

Plan and Educational Rationale for Williamsburg, VA

April 11-14, 2024

It has been many years since the music department has traveled on an overnight trip. Overnight trips are an essential part of the development of any high school student. It prepares to be away from home for more than one night, therefore making them more responsible and preparing them for life after high school.

This trip is a “working trip”. Although there is some sightseeing planned, the trip is aimed towards a performance in the nationally acclaimed Music in the Parks music festival. Music in the Parks is known to put on some of the best festivals in the country. Students from BCHS will be traveling with students from BEHS for this festival at the Heritage Festival in Williamsburg, VA. This is the second time BE and BC students have traveled together. Kyle Camerato (BEHS Band), David Nelson (BCHS Vocal) and I are looking to prepare the students for a rare experience these days. The teachers will all be working together to make sure this experience is as positive and beneficial and educationally appropriate for each student involved.

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John Abucewicz
David Nelson
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Dear John and David,

I have been diligently working your proposal to Williamsburg in April 2024 and I am pleased to offer you the following package:

BRISTOL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TO WILLIAMSBURG, VA.
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024- SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

- DELUXE DVD EQUIPPED MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION WITH LAV, WIFI, AC AND OUTLETS (BASED ON **THREE 52 PASSENGER COACHES WITH DATTCO**)
- BUS DRIVERS' GRATUITIES, **INCLUDING RELIEF DRIVERS** IN BOTH DIRECTIONS
- THREE NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE FORT MAGRUDER HOTEL, A TRADEMARK COLLECTION BY WYNDHAM (**MAXIMUM OF 4 PEOPLE TO A ROOM**) (**PENDING CONTRACT**)
- HOTEL TAXES
- THREE FULL AMERICAN BUFFET BREAKFASTS AT THE HOTEL
- ONE PIZZA PARTY AT THE HOTEL UPON ARRIVAL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH
- ONE BOX DINNER OR SIMILAR AT THE FESTIVAL SITE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH (**PENDING SCHEDULE**)
- ONE FOOD STAND VOUCHER TO BE USED IN BUSCH GARDENS PROVIDED BY MUSIC IN THE PARKS
- ONE DAY ADMISSION TO BUSCH GARDENS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH INCLUDED WITH MUSIC IN THE PARKS
- ADJUDICATION WITH MUSIC IN THE PARKS (PENDING APPLICATION BY SCHOOL AND ACCEPTANCE BY MUSIC IN THE PARKS)
- ONE DAY SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG TO INCLUDE ADMISSION TO THE EXHIBITION BUILDINGS, COLONIAL TRADE SHOPS AND COLONIAL HOMES OF THE HISTORIC AREA ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH.
- TWELVE CHAPERONES PAYING **\$400.00** EACH IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY BASED ON ABOVE PACKAGE FEATURES
- FOUR DIRECTORS COMPLIMENTARY IN SINGLE OCCUPANCY BASED ON ABOVE PACKAGE FEATURES
- TWO SECURITY OFFICERS SIX HOURS EACH EVENING FROM 10:30PM TO 4:30AM
- 24/7 ON CALL PERKINS TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVE TO ASSIST WHILE YOU ARE TRAVELING
- LUGGAGE TAGS
- TAXES AND GRATUITY ON ABOVE PACKAGE FEATURES

COST: \$693.00	PER STUDENT BASED ON FOUR TO A ROOM
\$730.00	PER STUDENT BASED ON THREE TO A ROOM
\$803.00	PER STUDENT BASED ON TWO TO A ROOM

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOT HOLDING SPACE WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE VENDORS. THE STUDENT PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL 2024 PRICING FROM ALL VENDORS IS RECEIVED AND SPACE IS CONFIRMED. PLEASE REVIEW AND LET ME KNOW IF ANY ADJUSTMENTS NEED TO BE MADE.

I have predicated the above costs on minimum of 130 students. If this number should increase or decrease the costs are subject to change. Also, you will see that I have listed three different prices per student. The final per student cost will be confirmed once the rooming list has been received.

THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION HAS IMPLEMENTED ELECTRONIC LOGS IN ALL COACH BUSES. THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE PAPER LOGBOOKS. THE PURPOSE OF THE ELECTRONIC LOGS IS TO ENFORCE THE LEGALITY OF THE BUS DRIVER HOURS. BUS DRIVERS CAN LEGALLY BE ON DUTY FOR 15 HOURS IN ONE DAY WITH 10 OF THOSE HOURS DRIVING. THEY MUST HAVE 8 HOURS OFF BETWEEN THE 15 HOURS ON DUTY DAY. THE 10 HOURS OF DRIVING INCLUDE ALL THE HOURS A DRIVER HAS DRIVEN IN A DAY, NOT JUST THOSE HOURS RELATING TO THE ITINERARY.

Please be advised, with the current economic situation and potential of escalating fuel prices, a surcharge might be levied which is beyond our control.

I do want to make you aware the Fort Magruder hotel does have balconies. These balconies do not connect to each other and each balcony is separated by a cement wall, so you are not able to see the balcony next to you. You can view the property along with the bedrooms on their website at <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/trademark/williamsburg-virginia/fort-magruder-hotel-trademark-collection-by-wyndham/overview>

We offer limited insurance coverage. It is mandatory that you convey this information to each participant, in writing, when sending home details on the trip. The information will be emailed to you. This email can be forwarded to the parents and will include the link to purchase the insurance. They click on the link, complete the trip details, and then put in their credit card number. Once purchased they will receive a copy of the policy. I would send the insurance details home to the parents once you know you have enough participation for the trip. The insurance premium is non-refundable once purchased but must be purchased prior to the students paying their final balance on the trip.

Going forward, services with Perkins Travel will include a cancellation policy. Perkins Travel will be assessing a cancellation fee. The cancellation letter will include the specific details. Please note, this fee goes into effect regardless of the School Board policy changes and/or world events. Once we receive trip approval and all the package features are confirmed a detailed cancellation letter will be emailed to you.

If you should have any questions or would like to make any changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Janet Buslewicz
Group Services
PERKINS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT