

# ADVENTURE IRELAND HIGH SCHOOL CAMPS 2012



## INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR STUDENTS TRAVELLING FROM USA or CANADA 2012

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### Culture & Adventure Program in Ireland



## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS 2012 JULY & AUGUST The Camp Description.

Adventure Ireland High School Camp was established in 1996, for high school students from the USA and Canada to experience an authentic and fun trip to Ireland. Adventure Ireland is the longest running camp, based in Ireland and run by Irish Staff, in a beautiful and friendly location.

This is an ideal summer camp for students of Irish descent, or students who have an interest in Irish Culture and history. There are two choices available- students who are interested in Irish Culture, History, Current Affairs, Music and Arts can enjoy lectures on these subjects, and field trips to places of cultural interest. Students who want to come to Ireland, but are more interested in sports and activities can choose a program packed with surfing, climbing and other adventure activities. All students will enjoy afternoon and evening activities with other students from Ireland, the UK and Europe. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience Irish hospitality in a very friendly and safe environment.

We are located in County Donegal, on the Atlantic Coast. This area of Ireland is famous for breathtaking scenery, wonderful history and the friendliest people in Ireland. Although we are based in Donegal, we travel to many other parts of Ireland, including Dublin City and Galway City, Cork and Kerry. Students taking the culture option will travel with a guide to many of the must-see sights in Ireland, including The Cliffs of Moher, Killarney National Park, Yeats Country and Dublin City.

We understand that choosing a program that is far away requires a leap of faith from parents. Hundreds of students have enjoyed a wonderful experience here, and we are happy to supply you with contact details of other parents in the USA who know us, and what we do. We are happy to discuss the program in detail with you. The Program Director is Niamh Hamill, (pronounced Neeve) and she can be reached at [info@adventure-ireland.com](mailto:info@adventure-ireland.com) or at 973 610 5125.

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## **THE PROGRAM CHOICES ...**

### **1. The Irish Culture and Adventure Camp:**

Many young visitors here want to learn all about Ireland- the history and culture, the stories behind the scenery. Many have already done some study on Ireland, or know about it from family and friends. For those that enjoy learning, Director Niamh Hamill and her team have put together a superb program of informal lectures on a range of cultural topics. These classes are integrated with field trips and travel to many wonderful places, such as the Hill of Tara, Galway City, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney National Park and Yeats Country.

This program will suit students who enjoy a classroom environment in the mornings, and have an interest in learning about culture. This program also includes some adventure activities, including surfing, climbing, Gaelic Sports, and hiking. Students will mix with Irish and European students each evening, and enjoy a great international atmosphere.

Most U.S. students do the culture and adventure camp, and we highly recommend it. The Adventure Camp works for sport-loving teens who do not want to have to sit in a classroom for any length of time! We're ok with this, but usually, our adventure campers are coming back for a second time, and have enjoyed the introduction to Irish studies first time around. If in doubt, please take program 1.

### **2. The Adventure Camp:**

For students who have had enough of the classroom all year, (or have been with us before) the Adventure Camp offers a great experience of Ireland, but with the emphasis on surfing and outdoor adventures. This will suit sporty teenagers who want to enjoy the beauty and scenery of Ireland by exploring it through outdoor activity and adventure.

All students will be offered the field trips and travel, but students can choose also to do activity camp without any cultural travel or field trips and concentrate on the surfing and climbing. You can talk to us about what program suits best. No matter which program you choose, the experience of living and enjoying Ireland for three weeks is awesome.

### **Who comes on this camp?**

We seek out students who really want to experience travel abroad, and will enjoy meeting other teenagers from different cultures and backgrounds. The culture and adventure program is wonderful for students who would enjoy some academic content. The adventure programs are terrific for sporty teenagers, especially if they like surfing. We welcome students travelling by themselves, and make a very special effort to make sure that each student is happy and feels secure and welcome. We keep in contact with parents through the booking process and the programs, and we put up a daily blog each day so parents, family and friends can tune in. We have no religious or political bias, we welcome students from all backgrounds, the only pre-requisites being tolerance of others and an interest in visiting Ireland.

