GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION: SCOTLAND 2014
(Revised October, 2013)

1. Dates:  **May 15 to June 3, 2014**

2. Cost:  **$3250.00 + airfare (approximately $4250.00)**
   Included:  Round trip airfare = St. Louis/Glasgow or Edinburgh, lodging for 18 nights at Hospitalfield House in Arbroath on the North Sea, all meals which are prepared by a chef, three nights in the Orkney Islands, Pentland Firth Northlink ferry trip to Stromness, Orkney and return, all ground travel/fuel (in rental vehicles, driven by faculty).  Not included:  tuition or fees, sweaters and postcards, pints at the pubs, etc.

3. Eligibility:  All majors are welcome, as well as colleagues/friends you may have in other departments, **even other universities.**

4. Deadlines:  The first deposit can be made as soon as you please.  This will hold your spot on the roster, but only until we have a full roster of paid in full participants.  In other words, **this is a first-come, first-reserved operation.**  A deposit will secure a place for you on the list, but paying in full will secure your seat on the plane.  Put simply:  The first 12-14 to have their program fee paid in full go on the trip.
   
   A.  Pay **$100.00** (or as much as you'd like over $100.00) to serve as a deposit.  (Contact Tom Saville - info below - to see how to go making program payments.)
   B.  All of your program fee must be paid in full (or financial aid must be committed) by **March 15, 2014.**

5. "Critical mass":  The program is a non-profit, cost-recovery program that requires a minimum of twelve student participants to make the trip work financially.  **(12 students + faculty.)**  We can go as high as 14, if need be.  No profit margin is built into this program.  There are group expenses that are only feasibly arranged through amassing this certain number of participants.  These costs mainly relate to ground transportation costs of van rental, fuel and ferry tolls for the vehicles.  The sooner that we establish that critical mass number the sooner we can start planning air tickets, vehicle rentals, Hospitalfield arrangements, Stromness, Orkney hostel reservations, so on.  We also must have all of the fees in place by March 15 to secure the best airfare rates.
6. Recruitment: If you have definitely decided to be a part of the program, we say welcome aboard. We'll have a great time and you will see a wonderful land on a trip that you will remember forever. Now, that being said, we will only be seeing that wonderful land if we get critical mass. (See #5 above.) So please do not hesitate to encourage your friends, fellow students, colleagues and others to join you. We can work with all majors and have in the past. That includes folks from other universities and other countries.

7. Refunds: You are able to get a full refund of your deposited fees before **February 1**. Should you decide after your deposit has been made that you cannot go on the program, we may have to keep a portion of the fees since we have held your spot in the program.

8. Passport: I'd encourage you to apply as soon as possible for a passport. Even if you do not go abroad next year you will likely need to have this critical element of identification. If you are leaning toward going overseas this year, but somehow don't, a passport is still a good idea. Depending on their ability to process applications, a passport may require a few weeks, sometimes shorter and sometimes longer, so please do not hesitate on this one crucial element of your planning.

9. websites

   General Scotland: http://www.visitscotland.com/
   Hospitalfield House: http://www.hospitalfield.org.uk/
   Orkney Islands: http://www.orkney.org/
   Ferry ride to Orkney: http://www.northlinkferries.co.uk/
   Edinburgh: http://www.edinburgh.org/
   National Galleries: http://www.nationalgalleries.org/
   Arbroath (North Sea town where Hospitalfield House is located): http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/arbroath/arbroath/index.html

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