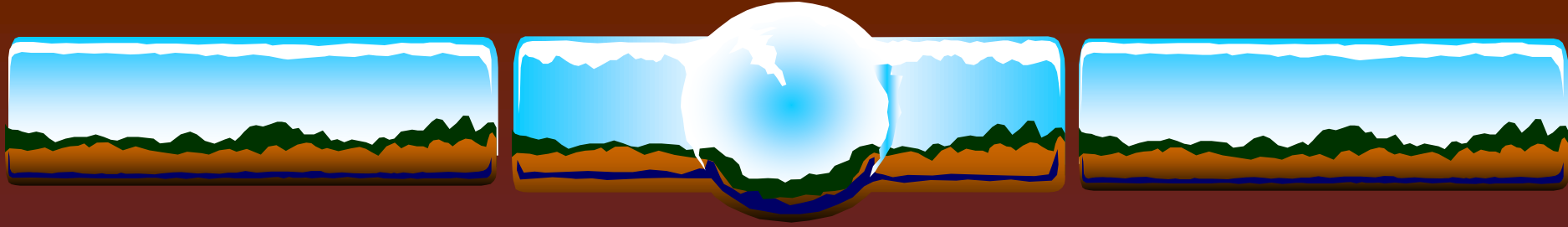




2004 McAuley & La Salle Summer Mission Trip



OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA Blackfeet An
Immersion Program in Browning, Montana



OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA

“Come & See”



Components of OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA

- ❖ Faith
- ❖ Community
- ❖ Service-Learning
- ❖ Social Justice
- ❖ Simplicity
- ❖ Safety
- ❖ This is NOT a sight seeing trip!





Why the Blackfeet Indian Reservation & Browning, Montana?



De La Salle Blackfeet School

- ❖ Annual family income is \$15,000 with a population of about 2500 in Browning, Mt.
- ❖ 80% unemployment
- ❖ Industry: Firefighting
- ❖ Sub-par Public School System
- ❖ Strong Roman Catholic presence in the community



Where is Browning Montana?

- ❖ Located just east of Glacier National Park
- ❖ 3 Hours south of Calgary
- ❖ 2 Hours Northwest of Great Falls
- ❖ Rocky Mountains rise in the west, while the east look onto the Great Plains





How Will We Prepare?

- ❖ Community Building
- ❖ Components of OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA
- ❖ Fundraising
- ❖ Demographics & History
- ❖ Reservation Life
- ❖ Prayer and Reflection
- ❖ Readings, Films and Websites
- ❖ Ask for Prayers and Support



Where Will My Child Stay?

- ❖ De La Salle Blackfeet School or the community farmhouse (15 miles away)
- ❖ Simple kitchen, bathroom, showers and community space
- ❖ Separate sleeping quarters for males and females
- ❖ All in our group share in the cooking and cleaning chores



Prayer & Reflection



Holy Family Mission Church

- ❖ Students will be expected to keep a journal
- ❖ Each day begins with morning prayer and each day ends with evening prayer
- ❖ Thursday and Sunday Mass
- ❖ Several opportunities to learn about the various injustices surrounding life of an Indian Reservation

What Kinds of Service Will They Do?

- ❖ Possibilities include:
- ❖ Serving as tutors and assistants at De La Salle Blackfeet School
- ❖ Community Clean-Up Projects
- ❖ Native American Care Center for the Elderly



A Look at a Sample Schedule



DLSB Farmhouse



Outside of DLSB School

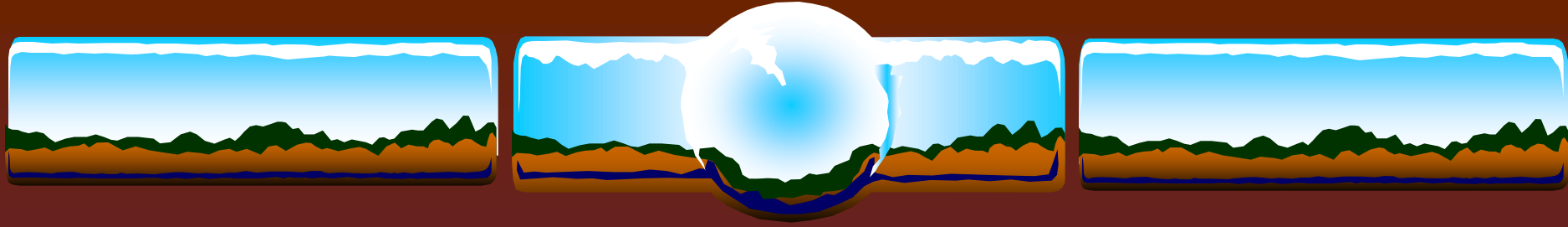


What About Safety?

- ❖ Ratio is one adult to five students
- ❖ No one is allowed to wander outside of school unless an adult is notified
- ❖ Emergency Phone Numbers
- ❖ We will have access to vans in the event of an emergency and for our trip to Glacier National Forest.
- ❖ Medical care is available in Browning as well Great Falls, Mt.
- ❖ Parent Phone Tree – no cell phones or pagers allowed

What Are the Transportation Arrangements?





What Should We Bring?

The Great Packing List!



The Weather Can Change Quickly!



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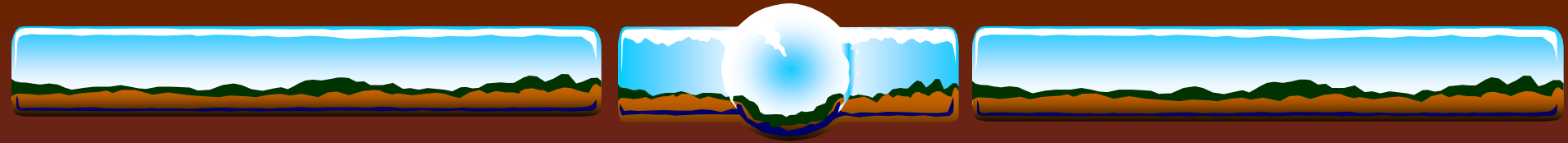


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How Do I Apply?

- ❖ Read all the necessary forms
- ❖ Complete the application as thoroughly as possible
- ❖ Submit your completed application to Mrs. Keith or Mr. Winiarski by the appropriate due date
- ❖ Note: All applicants will be notified of their standing by March 3, 2004.



“It doesn’t interest me who you are or how you came to be here. I want to know if you can stand in the center of the fire with me and not shrink back. I want to know what sustains you from the inside when all else fails. I want to know if you can be alone with yourself and if you truly like the company you keep in empty moments.”

- Orjah Mountain Dancer

Native American Elder, May 1994