### **How is this camp approved?**

The Campus of Adventure Ireland includes Donegal Adventure Centre, and Homefield House. Both premises are approved by the Irish Tourist Board, and inspected annually. All activities

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are approved by the relevant governing bodies, and all instructor staff are fully qualified in their activities. Every staff member is trained in Child Protection, and are all carefully vetted. Adventure Ireland runs many programs all year round, with Irish schools and colleges, and international schools and colleges. The Director of Adventure Ireland is Niamh Hamill, B.Ed, MA, and currently taking a PhD in Irish History and Culture. Niamh designs and delivers the academic and cultural content of the program, and is a terrific teacher and mentor. Adventure Ireland has delivered the Irish Way program for the Irish American Cultural Institute, and hosted many faculty-lead trips from US schools and colleges. Adventure Ireland has twice been awarded the 'Welcome Ireland' award from the Irish Tourist Board, and we are also Ireland's largest and busiest outdoor education centre and surf school. We are the only high school camp to Ireland that is based 100% in Ireland and administrated by Irish staff on a full-time basis.

## Why we do it-

We are Irish, and very proud of our culture, heritage and beautiful country. It is a country that has had many dark days, but it is now peaceful and welcoming. We know that there are millions of people in the USA and Canada who celebrate their Irish descent, and we want to encourage the ancestors of those who left to come back and renew their heritage, experience this unique culture and tap back into their roots.

Many of our students are the first family members to return to Ireland since their ancestors were forced to emigrate, and their return here, healthy, educated and curious is the very happy ending to the story of the emigrants. We want to provide a very happy experience here, and encourage those who are Irish, or appreciate Irish Culture to come here when they are young, and make friends here, get to know and understand this lovely little Island. Everybody wins. Many of our alumni have returned here with family and friends, many parents have visited, and we know and remember every one of our families. Many of us have visited our alumni when we have travelled to America. Adventure Ireland is a large, extended network of friends, and we run our camps with an unmatched passion and enthusiasm for what we do.

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**DATES AND FEES: Prices are in USD and do not include airfare.**

**EARLY BOOKING OFFER- PAY A 500 USD deposit by Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 2011, and camp fees are 2000 USD total! YES! 2000 U.S. DOLLARS!**

## SUMMER SESSION 01 (3 weeks)

From TUESDAY JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup>

### **CAMP A: IRISH CULTURE AND ADVENTURE CAMP JULY**

**Classes on Irish Culture & History + Surf & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.  
Field Trips & Overnight Travel Outings.**

**3 weeks Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup> 3000 USD  
Two week Camp (between July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>) 2000 USD**

### **CAMP B1: SURF & ACTIVITY CAMP**

**3 hours Surf Class + & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.  
With Field Trips & Overnight Travel Outings.**

**(no classroom, just activities!)  
3 weeks Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup> 3000 USD  
Two week Camp (between July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>) 2000 USD**

### **CAMP B2: SURF & ACTIVITY CAMP**

**3 hours Surf Class + & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.  
(no classroom or field trips, just activities!)**

**3 weeks Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup> 2500 USD  
Two week Camp (between July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>) 1900 USD**

## SUMMER SESSION 02 (3 weeks)

From TUESDAY JULY 24<sup>th</sup> -AUGUST 14

### **CAMP C: IRISH CULTURE AND ADVENTURE CAMP JULY/AUG**

**Classes on Irish Culture & History + Surf & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.  
Field Trips & Overnight Travel Outings.**

**3 weeks Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>-August 14 2800 USD  
Two week Camp (between July 24<sup>th</sup>-August 14) 1900 USD**

### **CAMP D1: SURF & ACTIVITY CAMP**

**3 hours Surf Class + & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.  
With Field Trips & Overnight Travel Outings.**

**(no classroom, just activities!)  
3 weeks Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>-August 14 2500 USD  
Two week Camp (between July 24<sup>th</sup>-August 14) 1900 USD**

