



SEMESTER AT SEA®

VICARIOUS VOYAGE®

Would you like to receive mail during the voyage and provide a service to children at the same time?



VOLUNTEER FOR THE VICARIOUS VOYAGE PROGRAM!

Students who volunteer for the Vicarious Voyage Program will adopt an elementary or secondary classroom. Working in a group of two or three SAS students, you will be asked to do the following:

- ◆ Select a topic (food, clothing, religion, weather, transportation, money, art, work, prices, etc.) that you will focus on in your communication with your classroom.
- ◆ Send an introductory letter (by fax, email, or airmail) to the classroom teacher by the first port of call. Introduce yourselves and tell the students about the voyage on which you are embarking. Also tell the students about the topic you have chosen and explain why you think it will be of interest to them.
- ◆ Send a post card or letter to the classroom from every port of call on the voyage.
- ◆ Send a “cultural packet” to the school from at least three ports of call. The packet should contain interesting items that help explain the people and culture of the country. Recommended items include the following: front page of a newspaper, menu, map, stamps, pictures from magazines, a list of commonly-used words and phrases, photographs, travel brochures, candy wrappers, small art objects, sketches, etc. By purchasing a \$10 Vicarious Voyage mailer from the Campus Store, the express mail charges to the U.S. and the surface mail charges to your individual school will both be covered. You do not need to spend a lot of additional money for this project. The items in the packet are primarily “freebies” that you find in port.



In turn, you will receive postcards and letters from the students in the class that you have adopted. Your adopted class will be following the course of your voyage on a world map posted in their classroom. This is an invaluable experience for young students (kindergarten-12th grade) to learn about the world in a far more vibrant way than simple textbooks can provide. In selecting items to send your adopted class that give insight to non-Western societies, you help forge cross-cultural understandings that go well beyond mere stereotypes.



The classrooms for your voyage have been selected, and the teachers have agreed to certain guidelines for participation and correspondence with you. Teachers and students from the classes you adopt are enthusiastic about your correspondence and packets. This can mean a great deal to a number of students. If you wish to participate in this exciting project, please complete the enclosed Vicarious Voyage Registration sheet and return it with your pre-sale form. Please do not volunteer for this project if you have any doubts about completing it.