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## Sister City Youth Exchange – 2023 June 18- July 2 Program Overview

The Frankenmuth and Gunzenhausen Sister City Committees will offer FHS students the opportunity to travel in Germany and live with a host family in Gunzenhausen, Germany for about 2 weeks this summer. The maximum group size will be 12 students and 2 adult chaperones. The selected students' families are expected to host a reciprocal student from Gunzenhausen. The selection process is made by the Sister City Committee, who will review all the applications.

### Purpose:

- Provide a memorable and enjoyable experience and promote international understanding.
- Develop long-lasting friendships with people from our Sister City Gunzenhausen and to engage our youth in expanding our partnership/relationships.
- Broaden personal and family perspective of different cultures, grow friendships – both from Gunzenhausen and Frankenmuth!
- Gain appreciation of Frankenmuth's heritage and history.

### Applications:

Need to be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/fkmsistercity> by ~~Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023~~ **March 7, 2023**. A valid application should include a completed information sheet and a completed waiver & release form.



### Eligibility:

- Age 15 or older
- Student at Frankenmuth High School
- Agree to provide housing and host a Gunzenhausen student when they visit
- German language – some preferred
- Valid Passport (by June 1, 2023 – current turnaround time 6 weeks)
- Legal documents – waivers signed for liability, medical, pictures, behavior etc.
- Ability to make trip payment promptly (tight timing)

### Trip details:

- Dates – June 18- July 2 (could move +/- a few days based on airfare)
- Cost - \$2,100
- Activities – 3-day excursion in Germany as a Frankenmuth group, the rest of the time with host families in Gunzenhausen – school visit and day trips planned.

### Questions:

- Contact Jennifer Fruendt ([jfruendt@fmuthschools.com](mailto:jfruendt@fmuthschools.com)), Beth ([bethanybernthal@yahoo.com](mailto:bethanybernthal@yahoo.com)) or Joanmarie ([communicationsjhw@hotmail.com](mailto:communicationsjhw@hotmail.com))



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## Sister City Youth Exchange – 2023 Application

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current year at FHS: 09 10 11 12

Student's highest level of German completed by June 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Student understands they are representing Frankenmuth and will conduct themselves, accordingly, actively participate and are willing to make a presentation on Frankenmuth for your hosts.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Student's extracurricular activities, hobbies, and interests:

Student's past & present community service:

Special request – allergies, medical issues, non-smoking home, etc.

Reason for participating:

The undersigned attests that the above information is true and has been supplied by the applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(applicant's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)



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## Sister City Youth Exchange – 2023 Waiver & Release

The undersigned, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, who, as a student and participant in the Sister City Youth Exchange Program, is to travel to Gunzenhausen, Germany, and reside there with a host family.

In consideration of the participation of this student in the program, the undersigned, individually and as legal representative(s) of this student, hereby release the City of Frankenmuth, the Frankenmuth School District, and Frankenmuth High School, from any claim for injury, illness, or emotional upset which the student may suffer by or as a result of traveling to Germany and residing in a host family home for any extended period.

Further, the undersigned hereby releases the student’s host family from any and all indirect liability which may arise from injury, illness, or emotional upset while the student is residing with the host family under the exchange program.

The undersigned confirms the student has a good citizenship and legal record and that the student is willing to participate in Gunzenhausen activities as requested by the Sister City Committee and Freundeskreis of Gunzenhausen.

Further, the undersigned acknowledges that the student is of a legal age to consume alcoholic beverages in Germany. The undersigned hereby authorizes and empowers the host family to supervise and control the consumption of alcohol by the student while under the supervision of the student’s host family.

Parents (initial)

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned agree(s) to provide housing and host a Gunzenhausen student as their son/daughter will be hosted in Gunzenhausen.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Note – detailed planning meetings with students and parents will be held once the trip is confirmed.