### **CAMP D2: SURF & ACTIVITY CAMP**

**3 hours Surf Class + & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.  
(no classroom or field trips, just activities!)**

**3 weeks Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>-August 14 2100 USD  
Two week Camp (between July 24<sup>th</sup>-August 14) 1600 USD**

## SUMMER SESSION 03 (2 weeks)

From TUESDAY AUGUST 14-TUESDAY AUGUST 28

### **CAMP E: INTENSIVE SURF CAMP**

**Surf Sessions Morning & Afternoon - full activities evening + night entertainments. Direct Transfer to Bundoran.  
Surf and activities daily: there are no field trips or travel on this session. Purely for the surf fanatics!**

**2 WEEKS Tuesday August 14 -August 28 900 USD  
1 WEEK (between August 14-August 28) 700 USD**

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## FLIGHTS AND TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS

STUDENTS FLY INTO DUBLIN AND ARE MET AND TRANSFERRED TO THE CAMP BY OUR STAFF TO AVAIL OF FREE TRANSFER, STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE AND DEPART ON **TUESDAYS, BETWEEN 5 am and 5pm**. A TRANSFER FEE WILL APPLY TO ANY STUDENTS ARRIVING OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALMOST ALL FLIGHTS FROM THE USA CROSS THE DATELINE. THE STARTING DATES OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE THE DATE WE EXPECT STUDENTS TO ARRIVE INTO IRELAND. THEREFORE, THEY WILL DEPART THE USA OR CANADA ONE DAY EARLIER.**

### TRANSFER PRICES:

Tuesdays between 5am and 5pm

Transfers included in fees.

### TRANSFER OPTIONS FOR ANY OTHER DATES:

Accompanied Transfer from Dublin Airport – one way 200 USD

Accompanied Transfer from Dublin Airport- return 380 USD

Airfares are not included in the fees, because of the many locations from which our students travel, and the many travel options. Many airlines fly into Dublin City from the USA, including American Airways, Aer Lingus, Continental, Delta and USAir. We recommend the Irish Airline, [www.aerlingus.com](http://www.aerlingus.com) which has excellent fares, and connects with JetBlue to many US cities.

We are happy to help you with your flight arrangements, but we strongly advise that you book a direct flight from the USA/Canada into Dublin. We will let you know if other students are travelling from your area, and always endeavour to have students travel in groups, if possible. We do not recommend connecting through European cities, as you need to be sure that in the event of a flight cancellation or delay, someone can go and meet your child. Please keep this in mind when connecting through US cities, and either accompany your student to a Gateway city (with a direct flight to Dublin) or ensure that there is someone who can travel quickly to the airport in case of emergency.

We will meet every student at the airport. We check all flights, and we know if there are delays or early arrivals. We will contact you several times before departure to check details. On occasion, when there are several flights arriving, we will wait with students at the airport until everyone is in. Our campus is 3.5 hours outside Dublin, so it is not always practical to whisk each student away as they arrive. We know that students arriving after a long flight are tired, and we try to minimize waits as much as possible. It can be a great opportunity for us to have breakfast and get to know our new arrival.

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## **LOCATION & PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Adventure Ireland is located at Donegal Adventure Campus in County Donegal, Ireland. County Donegal is one of the most one of the most historic, beautiful and scenic counties in the Republic. We are right beside the beaches, with excellent surfing, sports and very friendly people. We are in the town of Bundoran, which is famous for surfing and for a traditional Irish welcome. There are shops and banks, a cinema and bowling alley, a funfair and beautiful surf beaches just seconds from our door. There are many beautiful places nearby, which we visit on our tours.

The Adventure Campus is in the village of Bundoran, and our centre is warm, comfortable and teen-friendly. The centre has free Wi-Fi and internet access, TV's and DVD screen. Rooms are shared between 2 -4 persons, and there is full supervision at all times. Rooms are en-suite and students can request to stay with friends, if travelling together.

