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ANDERSON

Anderson Community Schools
Highland Middle School
Adam Roberson

“From Sea to Shining Sea: Enhancing Meditation by the Water” - traverse the United States in a modified modular camper van, visiting and meditating at each National Lake and Seashore

ANGOLA

Metropolitan School District of Steuben County
Angola Middle School
Shawn Snyder (2013)

“Baja to Alaska - To Search for a Whale of a Tale” - see a whale in the wild, and find, document and share photos of as many whales as possible during a five week journey that will meander from Baja to Alaska

ATTICA

Attica Consolidated School Corporation
Attica Jr./Sr. High School
Malynda Scifres

“Roasting & Brewing a Journey of Renewal - Filling a Cup to Overflowing!” - explore the Kona coffee belt to experience first-hand the daily operations of the coffee farms and learn how to roast and brew the many varieties of Kona coffee; start a “Kona Coffee with the Counselor” program

AVON

Avon Community School Corporation
Avon High School
Gary Ayers

“Conquering the West (and the Future) with Tools, Technology and Tenacity” - journey out West in a camper to explore the paths and experiences of early settlers, documenting their impact on modern technology to show students that determination and knowledge can overcome hardships

BEECH GROVE

Beech Grove City Schools
Hornet Park Elementary School
Brooke Hamlett

“Going Unplugged and Getting Outside: A Special Education Teacher’s Ongoing Renewal and Reset Through Hiking, Biking and Exploring State and National Parks” - unplug and get outside by hiking, camping and backpacking

South Grove Intermediate School
Sara Lauerman

“Footsteps of Nelson Mandela: A Journey to an Equitable Future” - explore the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela by travelling to South Africa and visiting the famous locations of his life

BLOOMINGTON

Monroe County Community School Corporation
Bloomington High School North
Laura Okulski

“Instinct tells you to go home: Returning to Korea in Pursuit of Joy” - explore firsthand, the ancestral stories and Korean culture as a family experience; seek peace after loss and grief

Childs Elementary School
Stephanie Vanzo (2012)

“The Flow of Water - On Paper and In the Ocean” - learn to watercolor paint and relearn to surf on the Atlantic beaches in Bude, England, one of Cornwall’s artist enclaves as well as an ideal destination for surfers

Templeton Elementary School
Dianna Johnson

“The Last Frontier: An Alaskan Road Trip from Childhood Dreams” - take the road trip of childhood dreams to Alaska, as inspired by an uncle’s riveting travel stories

Tri-North Middle School
Rebecca Rice

“Japanese Perspectives on our Shared Energy Future” - revisit Japan to blog about the future of global energy and bicycle commuting lifestyles; take a Japanese conversation course; bike the countryside to hear different perspectives on our shared energy future, and create two projects for an electric grid unit

BOONVILLE

Warrick County School Corporation
Boonville Middle School
Shelly Aull

“Escaping the Screen: An Educator’s Quest for Adventure” – travel through seven United States National Parks to explore a variety of landscapes, including canyons, mountains, geothermal wonders and waterfalls to witness biodiversity and the effects of human impact

BROOKVILLE

Sunman Dearborn Schools
Sunman Dearborn Middle School
Cathy Bertke

“Looking Up! Stargazing and Solitude in Big Sky Country” – stargaze in Montana to de-stress and grow professionally by spending time in nature, learning how to operate a telescope and viewing celestial bodies in the night sky

BROWNSBURG

Brownsburg Community School Corporation
Brown Elementary School
Karen Harres

“Precious Scars” – embrace the ancient Japanese art of repairing what has been broken, called kintsugi and experience a culture that preserves the flawed and imperfect

CARMEL

Carmel Clay Schools
Clay Middle School
Michelle Janson

“Bringing South Africa’s Serenity to Clay” – rejuvenate and learn to more effectively lead students toward mindfulness from practicing yoga in the countryside of South Africa

Carmel High School
Shawn Curtis

“Teacher Renewal on the Mother Road” – find renewal on the open road while searching with family for a common bond in baseball and the expanse of America’s Route 66

