

# 10/5 Updated Itinerary for Incoming Italian Exchange 2017

## Weds, Oct. 11 – RSVP deadline for 3 events.

RSVP by this Weds. to Kim Wisnovsky at [kwisnovsky@msn.com](mailto:kwisnovsky@msn.com) or text 541-531-9465. Do *not* include your Italian in your number. RSVP for these 3 events:

**1) Welcome Party** (Oct. 15). \$10 *per family*. Cash or check payable to: Medford Alba Sister City Assn. Details below. Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**2) City Council Dinner** (Oct. 19). \$13 *per person*. Cash or check payable to: Medford Alba Sister City Assn. Details below. Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Farewell Dinner** (Oct. 22). Potluck – no cost. Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thurs, Oct 12 – Arrival

The Italians arrive at the Medford Airport at **10:44 p.m.** Note that the time has changed to approx. 2 hours earlier! Please have signs, flowers and /or balloons welcoming your new Italian family member!

New arrival time!!!

## Fri – Sun, Oct 13 - 15 – Weekend with host families

### Sun, Oct 15 – Welcome Party **RSVP required** (see top of page).

**5pm** at the US Ballroom, California Street, Jacksonville. Dinner provided but please bring preferred beverages for the adults and minors in your family. Cost is \$10 per family. No cost to Italian students.

### Mon, Oct 16 – Oregon Caves & Ft. Vannoy Farm experience. **Lunch provided. Bring snacks.**

**8:30 am.** Italians will meet at South Medford High School Commons and go directly to the bus alley behind the school. The bus **leaves SMHS at 8:35 am.** They will tour the caves in the morning and at 2:30 pm they will experience a corn maze, hay ride, and pumpkin patch at **Ft. Vannoy Farms**, 5791 Lower River Rd, Grants Pass. Bus will return Italians to SMHS around 6 pm (this is an estimated time). The Italians fill the cave tours so Americans who go will have to wait outside. Sorry! If you would like to meet the Italians at the farm, 3 pm is a good time to shoot for. Italians are free. Cost for Americans is \$6 a person. Looks like a wonderful "Harvest Fair.

**Tues, Oct 17 – Crater Lake. Large sack lunch and snacks required.**

**8 am** - bus leaves **SMHS** at the bus alley and returns to South around 7 pm. Due to possible weather changes, we cannot provide an exact itinerary until a day before this event. Please insist that your Italian dress for very cold weather. It is always colder there than they expect and they suffer. Coats, hats, gloves, socks, long pants, and layers!

**Weds, Oct 18 – Guided Upper Table Rock Hike. Sack lunch in back pack required.**

The bus leaves **SMHS at 8:15 a.m.** See “What to Bring on your Table Rock Hike” list (you do not need to provide a name tag!) From Table Rocks they will take a bus to Ashland. The group is free to explore Ashland for the afternoon. This is a good place for them to shop for souvenirs. Please arrange to pick up/ meet your Italian in Ashland. The bus will **NOT** bring Italians back to Medford.

OPTIONAL: **Tailgate party and Powderpuff football game at 7pm** at North Medford High School (Homecoming week). We encourage you to arrange to attend as this is something very unique to the U.S.

**Thurs, Oct 19 – SMHS Day & City Hall Meeting. Make own lunch arrangements.**

**8:30 am** Italians meet at the SMHS theater. After a tour of SMHS, they will join their host or a leadership student for the 2<sup>nd</sup> block class and lunch.

**12:00 pm** Italians meet in the SMHS Commons near the office and will split into three groups to visit **Hoover, Ruch and Orchard Hill elementary schools**. Italians will answer student questions at each school. We need drivers from SMHS to one of the elementary schools and approximately 2:30 pm drive them back to SMHS.

**4:45 pm City Hall Meeting and Dinner. Please be on time!**

Italians meet in front of City Hall, 411 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Medford to:

- **4:45** Take a group photo in Alba Park (this is our only opportunity so be on time!)
- **5:00** Dine with Mayor Wheeler and the Council (dinner provided for Italians.
- **6:00** Be introduced and a few to speak at the City Council meeting
- **6:20** Go to a reception to sign the book and enjoy dessert. Done by 7pm.

**Fri, Oct 20 – NMHS & Jacksonville Day. Italians will buy lunch in Jacksonville.**

**9:00 am** Italians meet at North in the office. They will tour the school and attend the Homecoming Rally where they will be introduced.

**11:30 am** the Italians will take the bus to **Jacksonville** where they will be free to explore the town and get lunch. You are welcome to join them! It's a good souvenir shopping town!

**11:45 & 12:40 pm** Italians take a **Trolley Tour** of J'ville (two groups). Sorry, there is only room on the trolley for the Italians. Please pick up your Italian in Jacksonville by **3 pm**.

**7:00 pm** NMHS Homecoming **football game, Spiegelberg Stadium**. Italians admitted free.

**Sat, Oct 21 – Taste of Alba Wine Walk. Adults only (a change).**

This is our annual wine and food event! Please join us! The event begins at **3 pm** in downtown Medford. Downtown restaurants pair their food with wine from Alba and surrounding area. Cost: \$30 per person. Please go to [www.medfordalba.com](http://www.medfordalba.com) to purchase Taste of Alba tickets. While the event is for adults only, it would be wonderful to have a few Italians and hosts at the check-in table at Vogel Plaza downtown (at the chess player) from 3 -4:30 pm. Let Kim know if host & Italian can be there! This event is optional.

**Sun, Oct 22 – Farewell Party and “Prom” Prom RSVP required by Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**6:00 pm** at US Ballroom, California Street, Jacksonville. The Farewell Party is a pot luck! The main course is provided. Host families bring a side dish to share and your own beverages.

The formal “**Prom**” for Italians and Americans starts after dinner when most adults have gone. Each host may invite up to 2 extra American guests. Please RSVP Kim by text the number of your students attending Prom by Sat, Oct. 21!

Girls wear nice dresses or gowns. Guys wear a nice shirt. Please help Italian girls borrow a dress if needed! We will need a minimum of 5 chaperones for this event. Please bring snacks or drinks for students to enjoy during the prom! We also need DJ and photo booth ideas, decorations & people to decorate. Thank you for helping us make this a special event! Families arrange for transportation home from Prom around **10:30 or 11 pm**.

**Mon, Oct 23 – Departure**

**11 am** - be at the Medford airport. The Italians’ flight leaves at **1pm**. Please thinking about a gift for their family from yours. It is customary for the Italians to bring a gift for your family. It is a sign of friendship to reciprocate. Weight of suitcases is always a concern so avoid heavy gifts and be sure to weigh bags before leaving home.

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