Students who opt for the culture & adventure program will stay in Dublin city for one night, and will have a two-night trip to the southern counties. Accommodation will be in hotels, and students are fully supervised at all times. Visits will include King House in Boyle, Co. Roscommon, Clonmacnoise Monastic Settlement, The Rock of Cashel, Cobh Harbour in County Cork, Killarney National Park, The Burren, The Cliffs of Moher and Galway City. Day trips will include the Yeats Grave at Drumcliff, Glencar Waterfall, Ballyshannon Heritage Town and Sligo City.

There are three meals served each day: Breakfast of cereal, tea/coffee, toast & fruit, a hot lunch, and a two-course dinner. Students also have access to local stores, and can stock up on favourite snacks and suppers.

There are church services available here to most denominations. We will help arrange this for students if they wish to attend services.

Our administrators, Ciara and Trish will help you with getting flights organised and making all of the arrangements. We will help you decide which camps are best. We can also help you contact other parents who have sent their children here before. We never give out student emails, but if parents make contact, and agree, then it is up to them to allow students to correspond.

We will send you detailed information about what to pack, and also exactly how airport collections will work. We post a daily blog with photos, video and details about each day on camp. We are happy to help with arrangements if you are organising to visit yourself, or plan an adult vacation at any time.

A word on Northern Ireland.... We are located in County Donegal, which is in Southern Ireland. Since 1994, we have been blessed with a peaceful and wonderful resolution of past troubles between North and South. There are now no borders between Northern and Southern Ireland, and Irish people travel very comfortably between both places.

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## Sample Timetable for Culture & Adventure Programme 2012- Programs A and C Schedule subject to change up to April 2012.