CHARLESTOWN

Greater Clark County Schools
Charlestown High School
Joshua Whicker

“Mountains, Motors, Lakes, and Rotors: In High-definition” - explore the natural wonders of northern Idaho while learning video production from one of YouTube’s brightest new stars

CHESTERTON

Duneland School Cooperation
Chesterton High School
Jamie Anselm

“Everyone Has A Story, What’s Yours?” - unplug and engage with people who have a commitment to lifelong fitness by experiencing the eastern shoreline from Maine to Massachusetts through interaction with local residents

CLINTON

South Vermillion Community Schools
South Vermillion Middle School
Maria Sellers

“Pickin’ with Folks in Winnipeg” - experience the Canadian folk and bluegrass culture while visiting a blacksmithing cousin; create a mobile bluegrass museum to share with the community

COLUMBUS

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Lillian Schmitt Elementary
Brooke Lynott

“Recharging in Chile: A Linguistic and Cultural Immersion” - immerse in Chilean culture and develop Spanish-speaking skills while learning about Viña del Mar by spending time with a host family

Northside Middle School
Dakota Hudelson

“A Writing Teacher’s Written Renaissance” - travel the United States by train to spark creativity and rekindle a desire to write for pleasure and teach creative writing in the classroom

CRAWFORDSVILLE

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Meredith Nicholson Elementary School
Lissa Fairfield

“Pilgrimage – Take Only Pictures, Leave Only Footprints” – embrace the outdoors by walking the Appalachian Trail and taking photography classes to preserve the adventure

CROWN POINT

Crown Point Community School Corporation

Crown Point High School

Ashley Cosme

“Discovering the Ocean’s Prehistoric Past” – travel down the east coast of the United States to visit where giants such as the megalodon shark swam in ancient waters that is now dry land; learn and use different methods of fossil recovery to create a personal collection

DECATUR

North Adams Community Schools

Bellmont Middle School

Scott Cummings (2011)

“Come Fly Away: Fly Fishing North America’s Diverse Biomes” – learn to fly fish and document various fresh and saltwater biomes in North America through the use of video, camera, statistical analysis and expert interviews

ELKHART

Concord Community Schools

Concord High School

Andrew Cowells (2009)

“From Watership Down to Antonine Wall to Carlingford: Exploring the Nexus of British Fiction, Brexit and British Isles History” – visit locations featured in the works of Agatha Christie, James Herriot, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien while visiting places that include Stonehenge and the border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland; chronicle changing attitudes toward Brexit

ELLETTSVILLE

Richland – Bean Blossom Community School Corporation

Edgewood Junior High School

Brian Gallagher

“The Hike Back” – journey through Yellowstone, Yosemite and other United States National Parks in order to renew a passion for connecting students with nature

EVANSVILLE

Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation

F.J. Reitz High School

Thomas Jankowski

"The Lone Wolf" - immerse into the longest-standing predator/prey research study in the world by spending six weeks chronicling Isle Royale's ecosystem and the impact of the grey wolf

FAIRLAND

Northwestern Consolidated Schools of Shelby County

Triton Central Elementary

Jill Carson-Coen

"Showtime! Starring A Teacher On Trapeze" - participate in aerial classes at a nearby studio in Indianapolis, attend trapeze camp in New York City and experience a live Big Apple Circus performance

FISHERS

Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Fall Creek Intermediate

Heather Jahn

"Food Spy" - travel in the footsteps of David Fairchild, the first "food spy;" extend the findings of Fairchild by becoming a culinary spy, while foraging in nature and reinvigorating a cooking soul; inspire students to connect foods they discover to literature they love by creating a #bookcookclassroom Instagram

Fall Creek Junior High

Michelle Feeney

"By Train Light: Final Stop, Penrod" - explore the Italian countryside by train and take photographs to create the vision for a finger-painting series

Fishers High School

Matthew Poisel

"Waterfalls and Fastballs" - create mini-lesson videos while exploring southeastern Canada and the northeastern United States to show how math connects to architecture, natural phenomena, statistics, and travel; increase passion for mathematics by making it applicable to personal interests

