



Dear Parents,

Field trips are integral to the education IST offers. IST believes that children learn best when they are engaged in their own learning and when their learning is closely linked to their personal experiences. Field trips provide this experience, as they provide opportunities for active, practical learning in a new and often exciting context; place students in direct context with their environment, Tanzania, which for many is new and fascinating; and in some cases challenge students physically. All trip costs are paid by parents, as these are not included in the school's tuition. Below is a sampling of the types of trips IST usually offers.

Local Curriculum Related Trips

All students, EC 1 through Grade 12, take local field trips. Parents are notified in advance of the destination and there is usually no charge for these trips in Dar es Salaam. Some trips may require a small charge to cover entry fees or other similar type of expense.

Overnight Curriculum Related Trips

Overnight trips are taken beginning in Grade 4. Some trips are required for all students, while others are optional. Currently required trips are as follows:

Grade 4	Bagamoyo	Towards the end of September; Estimated cost: TShs. 50,000
Grade 5	Mikumi National Park	Towards the end of November; Estimated cost: TShs. 100,000
Grade 11	IB Diploma Orientation Program	Towards the end of August; Estimated cost: TShs. 70,000
Grade 11	IB Diploma Field Study in Biology and Geography	Towards the end of February Estimated cost: TShs. 180,000

Activity Related Trips

These trips are optional and usually relate to an after school program. Options usually include:

Grades 9-12	Model United Nations	The Hague; Usually at the end of January; Estimated cost: +/- \$2000
Grades 6-12	Language Trips-Subject to a minimum number of students Spanish Trip to Spain French Trip to Paris Kiswahili Trip to Zanzibar	Estimated cost: +/- \$ To be determined
Grades 9-12	ISSEA Athletics: Men's /Women's Soccer/Volleyball Basketball	Oct31-4Nov 2007; Harare Estimated Cost: \$1000 March 5-9, 2008; IST Estimated Cost: \$50

Grades 9-12	International Awards Scheme	Camping and hiking trips 2-7 days; Estimated cost per trip: TShs. 50,000 – 100,000
Grades 9-11	The Kili Climb	March/April; Students are selected and physical fitness is a key criteria; Estimated cost: \$350 for 8 days and 7 nights
Grades 6-8	Climbing Mt. Meru	Towards the end of May; Students are selected and physical fitness is a key criteria; Estimated cost: \$350 for 6 days and 5 nights

* All estimated trip costs to Tanzanian parks are subject to change if park fees or transport costs increase

Extended Study Program (ESP) Grades 6-10

Annually, all students in these grades participate in ESP week. One week of school, Grade 6-8 in November, Grade 9-11 in February, provides the opportunity to study and learn outside of the classroom. Most ESP activities related to the five IB MYP ‘areas of interaction’-Community Service, Approaches to Learning, Health & Social Education, Environment and *homo faber*. In each grade there is a range of activities that are age appropriate. Adults are assigned to each group at a ratio of 1 adult to 8-10 students. Examples of the types of trips run in February 2007 are as follows:

ESP	Estimated Cost
Grade 6: Zanzibar	\$360
Grade 7: Bagamoyo/Pugu	\$250
Grade 8: Amani/Tanga	\$200
Grade 9+10: Overlander Marangu	\$260
Grade 9+10: Kilwa	\$280
Grade 9+10: Crater Highlands	\$600*subject to Park waiver
Grade 9+10: Selous Walking Safari	\$260
Grade 9+10: Usambara	\$350
Grade 9+10: Diving in Dar advanced	\$280
Grade 9+10: PADI Dive Course	\$550
Grade 9+10: Dar Dares	\$120
Grade 11: Udzungwa Field Course	TSh 220,000

If you wish to learn more about these experiences, please contact the relevant Principal. There are also photos from many of the trips on the website.

Sincerely,

David Shawver
Director