



Boulder Nablus Sister City Project

2019 Delegation Packet and Application

Participant Name: _____

Date of Application: _____

Date Approved / Not Approved: _____

January 30 - February 10, 2018

Please send completed application to:

by email: info@bouldernablus.org

or mail:

Sheila Winters, Treasurer
Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project
1450 Ithaca Dr
Boulder CO 80305

Delegation Cost: \$1950 (for dbl occupancy,
additional charge for single room)
Partial delegation = \$175/day



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Note: It is very important that you carefully read and complete all forms and submit all of the required documents by January 6, 2019. There are a limited number of spots available so the sooner you submit a completed application with deposit the better your chances for participation on this delegation.

All forms in the packet must be completed in full, signed, and returned (paper or electronic) in order to participate in the BNSCP Nablus delegation.

You may wish to retain a copy for your own records.

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If you have any questions about BNSCP please contact Essrea Cherin at 303-506-7889 or essrea@bouldernablus.org



Mission Statement for the Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project (BNSCP)

The Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project fosters relationships through cultural, educational and professional exchanges, inspiring lifelong friendships that promote understanding and peace through person-to-person “citizen diplomacy.”

By signing this declaration, I demonstrate my commitment to honoring and helping to fulfill the mission of the BNSCP.

Participant Signature

Date

Delegation Goals

This delegation is intended to give participants an opportunity to get to know the people, NGOs, and city of Nablus. In addition, delegates will have an opportunity to experience village life and to see significant heritage sites in both Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

The best part is your chance to experience the unmatched Palestinian hospitality and make friends.

We invite all delegates to plan to share your experience in public presentations upon returning home, articles, blog posts, and in other forums.

We thank you in advance for your interest in joining the delegation.



Participant Data Form

Name: _____

(exactly as it appears in your passport)

Name you prefer to go by: _____

Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Citizenship: _____

****Please attach a clear copy (B+W is sufficient) of the front page of your passport to the back of this application or email to: essrea@bouldernablus.org. If you do not already have a passport, apply for one immediately and send in your copy when it arrives.**

NOTE: Your passport must be valid for at least six months after arrival date in Israel/Palestine

Contact Info

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Telephone (work): _____

Telephone (cell): _____

Email: _____ Email2: _____

Website Address: _____

Blog Address: _____

Twitter: _____ Skype: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____

(This information is used to contact an individual close to the Participant only in an emergency)

Phone Number: _____ email: _____

Relationship to Participant: _____



Participant Preferences

Room Type (every effort will be made to accommodate your preference)

- Single (will incur an additional charge of \$330 for 11 nights)
- Double (if you have a preferred roommate please name here: _____)
- Triple (only if and when available and price will be adjusted accordingly if so, and if there are two others who wish to room with you. If you know now, please name them here: _____ and _____)

Travel Experience and Motivations

1. Have you been to Nablus, the West Bank or Gaza? If yes, please name when you went and the purpose of your visit.

2. Describe what sorts of organizations, associations, professionals, or others you wish to engage with while in Nablus. *(Although we cannot promise to accommodate specific requests, we will endeavor to cater the trip to participant interests.)*

3. Why are you applying to participate on a Delegation to Nablus?



4. At this point, what are your *personal goals* for the Nablus delegation?

5. Do you have fears or concerns about participating on this delegation? Please name if so.

6. What has been your previous involvement, if any, with the BNSCP?

7. How did you learn about the BNSCP Delegation?

8. Personal Experience/Training you feel is relevant to this delegation

9. Have you lived or traveled abroad? Where?



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10. What else should we know about you?

Languages Spoken

Arabic _____ Hebrew _____ Other _____

(Please indicate: (A) excellent (B) good (C) fair (D) poor)



Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk

Note: This is a legally binding Agreement. Do not sign this Agreement until you have read it carefully and understand its contents. This Agreement may affect, reduce or eliminate your legal rights in certain circumstances. This Agreement must be signed by you.