HSE Intermediate/Junior High

Eric Brown

"All the World's a Stage... Once you Build a Karaoke Stage!" - construct a professional karaoke studio, including a stage with illuminated flooring and soundproof the entire system within the confines of a home basement

Sand Creek Intermediate School

Heidi Hartman

"Journey Down the Iditarod Trail... More Wags and Fewer Barks" - interact with the people and places that bring

the Iditarod Sled Dog Race to life every March in Alaska, then create video lessons to help inspire students and staff at Sand Creek Intermediate

FORT BRANCH

South Gibson School Corporation

Fort Branch Community School

Shannon Davis

“Breaking Away from the Pandemic” - discover epic bicycling rides in southern France, where the sport is revered; view a stage of le Tour de France; bring an enthusiasm for cycling and outdoor exercise back to students by leading Student Bike to School Day, hosting a bicycling-focused booth at a wellness fair and coaching cross country

FORT WAYNE

Fort Wayne Community Schools

North Side High School

Samuel Welch

“The Art of Ramen” - travel to Tokyo to eat and live like a local; attend Rajuku Ramen Cooking School to learn new techniques, recipes and styles of ramen, culminating with working a shift in a ramen restaurant and serving customers; write and illustrate a food journal documenting the experience and sharing recipes

Michael Bienz

“Exploring Europe Through Street Art” - study social and political issues from a global perspective; visit European cities to observe and analyze street art; learn more about historical and current political events

Northwest Allen County Schools

Carroll High School

Timothy Sloffer (2009)

“Mindful Living: A Journey in Self-care” - immerse in a holistic approach to wellness and self-care by travelling to Feathered Pipe Ranch in Montana; engage in workshop experiences encompassing topics in yoga, controlled breathing, mindfulness and meditation; use this experience to create wellness sessions for students

Carroll Middle School

Blake Williams

“The Links of Life: Connecting and Exploring the History of Golf as it Transcends Through Time” - follow in the footsteps of golf legends while exploring the historical grounds of golf throughout Scotland and historic courses in the United States

FOUNTAIN CITY

Northeastern Wayne School Corporation
Northeastern High School
Megan Hinkey

“Bridge over Troubled Water: Finding Solid Ground Through Suspension Bridges” - visit famous suspension bridges along the United States Pacific coast and practice mindfulness, grounding strategies, visualization techniques and therapeutic metaphor; create a video series for students teaching these techniques

FRANKFORT

Community Schools of Frankfort
Frankfort High School
Justin Seymour

“Remembering Eva Kor: The Path of Liberation” - travel the European path of the allied liberation during World War II, while exploring key events and sites of the war and culminating in Auschwitz, Poland in honor of Holocaust survivor and personal inspiration, Eva Kor

GEORGETOWN

New Albany Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation
Highland Hills Middle School
Emily Hatton

“Principle (Principal) Health and Wellness” - attend the Premier Fitness Camp and The Red Mountain Resort to focus on overall health, wellness, and self-care by renewing a daily workout habit, exploring various types of exercise, hiking and learning more about diet

GREENCASTLE

Greencastle Community School Corporation
Greencastle Middle School
Kristien Hamilton

“Mathematical Marvels” - explore Italian historical landmarks and works of art from Italian mathematicians and scientists by incorporating the findings into engaging math lessons for students and other educators; fulfill a long-time goal of helping students see real-life connections in mathematics

GREENFIELD

Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation
The Academy at Greenfield-Central
Tammi Broadus

“A World of Smiles: A Social Worker’s Quest to Visit Some of the Happiest Places on Earth ” - gain an

understanding of how diversity and inclusion are integrated in the top-ranked happiest places in the world, including: Norway, Sweden and Denmark; create a culture club in a rural school corporation

GREENWOOD

Center Grove Community School Corporation

Pleasant Grove Elementary

Stacey Raftery

“A Picture-Perfect California Adventure” – travel to diverse landscapes, landmarks and attractions in San Francisco, Big Sur, Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks; visit Disneyland to learn about what inspires wonder, awe and imagination; enhance digital photography skills to create photo and video essays of each adventure

