The Maurya School, PalamVihar, Gurgaon
(Circular for Classes X & XII)

Ref. No.: TMS/18/P/61

Date: 20th March, 2018

EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ASTROPORT

Dear Parents,

The school, in its endeavor to bring the best in the field of education to its students, is organising a 1N/2D educational trip to ASTROPORT Sariska. The trip is scheduled for the 28th & 29th of March 2018.

Astroport is the first Astronomy themed resort and activity centre of India and South Asia. The facility, one of its kind in the world has been developed to provide a great sky viewing and research experience to the budding astronomers within us. It is at a location which offers a view of the darkest sky possible in India.

Astroport is located in the serene and lush environment of the Sariska Tiger Reserve, in the lap of Aravali hills overlooked by the historical Tesla Fort. It is just a stone throw away from Sariska National Park and conveniently connected to Delhi. The site is placed well away from pollution, of light, air and sound. The site is situated at the corner of a foothill and a river channel providing a wonderful exposure to wildlife, environment and beautiful sky.

OVERVIEW OF THE TOUR: TOTAL 1 NIGHT/ 2 DAYS

- Night Sky Observat on
- Telescope usage
- Deep Sky Objects viewing
- Sky map and planisphere reading
- Constellation watch
- Planet viewing

Features of the site that would enhance the experience of the students:

- Clear night sky, resulting in exponentially enhanced sky viewing experience
- Abundant Telescopes available, giving ample telescope time and learning
- Serene environment around wildlife
- Organic Farm at site
- Organic Food prepared at site
- Luxurious camp site
- Accommodation in large tents
- Mess-tent for meals buffet.
- Fully secure site, boundaries on all sides & guards deputed
- Light baggage only
- Medicines (as per requirement)
- Inform us in advance of any medical history like spinal injury, blood pressure etc.

**Must carry things**

- School ID card
- Trekking / sports shoes, Head-cap
- Light jacket / windcheater
- Sunscreen lotion /cream, sunglasses
- Expenses of personal nature like: tips, laundry etc.
- Damage to equipment and tents.
- Beverages and Food consumed outside of the meal plan
- Expenses arising out of any unforeseen circumstances like rain, landslides and situations beyond our control

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## SCHEDULE:

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<td>Departure from School for Astroport</td>
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<td>Arrival at Astroport</td>
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<td>Rest</td>
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<td>Welcome and allotment of tents (settle down, freshen up and relax)</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>Milk and Light refreshment</td>
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<td>Team Building Activities/Games</td>
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<td>Jungle Safari</td>
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<td>04:30 – 05:30 pm</td>
<td>Exploring Astroport or Movie</td>
<td>09:30 – 10:30 am</td>
<td>Breakfast</td>
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<td>05:30 – 06:00 pm</td>
<td>Tea &amp; Snacks</td>
<td>10:30 – 11:00 am</td>
<td>Freshen Up and Pack</td>
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<td>06:00 – 07:00 pm</td>
<td>Basics of Telescope</td>
<td>11:00 – 12:00 noon</td>
<td>Group Picture, Demo Rocket Launch &amp; Farewell from site</td>
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<td>07:00 – 08:30 pm</td>
<td>Orientation of Night Sky &amp; Sky Charts Reading</td>
<td>12:00 noon</td>
<td>Departure from Astroport</td>
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<td>Constellation Hunt</td>
<td>02:30 – 03:30 pm</td>
<td>Stopover for Lunch at Haldiram</td>
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<td>Planetary &amp; Deep Sky Object Observation</td>
<td>6:30 pm</td>
<td>Arrival at School and Handover to Parents</td>
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PLEASE NOTE: The tour schedule is subject to change, as per availability of site and prevailing weather conditions.

**Tour Price:** Rs 5,000/-

**Last date of enrollment:** The last date for enrollment is 22\textsuperscript{nd} March, 2018.

**Mode of payment:** Cash/ Cheque (drawn in favour of - The Maurya School)/ Paytm.

Kind Regards

Shalini Bajaj

Head of the School
CONSENT SLIP/DECLARATION BY THE PARENTS

My ward ________________ of Class __________ has my permission to join the school's educational tour to ASTROPORT Sariska. I understand that the school teachers and escort will take all possible care and precaution to safeguard my ward. I further absolve the school authority/Astro Tourism India Pvt. Ltd. in case of any untoward incident during the said tour. I am sending Rs. 5,000/- towards the full cost of the tour.

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