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Date: April 20, 2023
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
Mr. Tom Rogers
From: Mr. Neal Shipton & Ms. Krista Halvorson
Re: Out-of-State Music Department Trip

The Geneva High School Music Department is requesting permission for interested band and orchestra students to participate in an out-of-state field trip in February-March 2024. The trip destinations include Nashville, TN and New Orleans, LA. The purpose of this trip is to provide students with the opportunity to increase their musical skills and understandings and provide them with unique educational and musical experiences not available here in Geneva.

The basic trip details are as follows:

1. Trip Dates
Depart → Saturday, February 24, 2024
Return → Friday, March 1, 2024
(6 nights/7 days)
Because this seven-day trip has been scheduled over a 3 ½ - day weekend, the students will miss a cumulative total of only 3 ½ days of classes (1 day Monday, 1 day Tuesday, 1 day Wednesday, and ½ day Thursday). The students will be expected to be in attendance at GHS when classes resume on Monday, March 4, 2024.
2. Number of students attending: 100-150 students (estimated)
3. Transportation: Deluxe coach buses
4. Cost of Trip: \$2,000 or less (estimate)
Several fundraisers have and will be offered to help reduce the cost. There will be no cost to the district for this trip.
5. Travel Company: Group Travel Planners (see attached documentation regarding itinerary, cost inclusions, etc.)
6. Adult Chaperones: Neal Shipton – band teacher
Andy Burkemper – band teacher
Krista Halvorson – orchestra teacher
10-12 parent chaperones
7. Goals/Opportunities:
 - a. Performing for and receiving feedback from a larger, diverse and unfamiliar audience
 - b. Participating in clinics with music professors from Indiana University and Belmont University.
 - c. Listening to other performing ensembles.
 - d. Representing our school and community in a positive and meaningful manner.



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Group Travel
PLANNERS

Geneva High School Band & Orchestra

Custom Indianapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, Biloxi, MS Itinerary

DAY 1: Saturday, February 24, 2024

<u>4:30am:</u>	Motorcoach arrives at Geneva High School for loading
<u>5:30am:</u>	Depart for Indiana
<u>9:30-10:00am:</u>	Arrive at University of Indianapolis or Indiana University of Bloomington
<u>10:00-11:00am:</u>	Geneva High School Band participates in a MASTER CLASS Geneva High School Orchestra participates in a MASTER CLASS (2 separate classes in different rooms – run at the same time)
	Return instruments to Motorcoach
<u>11:30am-12:15pm:</u>	Student Union Lunch (own expense) at 1 st floor University of IL Springfield
<u>12:30pm:</u>	Depart
<u>4:30-5:30pm:</u>	Early Lunch (own expense) en route
<u>6:00-6:30pm:</u>	Approximate arrival at Downtown Nashville Photo Opportunity by Fountains Outside! If early arrival explore Schermerhorn Symphony Center!
<u>6:40pm:</u>	Be Seated
<u>7:00-9:15pm:</u>	Experience a show at the NASHVILLE SYMPHONY! – <i>Elgar's Enigma</i>
<u>10:00pm:</u>	Check into HOTEL in Nashville Area

DAY 2: Sunday, February 25, 2024

<u>6:30-7:20am:</u>	Extended Continental Breakfast (included) at the Hotel
<u>7:30am:</u>	Depart
<u>8:00-8:30am:</u>	Arrive at Belmont University – Wilson Music Building
<u>8:30-9:30am:</u>	Geneva High School Band participates in a MASTER CLASS Geneva High School Orchestra participates in a MASTER CLASS (2 separate classes in different rooms – run at the same time)
	Return equipment to Motorcoach
<u>10:00-11:00am:</u>	Enjoy a Belmont University CAMPUS TOUR!
<u>11:30am-1:00pm:</u>	Lunch (own expense) & Shopping at OPRY MILLS , Tennessee's premier retail destination with 200 name-brand outlets and specialty stores.
<u>1:10-1:25pm:</u>	Photo Opportunity by Guitars at Grand Ole Opry Plaza!

