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Field Trip Request Form- Overnight & Out-of-State Activity RequestSchool Bloomfield Middle School Grade & Number of Students Attending 6th-8th (41)Person Making Request Mitzi Arritt Position Beta SponsorOvernight Activity ☒ Out-of State Activity ☐ Dates Scheduled Feb 23, 24, 2012Name of Activity Kentucky Junior Beta Club ConventionLocation of Activity Louisville, KentuckyObjectives of Activity Students will compete in various academic, art, craft and talent competitions.Pre-trip preparatory activities planned (please attach appropriate documents) see attachmentPost-trip culminating activities planned (please attach appropriate documents) see attachmentOral student presentations planned after trip see attachmentName(s) of certified staff attending Mitzi Arritt

Name(s) of other adults attending Chaperone numbers will depend on the number of students attending and the different areas of competition they will have to be accompanied to.

Plan for supervision (day) Students and chaperones will stay together as a group until each student is taken to their area of competition where they will remain until a chaperone returns to retrieve them.

Plan for supervision (night - please be specific for all hours of the night) Chaperones will be in the room or adjoining rooms

Signed Mitzi Arritt Date 11-10-11Principal [Signature] Date Approved 11-10-11

Superintendent _____ Date Approved _____

Review/Revised: 7/20/10

Board Members:

Bloomfield Middle School Beta Club has forty-one members. At this time we are asking parents to commit to sending their child to compete at the Kentucky Junior Beta Convention pending your approval of our attendance. We may have as many as forty-one members attending for which we would make sure that adequate chaperones are available. The earlier we submit our deposit for rooms at the Galt House the better our chances are for obtaining suites which allow us to keep our travel cost at an affordable rate. We also plan to travel with Old Kentucky Home Middle School to save on transportation cost. As the parents and students commit, an update will be sent to the board with the exact number of students and the names of chaperones that plan to attend. A copy of the convention agenda will be provided when it is available.

Pre-trip preparatory activities:

Letters have been sent home with Beta members informing parents about the opportunity for their child to compete at the Kentucky Junior Beta Convention. I will collaborate with the teachers at Bloomfield Middle School to better assess the appropriate areas each student should compete in as well as work with the parent and student. Betas have been informed they must maintain A-B honor roll without disciplinary referrals to attend the convention. They must also participate in Beta service projects and obtain eight hours of service credit.

Post-trip activities:

The National Beta Club provides its members the ability to be challenged as leaders in the school as well as in the community. It also provides members the ability to work toward college scholarships. Beta members attending the convention will have the opportunity to compete with other students across Kentucky. They will be able to share their experiences with their peers when they return and serve as recruiters for future members in the club. If we have any students that qualify, the national convention will be held next summer in North Carolina giving our students the opportunity to compete with students across the nation.

Oral student presentations:

Betas attending the convention will have the opportunity to discuss their areas of competition with other Beta members during meetings to better assist each other in preparing for next year's competition. If any student competes in essay or speech we plan to have them share their entry with their classes and get support and feedback from their teachers and peers.

Bloomfield Middle School Beta Club

Dear Parents, Guardians, Betas:

I am so excited about starting a Beta Club and am looking forward to working with you. I wanted to give you information about the club and obtain your input about service projects to be involved in.

Beta membership requires you to be on the A-B Honor Roll. If you received a C on your October report card, you have been placed on probation. Receiving a C in any subject area on your January report results in loss of membership. Please keep this in mind and work hard to maintain academic excellence. Also, Betas must maintain good character, no disciplinary referrals to the office or continuous disruption in class will be tolerated. Disciplinary problems will also result in loss of membership.

The Beta motto is "Let Us Lead By Serving Others." Part of being a Beta means being willing to work and give back to the community. Betas earn service hours throughout the year which are reported at the national level. I need your help and suggestions related to service projects we can be involved in. Possible projects:

- Nelson Co. Animal Shelter volunteer – 3pts
- Bell Ringer for Salvation Army volunteer– 3pts
- Canned food drive for Thanksgiving Food Banks – 1 pt for every 3 cans
- Monthly food drive for the Caring Place – a safe haven for battered women and children – 1 pt for every 3 cans
- Shoe drive – old shoes can be turned in and recycled in exchange for water filters to be used in impoverished countries. (I definitely want to do this project) – 1 pt per pair
- Toys For Tots – must be a new toy - points to be decided depending on the toy
- Visiting a nursing home – singing, playing bingo or taking small gifts to the residents. – 3pts. I would have to contact the facility to see how they can best use our assistance.

If you have other suggestions please let me know. Involvement in any of the above would earn service points and each Beta is required to have a minimum of eight service credits to attend the state convention in February, three of which must come from one of the volunteer activities. If you have a personal project you are participating in that you think would be considered public service please discuss this with me.

For a club wide project – the National Beta Club is sponsoring MDA as their charity for the year and the Kentucky Beta Club is sponsoring the Kosair Children's Hospital. Both are wonderful charities for us to support. I'm hoping to host a walk-a-thon at school to fund raise for one of these charities.

The Junior Beta State Convention will be held in Louisville at the Galt House and the Kentucky Convention Center on February 23-24. The estimated cost per child is \$125.00. This includes the registration fee, club t-shirt, lodging and transportation. The price may change depending on the number of Betas that sign up to attend. To attend you have to compete in some area.

Areas of competition:

Individual Talent – 4 or fewer

Essay – On the theme “Betas Start Your Engines” 600-1000 words.

On site poetry – limit 200 words

Poster – teams of 2-4 students

Speech – 1-2 min on the theme “Betas Start Your Engines”

Academic areas of competition: Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Spelling, Quiz Bowl

Arts: Black & White photography no larger than 8x10 (no digital enhancement), color photography no larger than 8x10 (no digital enhancement), sketching (pastel/charcoal), sketching (pen/pencil), water color painting, oil or acrylic painting, sculpture (hand built)

Crafts: Counted/stamped cross-stitch, crochet/knitting, wood working, needlepoint/embroidery, decorated wreath, jewelry (only one hand-made item)

For the students competing in arts and crafts- the sooner you submit your entries the quicker we can select the ones that will be traveling to competition. If you have questions about the arts and crafts categories please contact me. I also recommend you go to www.betaclub.org and look under “Gallery” at the photos of the winning entries from last year.

If you plan to attend the state convention please submit a **\$50.00 non-refundable deposit by November 21st**. The deposit is needed to secure our reservations at the Galt House. This trip is currently pending board approval.

When I receive the membership materials from the national office I will schedule an induction ceremony.

For any questions or concerns about information related in this letter please contact me at 502-827-4640.

Mitzi Avritt, Beta Club Sponsor