Greenwood Community School Corporation

Greenwood Community High School

Jay Yates

“Exploring Florida’s Sand and Sea” – participate in multiple outdoor recreational activities by hiking, biking and taking private lessons in several water-based activities in four distinct areas of southern Florida; promote outdoor recreation to high school students

Westwood Elementary

Lauren Kibbe

“Finding Center by Going in Circles” – dedicate time creating and reinvigorating by exploring multiple media with artists in Spain and Greece, in their respective cities, studios and desired formats

HARTFORD CITY

Blackford County Schools

Blackford Jr./Sr. High School

Sasha and Scott Hudson

“Southern California: Historic Landmarks and National Parks” – undertake a 1,500-mile active adventure, including historic landmarks in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, as well as a day trip to Tijuana, Mexico, then explore several nearby U.S. National Parks

HOPE

Flat Rock Hawcreek School Corporation

Hauser Jr./Sr. High School

Kaylie Fougrousse and Stephanie Tom

“Through Our Lens: Parks, Photographs & Pedagogy” – experience a four-week summer photography and writing adventure starting in Zion National Park and ending in Yellowstone National Park

INDIANAPOLIS

Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Bishop Chatard High School
Troy Cockrum

“Moments in the Palette of Ansel Adams: Exploring Astrophotography and Light Painting in National Parks” - rent a campervan and spend 24 days camping, hiking, and stargazing in Arches, Zion and Yosemite National Parks and surrounding areas, while learning the challenging skills of astrophotography and light painting

Jaydene O’Donoghue

“Nelson Mandela and South African Apartheid Art” - examine the influence of Nelson Mandela and the art he continues to inspire in South Africa; visit Robben Island prisons and the Apartheid museum; experience ceramic and printmaking with Black youth and artists inspired by their country’s challenges

St. Simon School
Laura Mates

“Staying Afloat in 2020” - explore the unspoiled beauty of the United States Virgin Islands via stand-up paddle board and kayak, while embracing and authentically modeling a growth mindset; create a video blog documenting the adventure and highlighting the life skills necessary for navigating through the uncharted waters of 2020, and beyond

Franklin Township Community School Corporation
Franklin Central High School
Bryan Sawyers

“Totem Quest” - study the First Nations’ artists in the Pacific Northwest; explore the landscape and animals that are still inspirational to tribes around Ketchikan; upon return to Indiana, carve sculptures using authentic tools, materials and an enlightened vision

Kimberly Thurston (2013)

“Two Passions, One Pilgrimage: A Literary and Spiritual Journey” - explore the role of today’s librarian as it expands into the digital realm; immerse in Spanish and travel on foot 233 miles of the “Camino Francés” or “French Way” from León to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, visiting school, public and university libraries along the way

Shelby Toll

“Adventures in Africa” - learn about the animals, ecosystems, and environments of Naroboi, Kenya; Sossusveli, Namibia and Cape Town, South Africa, while capturing these experiences in photographs and videos to share with students

Indianapolis Classical Schools
Herron High School
Matthew Baron

“Making in the Image of Finland” - observe Finnish K-12 Crafts classes, which have been transformed into STEM/ Maker experiences, and bring the country’s pedagogy and culture back to Hoosier classrooms

Indianapolis Public Schools
James A. Garfield School #31
Laura Hughes

“Shinrin-Yoku (Forest Bathing): Nature’s Healing of Grief and Loss” - immerse in Yellowstone National Park’s natural eco-therapy while practicing the Japanese art of shinrin-yoku (forest bathing) while exploring nature’s healing sensory experience to embrace hope and acceptance and navigating the grieving process in solitude

Shortridge High School
Melody Coryell (2010)

“Written: Documenting Family History for Future Generations, East-Tennessee-Style” - research genealogy, visit museums, interview family members, camp on family land, write essays and a banjo tune, sew a family history quilt, preserve artifacts, and create a digital archive of family photos, while learning new skills along the way

Irvington Community Schools
Irvington Preparatory Academy
Keeley Manganaro

“Costa Rican Recharge” - learn about the conservation of Costa Rican native species through GoEco’s volunteer program, and hike multiple Costa Rican National Parks located throughout the country, while keeping a journal of self-reflection

