

Gaining **Abroad-er**

WITC students prepare to head to Scotland Experience

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Students from WITC's Superior campus will be part of the nearly 20 WITC students traveling to Scotland in May.

In May, nearly 20 students from all four WITC campuses will be crossing the pond to the United Kingdom for an experience that cannot be found in any textbook. Their main task during the nearly two-week stay is to learn about the educational programs Scotland offers, with a side order of kilts, culture and site-seeing near Edinburgh.

Students will stay in the old Dalkeith House – or “Palace” as locals call it – and visit childcare centers, schools and a distinct forest kindergarten focusing on nature-based play. They will also tour the Jewel and Esk College.

“I look forward to experiencing a **different culture**, seeing Scotland’s nature schools and really **learning from it all**,” says student Jacquelin Zacher-Hunter.

“I am also excited about the many new experiences this trip offers,” says student Sarah Meints. “I have never been on an airplane or traveled outside the United States.”

WITC helps to provide opportunities to make the trips a reality for students who may not otherwise afford it. Fundraisers lessen the burden of covering travel-related expenses.

“Some of the ways we are fundraising for this amazing trip are getting pledges for a 10-mile hike, selling popcorn in the atrium, having bake sales and silent auctions and selling food at the Halloween carnival,” says student Kalli Laurin.

The Scotland trip stems from a push to offer students at WITC a broader experience. A trip to Germany is taking place in March and WITC students are able to take part in the Guy Healy Language Camp in Japan this summer. A return trip to Scotland is planned for the spring of 2014. ■

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