

In October 2018 the MPLS Storm will take a group to Sweden for a one week trip over MEA weekend.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to come, but it is not mandatory as we have taken kids without parents on six prior trips with no issues. We will bring no more than 35 players (boys & girls). More details are as follows:

WHO: Boys or Girls in the approximate age category of 11 - 15. While the trip is a MPLS Storm Trip, kids/friends from other associations are welcome. Invite them if they are interested in more info.

WHEN: October 16-24, 2018. This is a leave Tuesday evening to Wednesday and does encompass MEA weekend.

WHERE: Västerås, Sweden. Västerås is located 60 miles west of Stockholm, Sweden on Lake Malarna. It is the sixth largest city in Sweden.

HOSTS: The kids will play hockey and bandy with the Tillberga Bandy Klub (TBK) and the Västerås Ice Hockey Klub (VIK).

WHY: To spend a week of Bandy & Hockey training and competition in Västerås, Sweden.

In addition to on ice training there will be off ice activities, including visits to schools, social time with local Swedish youth, touring the town and region, plus a day to visit and learn about Stockholm. In the past, we have played Innebandy/Floorball, gone to a Professional Hockey Game, and professional bandy and innebandy games. All are dependent on their game schedules and what can be arranged.



ICE TIME: On most days we will skate at least one hour of bandy and hockey, depending on ice availability. We historically have taken a day off to tour Stockholm.

LEADERS: Steve Jecha and several coaches and parents to be named later. Steve Jecha played four years of college hockey and 20+ years of international level bandy in Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Russia.

COST: To Be Determined, but estimated at \$1,850*. This includes airfare, transportation from Stockholm Airport to Västerås and back, vans, lodging, ice time and breakfasts.

LODGING: We typically stay at the Best Western Hotel Esplanade in Vasteras city center.

FOOD: Breakfasts are provided. Lunch & Dinners will be at local restaurants.

PARENTS: Parents are welcome to come, but it is not mandatory for each child to be accompanied by a parent. In the past, many parents have taken a day for themselves in Stockholm in addition to our group going there.

*** FUNDRAISING**

Fundraising is an option to knock down the cost of the trip and we have done some in the past (pancake breakfasts, etc.). This would need to be parent organized and driven.

OPTIONAL BANDY CAMP:

To understand and play bandy, players can attend the Swedish International Bandy Camp in August at the Roseville Ice Arena. The Storm has sent over 1,000 participants to this 20 year old camp and they have loved it! At camp the players will be instructed in on-ice, dryland and classroom game tactics by Swedish National Team Coaches and other International coaches. More info available.

PASSPORT: Current passport is necessary to go to Sweden

WHEN DO YOU NEED TO CONFIRM?:

Right away. Not only do we anticipate the group filling rapidly but we need to block airline tickets. A down payment of \$500.00 is due on April 30th payable to "American Bandy Association". The balance is due 40 days prior to the trip once we have established the final cost.

YEP, I WANNA GO!

To confirm your place on this trip please e-mail Steve Jecha. Please also call if you have additional questions:

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Goals of the Trip

- Learn About Swedish Culture by visiting schools and meeting with Swedish kids of the same age.
- Learn more about European Style Hockey
- Get introduced to 'Hockey's Father'; the Game of Bandy
- Play some 'friendly' hockey and bandy matches.
- Visit Sweden's capital and cultural center, Stockholm, with tours of the Palace, Gamla Stan (the Old Town), the VASA Warship Museum and many other historical places.

This trip has become legendary for Storm hockey. Ask any parent that has gone and they will tell you it was an unbelievable experience and a lifetime memory for their player/family.

Check out some stuff from past trips!

This YouTube video is from our 2016 Trip:

<https://youtu.be/wUbWqAlg0Y>

Photos from the trip:

<https://goo.gl/photos/8YP4D5RBf6PdZc5L6>

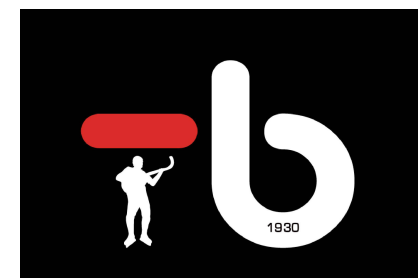
* ice times and trip itinerary are subject to change depending on facility usage at the time of the trip.



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**Västerås, Sweden
Bandy/Hockey Trip**

Fall 2018



Tillberga Bandy Klub



Västerås Ice Hockey Klub