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Day 2 Continues . . .

- 1:30-2:30pm: Tour the **GRAND OLE OPRY**, the home of country music presents the many generations of artists who have formed country music's legacy and continue to forge its future course.
- 3:00-4:30pm: Tour the **COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME**, the largest popular music museum in the world! See, hear, and experience what it means to be a part of Music City seventy years ago, or just last week!
- 5:00-7:00pm: It's off to Music Row for a personally guided tour of historic **RCA's STUDIO B** where Elvis recorded 262 songs! Following your tour, you will gather around the legendary microphone to a **RECORDING SESSION** (55 max) with a professional sound engineer! (2 Sessions)
- 7:30-9:00pm: Dinner (included) at **OLE RED** with entertainment
- 9:30pm: Return to Motorcoach

DAY 3: Monday, February 26, 2024

- 6:30-8:00am: Expanded Continental Breakfast (included) at the Hotel
- 8:00-8:30am: Check-out of the Hotel and load coach. *Remember your belongings!*
- 9:00am: Arrive at **Country Music Hall of Fame Theater TBD**
- 9:30-11:00am: Discover the **STORIES BEHIND THE SONGS** you love in a private session with one of Nashville's hit-making songwriters, **James Dean Hicks**. This intimate session allows the rare opportunity to hear hits as they were originally written. The writer demonstrates to the group how a song is created from concept to hit. After the session, join the writer for a meet and greet, autograph signing & pictures. (Artists James Dean Hicks has written songs for Kenny Chesney, Randy Travis, Wynonna Judd, Oak Ridge Boys, Miley Cyrus to name a few.)
- 11:15am-1:15pm: Lunch (own expense) at **ASSEMBLY HALL FOOD COURT** and shopping at **THE DISTRICT** in Downtown Nashville
- 1:30pm: Depart
- 5:30-6:30pm: Dinner (own expense) en route
- 11:30pm: Check-in to **BEST WESTERN PLUS**, New Orleans (*upon availability*)

DAY 4: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

- 6:30-7:20am: Expanded Continental Breakfast (included) at the Hotel
- 7:30am: Depart
- 8:00-8:30am: Arrive at **Loyola University College of Music - Roussel Performance Hall**
- 8:30-9:30am: Set-up & warm up
Geneva High School Band & Orchestra participate in a **MASTER CLASS** with Dr. Serena Weren
- 9:50am: Return equipment to Motorcoach
- 10:15-10:45am: Depart
- 11:00am: Photo Opportunity at **Jackson Square!**
Board **Steamboat Natchez**

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11:30am-1:30pm: Enjoy a Steamboat Natchez **LUNCH HARBOR CRUISE** with guided narration on Mississippi River history and live jazz entertainment

1:45-3:45pm: Enjoy a private **FRENCH QUARTER WALKING TOUR** exploring historic French Quarter

3:45pm: Board Motorcoach for Cemetery #3 – Guide will discuss Cemetery #3 before departing

4:00-4:30pm: Explore **ST. LOUIS CEMETERY #3**, one of the few above-ground cemeteries. (*Explore on own*)

4:45-5:15pm: Set-up & warm up

5:15-5:45pm: Geneva High School Marching Band **MARCHES** in the French Quarter March with their own escorts

5:50-6:15pm: Equipment on Motorcoach

6:30-8:30pm: Dinner (included) at **MULATE'S** with Live Music

9:00pm: Return to the Hotel

DAY 5: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

6:30-7:45am: Expanded Continental Breakfast (included) at the Hotel

8:00am: Depart Hotel

8:45am: Arrive at **WWII Museum** & Proceed directly to the Solomon Theater

9:00-9:48am: Enjoy the movie *Beyond All Boundaries*, showing exclusively in The National WWII Museum's Solomon Victory Theater. Take a 4D journey through the war that changed the world.

