well! We're excited about this program and think the kids will have a great time. (Hey, Dad! Male chaperones will be needed for both class trips: please let us know if you are able to help out, even if just for a few nights. Thanks!)

10s/11s Class: May 19-22

8s/9s Class: June 9-12

Current estimated cost: **50,000 HUF** per person

Price Includes: meals and accommodation for 4 days and 3 nights, entry fees, and guide fees. (The price may change as our program itinerary is finalized closer to the travel date.)



For more information, click on
"Scout Me In" below:



STATEMENT ON THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

There is heightened awareness around the globe with the coronavirus stemming from the People's Republic of China. The five QSI schools located in China have transitioned to online learning methods to support the education of the students and will re-open the classrooms when the national government grants permission for all schools on mainland China to be fully in session. The Ministry of Education in Haiphong, Vietnam has also decided to close all schools in their region, so our QSI school is no exception. QSI International School of Haiphong will be closed this week as the government monitors the situation very closely. Students will continue to be educated with online support.

The number one priority for our organization remains the safety and well-being of our staff and students. Many of the staff are now safely outside of China while a few remain within the borders. Staff are required to follow the local government regulations in place as QSI endeavors to support the needs of our employees during these challenging times. QSI school administrators and support staff are in close contact with the government agencies who have oversight over international schools in regards to the next steps, start dates and government requirements when individuals are able to return to China.

QSI International School of Phuket is also taking extra precautions by monitoring the temperatures of everyone on campus and providing protective/breathing masks for all students.

The QSI Crisis Management Team alongside the Regional Supervisor, Mr. Tim Kruger, will continue to monitor the situation closely to determine further steps with and for the benefit of staff and administration including but not limited to counseling services.



Mobile Phone Use Policy (reminder)

In light of the research concerning screen use we formed a committee of teachers, students, and parents to determine what policy we put in place.

Mobile phones and headphones aren't to be used outside of the classroom (hallways, breaks, lunch, field trips, etc.) and only in classrooms with the teacher's permission.

If a student is using a phone inappropriately (other than for educational purposes), the following will occur:

1st time: Warning given

2nd time: Phone is taken and can be picked up by the student at the end of the day from the director.

3rd time: Phone is taken and can be picked up by the student after a week, or any time by a parent. If a parent picks it up prior to the end of the week, the student can't bring the phone to school for a week.

4th time: This becomes a disciplinary issue handled by the director.

Signing Students Out

This mostly relates to secondary students. However, it applies to everyone:

If a student needs to leave school with parent permission, the office has to be contacted before the student can leave. Parents need to sign the younger children out (11 and under). If the office has received permission, students 12 and older can sign themselves out. But again, with office (not teacher) permission.

Carpool Route (reminder)

For newcomers, we have a carpool route that makes drop-off and pick-up easy and efficient.

- In the morning, enter the school parking lot from the Külső Veszprémi street side (the side where we had the bouncy house), and drop off your children without parking. If you must park to come inside, please don't park in the parking lot. There is parking next to the COOP. We open the gate at 8:00.
- In the afternoon, you can park your car in the parking lot (still entering the same way), with your car facing out. We open the gate at 15:30. If you'd like to chat with friends, please don't leave your car in the front parking lot. Please move your car to the sides of Coop, the parking area on Külső Veszprémi, or next to the gym.