Adventure Ireland		2012	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Depart USA	02 July 2011	Monday	DEPART USA FOR DUBLIN	DEPART USA FOR DUBLIN	DEPART USA FOR DUBLIN
Arrive Dublin	03 July 2011	Tuesday	Adventure Ireland leaders will meet everyone in Dublin Airport. Check-in to Dublin hotel, breakfast, orientation & introduction to program by Director Niamh Hamill	Walking tour of Dublin City Centre area, including National Museum of Ireland, Trinity College, Temple Bar area, Viking Dublin, Christchurch Cathedral & Clarence (U2) hotel	Evening icebreakers and introductions. Our hotel is the Camden Court Hotel in Dublin City Centre, and there are excellent leisure facilities including gym, pool and sauna.
Dublin	04 July 2011	Wednesday	Transfer to Donegal with stop-off at HILL OF TARA. Royal Tara was the home of the High Kings of Ireland.	Arrival at Donegal - check in & fun meet & greet session with Donegal staff	Evening 'TORAIOCHT' activity- excellent fun activity outdoors/icebreakers with other students from Ireland & Europe. July 4th Barbeque.
Donegal	05 July 2011	Thursday	Irish Language- introduction to Gaelic, learning some phrases, translating names & locating family roots	Beginner Surf Lesson on beautiful Tullan Strand beach.	Super Quiz night with all nationalities
Donegal	06 July 2011	Friday	Morning classes - History of Ireland: Prehistoric Ireland- Celts	Tour to Prehistoric Burial Site, Co. Sligo	High ropes Climbing Challenge
Donegal	07 July 2011	Saturday	Morning classes- Christianity & St. Patrick in Ireland.	Visit to Abbey Mass Rock and St. Patrick's Well, Ballyshannon	Basketball Game: America V Europe
Donegal	08 July 2011	Sunday	Sunday Services if required. Late breakfast & room tidy	Funfair Afternoon.	Gaelic Sports Night- hurling & Gaelic Football
Donegal	09 July 2011	Monday	Morning Classes- a history of Irish Music. Learning Ballads of Ireland and the history behind them	Workshop for American students- they will organise themselves in groups and prepare presentation	Irish Movie Night
Donegal	10 July 2011	Tuesday	Morning classes- Viking & Norman Invasions.	Visit to the O' Donnell castle at Donegal Town, home to Annals of the Four Masters	Arts & Crafts: Tie-Day and Jewelry Making - (bring a plain white t-shirt!)
Donegal	11 July 2011	Wednesday	Morning classes - Protestantism v Catholicism.	High Ropes Climbing Activity	Ceili Night- Irish Dancing
Donegal	12 July 2011	Thursday	Tour of Derry City & Wall Murals	Tour of Derry City & Wall Murals	Irish Movie Night
Donegal	13 July 2011	Friday	The Anglo-Irish Cultural Revival	Tour to Druncliffe, resting place of WB Yeats & Sligo Town	The great Adventure Ireland Talent Show
Tipperary/Cork	14 July 2011	Saturday	Depart for Cobh with stops at Rock of Cashel & Clonmacnoise Monastery	Depart for Cobh with stops at Rock of Cashel & Clonmacnoise Monastery	Overnight in Cobh, Co. Clare.
Kerry/Clare	15 July 2011	Sunday	Tour to Killarney National Park	Travel onwards to Doolin for visit to The Burren and Cliffs of Moher.	Overnight in Galway City.
Connemara/Galway	16 July 2011	Monday	Travel to Connemara & Delphi Valley	Travel to Connemara & Delphi Valley	Return to Bundoran
Donegal	17 July 2011	Tuesday	All day Hike- Glencar & Yeats Country	All day Hike- Glencar & Yeats Country	Superstars - Challenge with Euro & Irish students.
Donegal	18 July 2011	Wednesday	Morning Classes - Modern Ireland - Politics, Current Affairs and Europe.	Visit to Glenveagh Castle & National Park	Surfchick (entertainment)
Donegal	19 July 2011	Thursday	Meet Irish singer/songwriter Róisín Atchison for workshop & performance	Surfing or Canoe/Layak session	Building a traditional Irish 'Currach' (boat)
Donegal	20 July 2011	Friday	Preparation for student presentation	Irish Cuisine- Preparing an Irish Meal of Boxty and Irish Stew	Sunset Beach Surf
Donegal	21 July 2011	Saturday	Final preparation of project work for Adventure Ireland presentations.	Student make presentations of their projects to Adventure Ireland	Adventure Ireland Video Presentation
Donegal	22 July 2011	Sunday	Sunday Services if required. Late breakfast & room tidy	Packing & preparation for departure.	Final Banquet- traditional Irish Meal at La Sabbia restaurant with

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					presentations & awards.
Donegal	23 July 2011	Monday	DEPART DUBLIN AIRPORT	DEPART DUBLIN AIRPORT	DEPART DUBLIN AIRPORT

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Donegal	09 July 2011	Monday	Surfing Session	Kayak Adventure	Irish Movie Night
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Tipperary/Cork	14 July 2011	Saturday	OPTIONAL -TWO DAY TRIP (CAMP B1 or D1)OR SURFING CAMP CAMP (B2 or D2) -Depart for Cobh with stops at Rock of Cashel & Clonmacnoise Monastery or Surfing	Depart for Cobh with stops at Rock of Cashel & Clonmacnoise Monastery	Overnight in Cobh, Co. Clare.
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## FEES

### What the fees include:

Collection on arrival at airport on TUESDAYS between 5am and 5pm . (SEE ABOVE)

Welcome & transfer to Donegal by luxury coach or taxi. Accommodation, all bed linen and room comfort. Breakfast, lunch & evening 3-course meal. All tours, trips, admission fees, tour guides, tuition & notes. Outdoor activity wetsuits, surf boards, equipment, instruction, transfers. Talent shows, cinema, bowling, Water Park

. Full 24-hour supervision. Our total care and attention.

### What the fees do not include:

1: Airline Fees. We can help you find the best flights, and you can look at the many sites that will help you get best value. You need to have students fly into DUBLIN AIRPORT, and if you get a flight between 5am and 5pm on Tuesdays (arrival/departure) you will not pay any transfer fees to Adventure Ireland Camp. PLEASE NOTE THAT DEPARTURE DATES FROM THE USA WILL BE ONE DAY EARLIER, AS MOST FLIGHTS FLY THROUGH THE DATELINE.