Metropolitan School District of Pike Township
Lincoln Middle School
Wilson Reyes

“Through the Eyes of Christopher Columbus” - discover an American-Dominican’s future by journeying through the Dominican Republic to explore a voyage taken by Christopher Columbus

Debra Hornaday

“Now IS the Write Time” - fulfill a promise made at the age of eleven by travelling to Alberta, Canada, and use the inspiration and solitude of the land to help write the stories

Metropolitan School District of Washington Township
Spring Mill Elementary
David Raes

“A Celebration of Jubilee: Reconnecting with My Origin Story During My 50th Year of Life” – trace steps from a childhood through the Pacific Northwest; develop a personalized International Baccalaureate unit of inquiry on Who We Are

Northview Middle School
Anastasia Gamino

“Exploring the Roots of Mindfulness in South East Asia” – examine South East Asian literature, practice, culture and history rooted in Mindfulness; create a PechaKucha, or show and tell, on this journey in order to promote meaningful connections and being more present in daily life

Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township
District Office
Jaime Wright

“Blazing New Trails by Travelling Old Ones: A Journey on the Historic Route of Lewis and Clark” – travel the path of Lewis and Clark while capturing in watercolor the flora and fauna found in their original journals to create an exhibit showcasing how things change and how they stay the same

Ben Davis High School
Paisley Kleinhenz

“The Past and Present of Paisley” – pursue online classes with the National Genealogical Society; use an ancestry DNA test and follow a paper trail of pedigree records to the family homeland of Renfrewshire, Paisley, Scotland to research and record a journey through genealogical blogging

Chapel Hill 7th and 8th Grade Center
Courtney Ramos

“Outdoors for All” – backpack through U.S. National Parks while carrying a son with cerebral palsy to raise awareness about the need for more accessibility in our national park systems; bond with a child in the great outdoors; create a travel video blog/accessibility guide for immigrant students and families of special needs children

Westlake Elementary School
Kristin Sederberg

“Finding InspHERation” – connect with four female authors by immersing in the sites and cultures that influenced their writing

Phalen Leadership Academies Charter School

Phalen Leadership Academy @ 93

Jennifer Adams

“A Visit to Davy Jones’ Locker” - scuba dive to collect pictures of shipwrecks and marine life and bring it alive in a classroom for students

SENSE Charter School

Bridget King

“El Camino Para Ser Bilingue: Going Where the Culture is Lively, the Language is Rich and the People are Friendly” - break down barriers and misconceptions in a school community by expanding knowledge of the Spanish language and Mexican culture

KOKOMO

Northwestern School Corporation

Northwestern High School

Donita Walters

“One Country + One Dream = Two Wheels” - combine an enjoyment of cycling and adventure to cross the United States on a bicycle; inspire students to have a passion for a life-long devotion to physical fitness and adventure

LAPORTE

LaPorte Community School Corporation

LaPorte Middle School

Elizabeth Krutz and Michael Krutz

“The 3 Rs Down Under!” - renew, reflect and rejuvenate in Australia to bring mindfulness into daily lives at school and at home

LAFAYETTE

Tippecanoe School Corporation

Wea Ridge Middle School

Michelle Sanson

“Renovating and Rolling in a Skoolie” - renovate a school bus (a skoolie) and spend the summer living simply and self-sustained while travelling throughout the United States

LAGRANGE

Lakeland School Corporation

Lakeland Intermediate School

Samuel Plew (2008)

“Birding the Mount Kilimanjaro Area for Student Relationships, Self-Renewal and Scientific Research” – produce avian population data, while connecting with students on a deeper level when discussing struggles, triumphs, stress and success through accomplishment and grit

LAKE STATION

Lake Station Community Schools
Thomas A. Edison Jr.-Sr. High School
Eluides Pagan

“Doctor Who Made Me Who” – explore studios, museums, and conventions plus interview participants and fans influenced by the popular Doctor Who video series

LIBERTY

Union County College Corner Joint School District
Union County High School
Robin Durham