I hereby request permission to participate on a BNSCP delegation including travel to and from BNSCP Delegation locations via transportation arranged by BNSCP or partners in the region. *[The Delegation will begin and end in Jerusalem, all delegates are expected to arrive to Jerusalem of their own accord. Assistance with ground transportation to or from Jerusalem will be provided, at an additional charge, only if requested.]*

I agree as follows:

1. I will secure a passport and/or any visas necessary for foreign travel to Nablus.
2. I am aware that BNSCP cannot guarantee me access to the country; Israeli security can and does deny entry to international travelers for various reasons and without explanation.
3. I am aware that there is a chance personal items, including computers, mobile phones, and purchases I make while in Palestine could be confiscated by Israeli security (although unlikely).
4. BNSCP reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to make changes in the itinerary whenever changes are warranted or deemed appropriate and withdraw participation of any delegation member whose conduct is incompatible with the group or mission of the BNSCP.
5. I understand that the delegation, including hiking on Masar Ibrahim, and/or other outdoor farming, touring, and sightseeing activities, can be somewhat physically difficult. I will disclose to BNSCP any physical conditions that may affect my participation in the delegation. (an alternate program will be arranged for those unable to participate in hiking from village to village).
6. I agree to fully comply with all rules and regulations established by the group leaders for the conduct of Participants on the Delegation, including, without limitation, the BNSCP Standards of Personal Conduct and Community Behavior (the "Standards"). I confirm that I have read the Standards and understand them in their entirety. *[See page 11 of this packet]*
7. If the delegation leader(s) determines in their sole discretion that my conduct fails to comply with the Standards or discredits the status or reputation of BNSCP, I will withdraw from the



- Delegation and, if the delegation is already underway in Palestine, I will return to my home residence when directed to do so by the leaders. I will also pay any outstanding costs (such as hotel charges) immediately upon receipt of a written request for payment from BNSCP.
8. I understand that I alone am responsible for any medical costs while on the delegation, including but not limited to, doctor's visits, medication, and special medical travel arrangements. [discounted international travel insurance is available and highly recommended: <http://sistercities.org/insurance>]
 9. I understand that I have the option to pay in full upon being accepted to the delegation or requesting a payment schedule divided into 3 equal payments. **Final payment is due no later than January 6, 2019.** The non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due along with this application. I further understand that the international airfare is not included in delegation fees and I will purchase this separately.
 10. If cancellation is received in writing before Jan. 1, 2019, a \$250 fee applies plus unrecoverable deposits, accommodation, travel, or other payments. After Jan. 1, a \$500 cancellation fee will be deducted from your refund, due to the special contracts, commitments to other delegates, and the services rendered on behalf of the entire delegation. Travel insurance is highly recommended.
 11. If I depart from Nablus on a date other than that originally scheduled. I agree to pay any additional travel costs and other expenses incurred by BNSCP.
 12. I understand that in the rare case of Israel denying my entry to the country, that BNSCP will use its best efforts to recover ground expense, such as unused lodging and meal costs, so that a portion of the fees I have paid may be returned to me. I understand that BNSCP cannot guarantee the return of any fees in the case of denied entry.
 13. I agree to allow BNSCP to use my name, written or oral quotations and/or photograph in marketing and promotional materials, including, but not limited to, Facebook posts, presentations, brochures, posters, flyers, and websites. *[Please cross this out if you do not wish to appear in these promotional materials]*
 14. I also hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless BNSCP, their members, directors, and officers, agents, host country sponsors and other participants in the Delegation from any and all liability, claims, demands, rights or causes of action, brought on my own behalf or by or for any other person, or by my heirs, executors, or assigns, for



personal illness, injuries or death, denial of entry, or any damage to or loss of personal property which may occur en route to, during, from or as a result of my participation in the BNSCP Delegation to Palestine.

16. In signing this document, I expressly release, discharge, and hold harmless BNSCP and the persons described above to the maximum extent permitted by law in any state, territory, district or country.
17. Note: By signing my registration application, I affirm that I have been advised and am aware of the U.S. State Department Travel Warning to Israel and the West Bank (<http://www.travel.state.gov/travel>).
18. I have read the foregoing and sign it voluntarily. I am of sound mind and act of my own free will, without coercion or duress, in signing this Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk.
19. I am at least eighteen (18) years of age. I have read and understood all of the above statements.

Participant's Name (printed) _____ Date of Birth _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Standards of Personal Conduct and Community Behavior

Note: We ask delegates to make a few basic commitments prior to, during, and upon return. Please indicate your general agreement by signing your name or briefly explaining any reservations you have beside the corresponding item.