### 2: Laundry.

A laundry service is provided once a week. Students must bring two laundry net bags- one for white clothes and one for coloured clothes. There is a small charge for laundry, and this will depend on the amount of clothes laundered. All items of laundry must be labelled with the student's name. Adventure Ireland will not take responsibility for any laundry that is not labelled with name.

### 3: Phone Cards.

Students who wish to phone home will need to buy a phone card. The best place to buy these cards is when they get to Ireland. This will allow them to get the best value to make calls. There is free wifi at Adventure Ireland, and students will have time to use computers to email.

### 4: Airport Transfers that are not on Tuesdays between 11am and 5pm.

Please note that it is expensive to drive to Dublin Airport and back to collect one or two students. It is much better to try and arrange flights on the Tuesdays, between 11am and 5pm, when there will be staff there to meet students and bring them to the camp. Students who come in earlier than 11am can wait for the bus if they wish. There is also a bus link with Ballyshannon (close to Adventure Ireland) that students can take, if they are old enough to travel unaccompanied.

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## General Information about the Adventure Ireland Programmes

### SAFETY & SUPERVISION

As parents, you will have concerns about the level of supervision. We first recommend that you do contact parents who have through the booking process, have sent their kids and can tell you all about what we do. We say this with full confidence, because, to date, we have never had a complaint from any parent about our care of the young visitors in our care. These references are available by email

### THE AIRPORT:

We are at the airport every Tuesday, 11am-5pm and meet everybody. Delays, early arrivals, lost baggage...we are on hand to deal with it all. We will meet every person and transfer him or her safely to Donegal. The same applies to return flights-unless students are meeting up with family or friends; we bring them back to the airport and put them on the plane.

### THE PROGRAMME:

Our students are supervised all the time. We do allow a little free time for older teens, who always enjoy shopping etc. Students are accompanied on these trips by monitors (responsible young people.) There are strict do's and don'ts which apply to all students, and they will be made aware of what these rules are

### SMOKING CIGARETTES

Adventure Ireland is a non-smoking program. WE DO NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO SMOKE AT ANY TIME. It is illegal in Ireland to smoke in any workplace. It is illegal to buy or possess cigarettes if you are under 18 years.

If we find our students smoking, we reserve the right to confiscate cigarettes. Smoking in this building is against Irish Law (and obviously a serious hazard) and we will fully exercise all options if we find students smoking in any part of the building. We will always inform parents of any incident.

### ALCOHOL

Our program is absolutely alcohol free. Students of any are not allowed to purchase alcohol, enter licensed premises or off-license\*, be present with persons who have alcohol, drink alcohol etc. The legal drinking age is 18 years, and any students (regardless of age) who have; bring; witness or purchase alcohol/ illegal drugs will be sent home immediately without refund at their own expense. Any student who is aware of others drinking or using drugs must report immediately to the manager or they will be considered an accomplice and sent home. **There will be no exceptions made.** We will not refund fees or be responsible for any expense of transfer or travel arrangements. We will just expel the offender from the programme and take them to the airport immediately. Students who are expelled from the program will no longer be, in any way, the responsibility of this program. We will always inform parents of any incident.

### DRUGS

The above rules apply to the taking of illegal substances, or drug abuse. Adventure Ireland will expel students immediately from the program if there is a situation with the above. We will always inform parents of any incident. Students who are expelled from the program will no longer be, in any way, the responsibility of this program. Schools will be informed of any major offences.

### BEHAVIOUR

Body piercing and tattoos while on this programme will not be permitted. We ask parents NOT to give permission for these, and students will be clearly informed that this is not allowed.