“A Little RV and Me: Designing, Development, and Discovery” – renovate a used vintage travel trailer recreational vehicle while building relationships with students in the Union County Career and Technical Education program for the purpose of travel discovery, as well as self-discovery

MARTINSVILLE

Metropolitan School District of Martinsville
District Office
Susan Parker

“Seeds from Heaven” – follow in the footsteps of Sue Monk Kidd and her daughter, by travelling to Greece and surrounding islands with a son and daughter to recharge, reflect and renew

Charles L. Smith Fine Arts Academy
Kari Palma (2011)

“What’s in a Name?” – explore the migration of the Palma family from an island in the Mediterranean to America and discover the genesis of a last name and the roots of a family tree, from Spain to the Czech Republic and back to Indiana

MERRILLVILLE

Merrillville Community Schools
Merrillville High School
Michael Krutz and Elizabeth Krutz

“The 3 Rs Down Under!” – renew, reflect and rejuvenate in Australia to bring mindfulness into daily lives at school and at home

MONROVIA

Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia High School
Jonathan Tronc (2011)

“Grandpa and Me: A Multi-Generational Look at Shared Military Experiences” - trek across the western United States with family to visit locations from personal past Navy service and to where a grandfather served during World War II

Monrovia Middle School
Whitney Reeder

“Western Dream” - travel the western United States to explore landforms, Native American culture and early American history in Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana

MONTICELLO

Twin Lakes School Corporation
Twin Lakes High School
Jill Gilford

“Jill vs. the Volcano” - explore the volcanic transformation on the Hawaiian Islands and photograph this island’s geological story for rejuvenation and inspiration for others

MOORESVILLE

Mooreville Consolidated School Corporation
Mooreville High School
Sharon Eickhoff

“Breaking Away” - capture the essence of Americana through stories, poetry and sketches while riding a bicycle across the 4,626 miles of the TransAmerica Trail, a route that starts in Astoria, Oregon and ends in Yorktown, Virginia

MUNCIE

Muncie Community Schools
Muncie Central High School
Adam Cunningham

“Cunningham in the Caribbean” - create a blog of different cultural traits that can be found while travelling through two islands in the Caribbean - Cuba and Haiti; the blog will be both interactive, with daily posts, and retrospective while using it to teach

NAPPANEE

Wa-Nee Community Schools
NorthWood High School
Peter Morey

“A Deep Dive into the Massive Culture of a Tiny Instrument” - rekindle a passion for the ukulele in Hawaii, hand craft a ukulele using traditional construction methods, learn from legendary ukulele musicians, explore modern construction techniques that balance tradition with technology, and play a part in Koa tree reforestation efforts

NASHVILLE

Brown County Schools
Brown County Intermediate School
Thomas Miller

“A Writer’s Contemplation: Drawing Peace from the Monastic Experience, Pouring Stillness on the Pages of Life’s Story” - complete a quest for peace and stillness by visiting a center for contemplative study, a prison ministry that teaches contemplative prayer, a Franciscan monastery and a Buddhist retreat center

NEW HAVEN

East Allen County Schools
New Haven Junior High School
Eric Reynolds

“Experiencing America’s Past - Inspiring America’s Future” - renew and expand a love of America and a commitment to teach the promise of American liberty by retracing America’s founding locations, leaders and documents

NOBLESVILLE

Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette
Guerin Catholic High School
Adrian DeBoy

“Embracing Beauty in Conservation, Creation and Conversation” - commute to school by bicycle, create a Responsible Stewardship Club and promote a Bike to School Day; camp in Washington state for 45 days of hiking and biking while reconnecting with distant friends and family

OSSIAN

Northern Wells Community Schools
Norwell Middle School
Melissa Bussel

“Poland Proposal: Learning about the Past to Teach Peace for the Future” - visit Poland and reconnect with a

foreign exchange student; meet his family, experience their culture and take study tours of concentration camps to create a Holocaust Awareness unit

OXFORD

Benton Community School Corporation

Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School

Edith Fisher

“Heartstrings, Hampers, and a Rabbit” – reconnect with beloved childhood literature in London: Shakespearean, Harry Potter’s and Sherlock Holmes; hike in Windermere to connect with Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter

RICHMOND

Richmond Community Schools

Starr Elementary and Vaile Elementary

Daniel Arndt

“Scandinavia and the Baltic States: Experiencing Traditional and Modern Culture Through Travel” – venture to Scandinavia and the Baltic to learn about local culture, both traditional and modern, with a focus on history, the arts, food and nature

SELMA

Liberty Perry School Corporation

Wapahani High School

Scott and Sasha Hudson

“Southern California: Historic Landmarks and National Parks” – undertake a 1,500-mile active adventure, including historic landmarks in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, as well as a day trip to Tijuana, Mexico, then explore several nearby National Parks

SHELBYVILLE

Shelbyville Central Schools

Shelbyville High School

Natalie Renwick (2013)

“Crossing the Divide” – acquire a travel trailer and drive down the Eastern Divide (Appalachian Mountains), visiting both urban and rural locations, to confront personal bias and connect with a diverse range of people and communities through the exploration of the arts and traditional local crafts

SOUTH BEND

South Bend Community Schools

Hay Elementary School

Tracy Nicodemus

“Caretta Caretta” – explore a lifelong interest in ocean life, particularly sea turtles, through observation of the endangered loggerhead sea turtle in its natural habitat off the coast of Greece, documenting it with a photo/video journal to share with students

TRAFALGAR

Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corporation
Indian Creek Intermediate School
Andrea Perry

“Revitalizing A Community: One Recipe at a Time” – publish a fading treasure for students, a cookbook of a grandmother’s inspirational recipes to encourage the school’s sense of community and create special bonds

VALPARAISO

Union Township School Corporation
Wheeler High School
Daniel Kenning

“A Journey Through Time: The Geomorphology of the Hawaiian Island Chain” – explore the birth, lifespan and eventual death of the Hawaiian Island Chain as they vanish through erosion and weathering

VERSAILLES

South Ripley Community Schools
South Ripley High School & South Ripley Junior High School
Brenda Strimple

“Majesty in Storytelling: Capturing the Beautiful Scenery, Wildlife, and Landscapes of the World’s First National Park - Yellowstone” – experience the park’s wonder; video, photograph and interview park employees, who enrich visitor experiences

WABASH

Wabash City Schools
Wabash High School
Justin Denney

“363 Miles of American Ingenuity and Grit” – travel by bicycle along the the 363-mile trail adjacent to the Erie Canal, which connects the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean, and is considered to be one of the greatest engineering accomplishments of the 19th century

WATERLOO

DeKalb County Central United School District
DeKalb Middle School
Joshua Sommer

“Take Only Photos; Leave Only Bubbles: A Quest to Scuba in the World’s Healthiest Reef Ecosystems” – become a certified scuba diver to observe wildlife; travel to Indonesia for three weeks to complete a variety of dives; record and compile a video to share with students

WEST LAFAYETTE

Tippecanoe School Corporation
William Henry Harrison High School
Matt Carlson (2008)

“Water, Earth, Wind & Fire: The Elements of Adventure” – visit the island nation of Vanuatu for four weeks to dive the wreck of the S.S. Coolidge, take a helicopter tour of an active volcano, and investigate effects of global warming in the Pacific

WHEATFIELD

Kankakee Valley School Corporation
Kankakee Valley High School
Kathleen Eckert

“Wise Choices: A Wellness Journey” – rejuvenate and prepare for progressively difficult physical challenges in Asheville, North Carolina; Glacier National Park; and Alaska

WOODBURN

East Allen County Schools
Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
Jillian DePew

“Appreciating Our Heritage Through Shared Family Hobbies” – take a European voyage to explore ancestry through pictures, art, memories and hobbies, and use the experience to better connect with students

ZIONSVILLE

Zionsville Community Schools
Zionsville Community High School
Virginia Wilson (2013)

“From Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima: Exploring WWII’s Pacific Theater” – island hop across the Pacific Ocean, following the path of key WWII events – Pearl Harbor attack, Bataan Death March, and Hiroshima bombing – to experience the unique geographic nature of the war and to understand both the Filipino and Japanese perspectives