

# Denton Independent School District Request for Travel Non State-Sanctioned Activities\*

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Harpool Middle School Date of Request September 1, 2015  
 School Organization Orchestra & Band Activity Sponsor Kara Ortiz & Bryan Stone

## II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)\*\* Galveston, Houston  
 Description of Activities or Events Performing and competing at the Director's Choice Music Festival, receiving judges' feedback, and attending Schlitterbahn Waterpark.  
 Dates of Travel May 20 and May 21, 2016 Mode of Travel Charter buses  
 Number of Student Participants 95 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 14  
 Educational Purposes and Value Performing and competing at a music festival and receiving judges' feedback.

\*\* Attach copy of proposed itinerary

## III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	\$160
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____
Total Cost of Activity	\$18,400
Estimated Cost/Student	\$160

\*\*\*Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)

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## IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal	<u>Jeff Smith</u> NAME	 SIGNATURE	<u>9/2/15</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
School Operations	<u>David McCullae</u> NAME	<u>David McCullae</u> SIGNATURE	<u>9-9-15</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
Superintendent	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL
Board President	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL

\*Reference Policy FMG (L)

# Band/Orchestra Spring Trip 2016 Houston/Galveston Itinerary

## Included in this Packet:

- Itinerary
- Student Behavior Expectations
- Chaperones!
- Schlitterbahn Check-In Times
- What to Pack
- Chaperone Phone Number List
- Bus List, Travel Group List, Room List

## Itinerary

Houston is on the same time as Denton ISD

### Friday, May 20, 2016

Students will wear: Khaki Shorts and Performance Shirt (Band or Orchestra Shirt), and nice tennis shoes

You may wear sweat pants/wind pants over your shorts for the bus ride

Make sure to put your beach shoes in your bag for the bus

You will not have access to luggage stored under the bus until arriving in hotel room that night.

#### **5:30 AM Arrive @ Harpool MS**

When you arrive at school:

Place your under-bus luggage next to the bus you will be riding. (Look for your bus number in the window)

**DO NOT GET ON THE BUS AT THIS TIME.**

Enter the school with the bag that you will take on the bus.

Get your instrument, music, binder, etc. and have a seat with your travel group in the Cafeteria.

Sit very quietly so that we can give instructions and load the bus quickly.

#### **6:00 AM Depart**

Breakfast on your own en route – bring a small breakfast (something not messy) and a drink with a lid to eat on the bus.

#### **11:00 AM Lunch @ Hard Rock Café- Houston - Cost of meal was covered in the trip fee.**

Choose from the following:

--Cheeseburger or Bacon Cheeseburger with French Fries;

--Honey Mustard Grilled Chicken Sandwich with French Fries and Coleslaw;

--Veggie Burger with Side Salad;

--Bar-B-Que Pork Sandwich with French Fries, Coleslaw and BBQ Beans;

--Classic Chicken Caesar Salad.

All served with Chocolate Chip Cookies and Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink

#### **1:00 PM Depart for Texas City High School**

**PLEASE DO NOT APPLY DEO, HAIRSPRAY, ETC ON THE BUS.** Many people have allergies and sensitivities to these products.

#### **2:00 PM Arrive at Texas City High School**

All students will unload with instruments, music, etc.

#### **3:00 PM Band/Orchestra Performances @ Space City Showcase of Music**

Performance Order:

3:00 Concert Band

3:50 Symphonic Band

4:30 WAM Orchestra

5:10 CD Orchestra

Once your group performs and time allows, you will watch the other Harpool groups perform. Please remember concert etiquette.

#### **5:45 PM Load Buses**

#### **6:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for Stewart Beach**

You may put your beach shoes on that you packed in your on-bus bag.

**PLEASE DO NOT APPLY SUN-SCREEN, DEO, HAIRSPRAY, ETC ON THE BUS.** Many people have allergies and sensitivities to these products.

#### **6:30 PM Pizza/Volleyball/FreeTime @ Stewart Beach- Cost of meal covered in Trip Fee.**

#### **8:30 PM Load bus and Depart for Hotel**

#### **9:30 PM Arrive and check-in at Drury Inn & Suites Houston Hobby**

Room keys will not be available before this time.

#### **10:30 PM Room check and lights out**

Students are to turn lights out and GO TO SLEEP. You must stay in your room the entire night. Chaperones will be supervising the hallways throughout the night. If you have an emergency during the night, please contact your chaperone.

## **Saturday, May 21, 2016**

### **7:30 AM Wake and PACK.**

Your room should be cleaned and your belongings packed before coming to breakfast.

Leave your room very neat.