9:50-11:30am: Visit **THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM**, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era with personal stories, historic artifacts and powerful interactive displays. (*5 Buildings on a 6 acre Campus*)

11:35-11:55am: Meet Motorcoach for equipment & set-up for performance

12:00-12:30pm: Geneva High School Band & Orchestra **PERFORM** inside Gate Campus WWII Museum

12:35pm: Pick-up to-go Boxed Lunch inside the American Sector Hostess desk

12:45-1:00pm: Load instruments onto the Motorcoach & eat boxed lunch on Motorcoach

1:05pm: Depart

1:15pm: Arrive at **Jackson Square**
All walk together/Bus 1 Stop & Bus 2 continue

Group 1 (bus 1):

1:30pm: Arrive at Preservation Hall

1:45-2:45pm: Enjoy a private concert at **PRESERVATION HALL** with Q & A
After show walk 5 blocks to Mardi Gras Museum of Costumes & Culture –

3:00-4:00pm: Learn more about the crazy traditions of Mardi Gras at the **MARDI GRAS MUSEUM OF COSTUMES & CULTURE**. Have a blast dressing up in costumes and taking pictures along the way!
(1010 Conti Street, New Orleans, LA 70112)
After Museum walk back to Jackson Square

Day 5 continues . . .

Group 2 (bus 2):

1:30-2:30pm:

Learn more about the crazy traditions of Mardi Gras at the **MARDI GRAS MUSEUM OF COSTUMES & CULTURE**. Have a blast dressing up in costumes and taking pictures along the way!

After Museum walk 5 blocks to Preservation Hall

2:45pm:

Arrive at **Preservation Hall**

3:00-4:00pm:

Enjoy a private concert at **PRESERVATION HALL** with Q & A

After Show walk back to Jackson Square

All:

4:15pm:

All Load Motorcoach near Jackson Square area

4:30-5:00pm:

Arrive at **Outlook Collection** & set-up

5:00-5:40pm:

Geneva High School Band & Orchestra **PERFORM** near food court

5:45-6:00pm:

Load Equipment to Motorcoach

6:10-7:00pm:

Dinner (\$15 Cash Back included), at the new **OUTLOOK COLLECTION AT RIVERWALK**, the premier retail attraction in New Orleans and home to the city's unique sights, tastes and sounds.

7:05pm:

Depart

7:20pm:

Arrive at the intersection of **St. Ann & Chartres St.**

Meet your guides and split into groups

7:30-9:00pm:

Take a famous **NEW ORLEANS GHOST TOUR** Escape into the past as tour guides provide you with an eerie, chilling yet fun-filled adventure!

9:30pm:

Return to the Hotel

DAY 6: Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:30-7:30am:

Extended Continental Breakfast (included) at the Hotel

7:30-8:00am:

Check out of the Hotel and load coach. *Remember your belongings!*

Depart Hotel

8:30-10:00am:

Enjoy a private **SWAMP & BAYOU TOUR** aboard the Swamp Queen at Jean Lafitte.

12:00-1:00pm:

Lunch (included) at **THE REEF - Biloxi, MS**

1:15-3:15pm:

Fun in the sun at **BILOXI BEACH!**

3:30-7:30pm:

Whether you are making memories or on the hunt for adrenaline-pumping thrills, **PARADISE PIER FUN PARK** has the perfect ride for you. So come on down and enjoy the rides!