The BNSCP Delegation participant will:

1. Attend a required orientation meeting prior to departure. Trip leaders will schedule this on a date and time that works for most delegates. Those unable to attend will be required to arrange an alternate time in which to receive critical delegate information.
2. See themselves as a member of a group, abiding by the decisions of the delegation co-leaders. This may mean putting aside personal preferences; delegation leaders are more familiar with cultural cues, always seeking to honor and respect local hosts.
3. Attend and be punctual at meetings of the delegation unless extenuating circumstances prevent you, in which case you will be expected to notify a delegation leader of your absence in advance of the meeting (whenever possible).
4. Consult with the delegation leaders about arranging meetings with friends or additional contacts to make sure that they do not create scheduling or logistical conflicts.
5. Act in the spirit of respect for behavior, values, and customs of another culture throughout the trip, putting aside American expectations whenever possible. *[When in doubt ask delegation leaders for guidance]*

The BNSCP Delegation participant will not:

1. Engage in any behavior that may be harmful to the health and safety of yourself or others, nor will the Participant engage in any behavior that may be detrimental to the group.
2. Make promises or even hint at the possibility of a future project to any local individual. *[Please understand that your heart may be tugged multiple times over the course of the visit and you may feel inspired to begin a project upon return to the US. All projects must be presented via proposal to the BNSCP board of directors for approval, therefore you are encouraged to take notes as you gain ideas, but in no way are you to communicate these ideas with people you meet in the course of the delegation. Further explanation will be given at the required orientation meeting prior to the delegation's departure.]*
3. Offer any advice to those you meet. You may well have brilliant ideas of how to resolve the current political situation, and unless these ideas are invited at the initiative of our hosts,



you are NOT to make any suggestions to anyone about what they 'should' or 'could' do differently. Delegates are there to make friends and good friends do not offer advice unless it has been solicited.

4. Use or possess any drugs which are illegal under the laws of the US or Palestine.
5. Consume alcoholic beverages when it's culturally inappropriate to do so (Nablus is 'dry', you, therefore, should plan not to partake of alcoholic beverages during the delegation).
6. Go anywhere by themselves without first informing a delegation leader (this does not include scheduled 'free time' for delegates).
7. Handle firearms or any other type of weapon.
8. Engage in sexual activity with local community members. *[Palestinian culture is far more conservative than we are accustomed to and thus even flirting or sexually suggestive language/jokes/innuendos are disrespectful and to be avoided.]*

Each BNSCP Participant should understand that the following rules apply during all phases of delegation participation.

Procedures in the Event of a Violation of the Standards

An infraction or disregard for the Standards of Personal Conduct and Community Behavior may result in the Participant's immediate dismissal from the Delegation and return to the United States, country of origin, and/or home residence at the expense of the Participant.

When the decision is made to return a Participant, the appropriate travel arrangements are made and additional costs incurred are to be borne by the Participant.

Participant Name: _____ (printed)

I, the BNSCP delegate have read the BNSCP Standards of Personal Conduct and Community Behavior in its entirety

I, as a delegate, pledge to uphold and abide by these Standards while in Nablus, and traveling to and from Nablus. I understand that if I violate the Standards, I may be dismissed from the BNSCP Delegation before my scheduled return date.

I agree to fully compensate BNSCP for any and all penalties and expenses incurred in the event of an early return from Nablus.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____



Upon Your Return

It is very helpful if delegates, upon return, share their experiences with the community such as:

- Participate in and organize public presentations and media interviews.
- Write articles and/or blog posts about your experience.
- Recruit members for future delegations.
- Promote and support the work of the Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project.

Please briefly explain ways you will share your experience:

Are you affiliated with an organization/group that would be able to set up speaking engagements for you upon your return? If so, what is the name of the organization or group? Or arrange media interviews or blogging opportunities? *[We advise that you reach out prior to the trip to get a date on their calendar for a presentation]*

During the delegation, we are always in need of social media capable individuals who are willing to post regular updates about delegation activities. Are you interested in helping in this regard?

- Sure, I'd be happy to
- No thanks, not my thing



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For More Information

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303-506-7889

Non-Refundable Deposit

To indicate your interest please submit along with this application a \$250 non-refundable deposit. Upon your acceptance to participate on the delegation, your deposit will be applied to the total fee of \$1950 and a payment schedule for the remaining fees will be issued with the entire fee due no later than January 6, 2019.

Payment can be submitted by check, made payable to BNSCP (with Delegation 2019 in the memo) mailed to:

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Or by credit card by going to www.paypal.me/bnscp and entering \$250 as the amount to charge.

Your delegation fees will cover all your ground expenses including meals, lodging, transportation, guides, tips, gifts, and delegation leaders' expenses. Delegation leaders will not receive compensation (however their travel expenses are covered). Any funds collected over the actual costs incurred will go to the Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project for designation into project(s) of the Board of Directors's choice.

Future Delegations

Check below if:

- You'd like to learn more about how you can contribute to scholarships that make this opportunity available to future delegates.