Wear your trip shirt, shorts, and shoes at this time. Swimsuits may be worn UNDER your trip shirt and shorts.

### **8:00 AM Check out of hotel**

Wait in your room until your chaperone checks your room. Once a chaperone has checked you out, take all your luggage to the lobby. We will have a designated place for you to place your luggage according to bus number

### **8:15 AM Breakfast at hotel**

A free continental breakfast will be served. Please be polite and respectful of other people at breakfast.

### **8:55 AM Load busses**

### **9:15 AM Depart via Motorcoach for Schlitterbahn Waterpark**

### **10:00 AM Schlitterbahn Waterpark**

### **12:00 PM Lunch on your own at Schlitterbahn Waterpark- Cost of meal included in trip fee.**

#### **CHECK-IN TIMES:**

You will check in with your chaperone near the Harpool Cabana. We will show where the cabana is when we arrive.

**2:00 PM**

**5:00 PM**

### **5:00 PM Meet your chaperone – DO NOT BE LATE!!!!!!!!!!**

Be dressed in trip shirt, shorts, and shoes

### **5:15 PM Load and Roll Call**

### **5:30 PM Depart via motor-coach for Harpool Middle School**

We will stop at a group of fast food type restaurants along the route home.

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING \$10-15 FOR DINNER ON THE WAY HOME

### **11:30 PM Arrive at Harpool Middle School**

Please be waiting at Harpool Middle School for your child to arrive.

Students will unload quickly.

The school will be open for students to return instruments to lockers.

In the remote chance we are running behind, we will have your child contact you.

## **Student Behavior Expectations**

Student behavior is of utmost importance. Students will treat all directors and chaperones with respect and follow directions.

All students must abide by the school handbook, as well as, your band or orchestra handbook.

Here are a few more reminders:

- Remain seated on the bus at all times.
- You must sit with someone of the same gender at all times on the bus.
- Do not use the bathroom on the bus unless it is an absolute emergency.
- Do not spray, apply or use sun-screen, hairspray, deo, perfume, etc. Many people have severe allergies to these materials. Wait until you are off the bus before applying these materials.
- Voice levels must remain UNDER champs level one.
- If you listen to music, please use headphones and keep the volume to a minimum
- Be very quiet at all times at our performance venue. We will be at a high school when classes will be in session.
- Remember concert etiquette while sitting in the audience
- While at restaurants, be extremely courteous to everyone especially those not traveling with us.
- Be ON TIME or early to all your check in times. If you are not on time, you are done participating for the day and must remain with a director for the duration of the day.
- You must stay with your travel group at all times. If you are not with your specific group at any time, you are done participating for the day and must remain with a director for the duration of the day.
- Be quiet at all times in the hotel
- Do not over crowd the hotel elevator
- Do not run in the hotel

## **Chaperones!**

Thank you very much for giving your time.

We are glad you are here to help ensure students follow expectations, to facilitate loading/unloading, and guide students through the performance process. We have some special requests:

- Please remind students of proper bus behavior when necessary
- Please sit throughout the bus to help monitor students
- Please remind students of proper concert etiquette
- Please remind students to be courteous and keep a reasonable noise level in restaurants
- Please be early for all events on the itinerary so that we can give you any updated information.
- Please set a good example of school approved swimwear if you choose to participate at Schlitterbahn
- If you have difficulties with student behavior, please contact a director
- Consequences for tardy check-in times or not in assigned groups are to remain with a director for the duration of the day.
- Please stick to the check-in times listed in the packet, as well as the consequences listed.
- Please check on student rooms at lights out time
- Meet in hotel lobby 10-15 minutes after lights out
- Please remind students to drink plenty of water and apply tons of sun-screen at every check-in.

## **Schlitterbahn Check-in Times**

**2:00 PM**

**5:00 PM**

## **What to pack –**

Students will be allowed 1 small suitcase for under the bus, and one string bag for on the bus.

### **Pack:**

Swim suit, towel, sunscreen, optional: aqua socks

Band t-shirt, shorts, socks for bus

Personal snacks for bus

**Swimsuits.** We would like to inform you of this policy now so your family can have some time to go shopping if necessary. Since this is a school sponsored trip, we will be observing the swimsuit guidelines below as we have always done. At Schlitterbahn, students may bring a swimsuit to wear that day. Girls must either wear a one piece swimsuit or a tankini with the tank top portion coming down to slightly overlap the bottom portion. Boys must wear swim trunks.

### **DO NOT BRING:**

***Anything not approved by school district policy.***

***Gaming systems for use at hotel.***

***Anything your directors would not approve.***