Antisocial behaviour as decided by Adventure Ireland will not be tolerated. This includes bad language, bullying or teasing, disrespect to others, lack of co-operation etc. As teachers, we are well used to handling groups of teens, and these situations don't arise, and our experience of Adventure Ireland students has generally been very enthusiastic and co operative. The staff at Adventure Ireland will deal with minor incidents as we see fit. Parents will be consulted if necessary. As we are 'in loco parentis' we ask for your full co-operation and support.

### ILLNESS AND ACCIDENTS

We will take care of any ill child as we would one of our own. Medical assistance is immediately available. Colds and flu's etc will be treated with standard medication. Sprains, bruises etc. likewise.

Parents will be notified immediately if more significant treatment is required. You will have informed us of all illnesses, allergies, etc and a full file is kept on each student for immediate reference. See Emergency Consent Form

### FAMILY SITUATIONS

We understand that sometimes there are current 'family' situations such as bereavement, divorce, serious illness etc in the background. If there is a potentially upsetting or difficult background, please make the Director of the program aware of the basic details. All matters will be dealt with absolutely confidentially and staff informed on a need-to-know basis. We

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assume parents will communicate details with each other and we use one parental address for emails etc. If this is NOT the case, please explain that to the program director.

We do not discriminate against children with learning disorders, medical conditions or special needs, but we must have all relevant information in advance so that we know exactly what we are dealing with.

## OUTSIDE VISITORS

It is not uncommon to have relatives or friends visit during the programme. However, Adventure Ireland will not allow students to leave the campus with anyone unless the visit has been notified to the Director of the Programme in writing and clear instructions have been discussed. This is to ensure safety and care at all times.

## THE FINAL SAY:

Years of experience have moulded our list of do's and don'ts. We don't let (even experienced) teen surfers go out on dangerous waves or surf in bad weather. We don't allow people get buses to visit nearby relatives. Please respect our knowledge and experience and support us in our decisions. Please discuss any alternative ideas with us before suggesting it to the students. We are always happy to discuss any matter with parents but we respectfully ask you to allow us to make the call.

## ADVENTURE IRELAND STAFF

### Niamh Hamill B. Ed H. Dip M.A - Director of Overseas Programmes

Niamh (pronounced NEEVE) Hamill, is the director of the international programmes. Niamh is a teacher of 20 years experience with elementary and high school students. A former director of Ashfield College, Templeogue, Niamh now arranges educational and cultural programs for students in Ireland. She is currently studying for a doctorate in Irish History and Culture. During the academic year, Niamh will regularly be in the USA, and can arrange for telephone or skype meetings at a suitable time. She will be attending Irish fairs and conferences around the USA, and if convenient, will meet with you and your student before the camp. Please check in with the website [www.adventure-ireland.com](http://www.adventure-ireland.com) after September 2011 for US contact details.

Niamh will be working hard to ensure that each individual is happy, comfortable & enjoying himself or herself. She is 'Mommy' to the program- helping parents arrange the trip, answering the questions, providing the references, taking care of the program.

### Colm Mac Phaidin - Director & General Manager, Donegal Adventure Centre.

The legendary Collie is also a director of the programmes, and he arranges the timetables and schedules for everyone. Collie is renowned among Adventure Irelanders for his irrepressible sense of humour, his excellent tours and classes and his attention to individuals. You'll be hearing about Collie for a long time!

### Ken Keane Directors of Operations

Ken is Director of Activities, and his job is to make sure that all the sports, water sports etc are supervised to the correct ratio, that all staff are fully trained and briefed, and that all activities are safe and well run.

### Nicky Dowling B.A. H.Dip - English Language Curriculum Director.

Nicky arranges the tuition and integrates her curriculum with the field trips and tours that are all part of the programme

### Trisha Corr & Ciara O' Shea - Administration Directors

Trish and Ciara handled all the student paperwork and fee schedules and payment details of our participants. They also take care of your bookings, and assist you with booking and any other information you need.

**TO BOOK A PLACE, YOU NEED A COPY OF THE BOOKING FORMS. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THEM WITH THIS INFORMATION, EMAIL OR CALL US AND WE WILL SEND YOU THE BOOKING FORMS.**

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