Dinner (own expense) at the Park

8:00pm:

Depart for Home

10:00pm:

Approximate check-in to **HOTEL** in Magee, MS area
(Holiday Inn Express, Best Western or Similar)

DAY 7: Friday, March 1, 2024

<u>6:30-7:30pm:</u>	Extended Continental Breakfast (included) at the Hotel
<u>7:30-8:00am:</u>	Check out of the Hotel and load coach. <i>Remember your belongings!</i>
	Depart Hotel
<u>12:00-1:00pm:</u>	Lunch (own expense) en route
<u>5:00-6:00pm:</u>	Dinner (own expense) en route
<u>9:00-9:30pm:</u>	Rest Stop
<u>11:00pm:</u>	Approximate return to Geneva High School



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GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA

7 Day, 6 Night Motorcoach Tour

February 24 – March 1, 2024

TOUR PACKAGE COST PER PERSON (Based on Hotel Occupancy) as of 3/17/2023:

Note: Total Tour Package Includes All Bulleted Items Listed On This Proposal

QUAD: \$1,419.00 TRIPLE: \$1,551.00 DOUBLE: \$1,682.00 SINGLE: \$2,207.00

- **Number of Passengers:** 130 Students and 37 Adults
**Note: Changing the number of passengers will alter the per person tour cost. For Example: 120 students & 20 Adults: Quad \$ 1,515, Triple \$1,645, Double \$1,775, Single \$2,300 or Two Motorcoaches with 1 Rep: 100 students & 10 adults: Quad \$1,455, Triple \$1,560, Double \$1,715, Single \$2,240*
- **Transportation:** **THREE** Modern 56-Passenger Motorcoaches (Equipped with DVD, Monitors, wifi, outlets, & Restroom)
- **Insurance:** \$5,000,000 Liability Insurance Coverage per Motorcoach
\$2,000,000 Liability Group Insurance Coverage
Terrorism Liability Group Insurance Coverage
- **Hotel Accommodations:** **SIX** Nights at a preferred Hotel (with swimming pool upon availability), Two Nashville, TN, Three New Orleans area, One en route home Magee, MS area
- **Meals:** **SIX** Deluxe Continental Breakfasts (at the hotel), **Nashville:** **ONE** Dinner at Ole Red Dinner Buffet with entertainment, **New Orleans:** **ONE** Dinner at Mulate's with entertainment, **ONE** Boxed Lunch from WWII Museum, **ONE** Dinner at The Reef Biloxi, MS
- **Attractions:** **Nashville:** Nashville Symphony (\$47 credit), Belmont University Campus Tour, Opry Mills (shopping), Grand Ole Opry House Backstage Tour, Country Music Hall of Fame and Behind the Songs, Studio B Recording for 55 people & Tour, The District (shopping), Assembly Hall Food Court (5th Ave), **New Orleans:** Jackson Square, Steamboat Natchez Lunch & Jazz Cruise, French Quarter Walking Tour, St. Louis Cemetery # 3, National WWII Museum with 4DMovie, Preservation Hall 2 Private Shows (\$2200 – 60 max), Mardi Gras Museum of Costumes & Culture, The Outlook Collection at Riverwalk (shopping), Ghost Tour, Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour, **Biloxi, MS:** Biloxi Beach, Paradise Pier Fun Park (all day pass)
- **Musical Inclusions:** **SIX** Master Classes (Three per ensemble) at University of Indianapolis, Belmont University & Loyola University (upon availability), **New Orleans:** Performance Opportunity at National WWII Museum, The Outlook Riverwalk Collection (upon acceptance), French Quarter March, **Unlimited** performances arranged for your group free of charge! (some exceptions may apply)
- **Escort:** **TWO** GTP Representatives will travel with the group to oversee your customized itinerary!
- ★ **BONUS!** This tour includes **THREE** all-inclusive Tour Packages (Based on Single Occupancy), Driver Gratuities, **ONE** Drawstring Bag for Each Participant, **THREE** \$300 Director Gift Cards for Tour Expenses, 24-hour emergency telephone service, travel packet, and a customized daily itinerary designed to specifically meet your group's needs!

IMPORTANT!

If you would like to alter this proposal please contact your Group Travel Planners Representative to inquire about optional Attractions, Meals, and Performances. (Any changes to the current proposal may increase or decrease the tour cost.)

