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Students a chance to travel

Not too late to get on waiting list for New York, Colorado trips

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Hey, looking for a fun way to spend Spring Break? What, haven't decided where to go? Say the pocketbook is a little low? But you're still having dreams of swooshing on that powder in the Rockies ... Or maybe you're still fantasizing about losing yourself in New York, and experiencing life in the big city.

Though it's too late to sign up for an assured spot on a MSC Travel Committee trip for this spring, \$25 will get your name on the waiting list. After that, start rubbing your best lucky rabbit's foot, and hope that someone cancels.

The buses for the Mardi Gras trip departed from Aggie land today.

D. Searcy, who is the MSC Travel Committee's program advisor, says they'll take names for waiting lists for all the trips and the money will be refunded if the places remained filled.

"The MSC trips are University sponsored," she says. "So there are University representatives to assure that students receive everything they should."

Students have the chance to meet fellow and former students, as well as faculty and staff, on these trips, she says.

"We get good packages, since we get group rates," she says. "Pre-trip meetings are provided, so we can meet with everyone, and so they know what to expect from the trip."

The New Orleans trip will allow the festive Aggie to spend two days and nights in the middle of the action. For \$105, plus spending money, you obtain round-trip bus fare and two nights lodging.

"This trip isn't structured like the others," Searcy says, "because people have different interests. Some will want to see the sights, and some just want to party. I think some are going just so they can enjoy all of that food."

Students will be staying in a hotel on Canal Street which, Searcy says, is where the parading is.

If skiing is more your style, then head off to the slopes at Steamboat Springs, Col., for five days of fun for \$335.

The Crested Butte trip also costs \$335.

Both trips include bus fare from College Station to Colorado, lodging at condominiums, five days' worth of ski lift tickets, one banquet dinner and one party.

Don't let the lack of skis grind your visions of slaloming to a halt, they can be rented for the entire trip for \$35.

If partying in Louisiana, or enjoying the Colorado mountains doesn't appeal to you, the trip to New York still is beckoning to fly you away.

The wonderful town of New York City could be yours for only \$500. This package includes round trip airfare from Houston Hobby Airport to Newark Airport, six nights at the Milford Plaza, a ticket to the Broadway production of Cats, meals at Sardi's, Austies and China Town, a Czechoslovakian Philharmonic concert at Carnegie Hall and tours to Manhattan, Staten Island and other interesting places.

"This is the first year we're offering this New York package," Searcy says. "We had a different one last year, but it wasn't successful. This year the student coordinators worked

on the trip to make it more cultural."

Want to join in on the fun, but don't have the cash this year? Or, wondering how these exciting trips escaped your no-

tice? Start looking for the announcements around next Thanksgiving, Searcy says.

Sign-ups will begin the first week of the spring semester and will stay open until all the

spots are filled.

Or start saving your money now for the summer MSC Travel Committee's trips. Spend your spring break dreaming about traveling Europe or China. Sign-ups for these trips began Feb. 27.

The European tour leaves Houston Intercontinental on May 18 for Amsterdam, Holland, and will return on June 15. Places on the touring agenda include Belgium, West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, Spain and Vatican City.

It will cost \$1,700 for 28 days, all meals, admission to major sites and camping.

The campgrounds aren't like American sites, Searcy says.

"These are nice places," she says. "It isn't like roughing it."

Visit the mysterious Orient this summer with the committee's China trip. It leaves May 17 and returns May 30. The \$2,100 cost covers everything except for spending money.

Because of the flight arrangements, Searcy says, a side trip to Seoul, Hong Kong or Tokyo is available.

