

2024 Becker High School Choir and Band Trip Proposal

The Becker High School 11-12 grade Choir and Band, under the direction of Gretchen Bordson and Justin Frerich, are seeking permission to travel to New York City from March 22nd-March 25th, 2024. This timeline utilizes our spring break to alleviate any missed school days. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1450 per student, which includes air travel, hotel, all trip activities and many meals throughout the trip.

Trip Purposes:

The purpose of the trip is multidimensional in nature and include but are not limited to:

- Performances at St. John the Divine Church and the Intrepid Sea Air and Space Museum - Choir and Band will be preparing for these performances throughout our school year
- A tour of Radio City Music Hall - Home of the Rockettes and many famous musical events
- Attend a Broadway Workshop and see a Broadway Show - learn music and dance from cast member of the Broadway show they will attend
- DJ Dinner/Dance Harbor Cruise - see the Statue of Liberty while riding aboard a cruise ship
- Experience Central Park, Times Square, Little Italy, Greenwich Village - learn the diverse culture Manhattan has to offer
- Tour the 911 Memorial Site and Museum - Learn about that historic, tragic event that changed our nation forever.
- The responsibilities of traveling help prepare students in small steps for life outside of high school.
- Continued building of a strong, vital choir and band program at Becker High School.
- Traveling helps recruit and retain members and increases commitment in the choir and band programs.

Destination:

The students will be traveling by air. The following is the proposed itinerary. Everything is included in the price as well as several meals, which are marked on the itinerary.

Becker High School Band & Choir

New York City Tour

March 22 – 25, 2024

Day 1 Friday, March 22nd (today's schedule based on air itinerary)

TBD Load luggage and instruments at high school and depart for the Minneapolis

Airport (transportation not included in estimated tour package price)

5:00 am Check in for your flight to NYC

7:15 am Southwest Flight WN2338 departs for Kansas City, MO

8:50 am Arrive in Kansas City, MO - (purchase lunch at airport to bring on plane)
10:15 am Southwest Flight WN 2210 departs for NYC LaGuardia
1:55 pm Arrive in NYC – pull luggage, load coaches and depart for Rockefeller Center
3:45 pm Line up for 4 pm Radio City Music Hall Tour (75 minute tour)
Following tour walk to Times Square.
6:00 pm Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe Times Square Included
7:30 pm Depart for hotel
Approx. 8:15 pm Check in to your hotel
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 265 Route 3 East, Clifton, NJ 07014, 973-778-6500

Day 2 Saturday, March 23 rd

6:30-8:30 am Hot breakfast at hotel Included
9:30 am Depart for St John's the Divine Choir Performance (30 minute performance, piano available)
10:00 am Becker High School Choir Performance
10:45 am Depart for Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
Upon arrival, lunch on your own
12:10 pm Meet to pull instruments and set up for performance.
12:30 pm Becker High School Band Performance
Following performance, take instruments to coach and then self-guided tour of the Museum.
2:00 pm Depart for 911 Memorial Site.
2:45 pm Line up for 3 pm entrance to 911 Memorial Museum entrance included
5:30 pm Depart for Greenwich Village or Little Italy for dinner on your own.
Depart for hotel following dinner.

Day 3 Sunday, March 24th

7:30-8:30 am Hot breakfast at hotel Included
8:45 am Depart for 10 am Broadway Workshop - (60 min. workshop)
11:15 am Depart to Times square for free time and lunch on your own.
1:30 pm Meet for Broadway Show
2:00 pm Broadway Show – TBD
5:45 pm Depart for 6:30 pm DJ Dinner/Harbor Cruise – see the NYC skyline and Statue of Liberty up close at night! Buffet dinner included
Depart for hotel.

Day 4 Monday, March 25th (today's schedule based on air itinerary)

6:30-7:30 am Breakfast at hotel Included
Load luggage and check out.
8:30 am Depart for Walk on the Highline and see the Little Island Visitor Info | The High Line and Home - Little Island

11:00 am Depart to Time Warner Whole Foods for lunch on your own.
12:45 pm Depart for walk through Central Park seeing Poets Walk, Trump Skating
Rink, Sheeps Meadow, Central Park Band shell & Strawberry Fields
3:00 pm Depart for LaGuardia Airport.
Arrive and check in. Dinner at airport on your own.
6:25 pm Southwest Flight WN1246 departs for St. Louis, MO
8:20 pm Arrive in St. Louis.
10:05 pm Southwest Flight WN2800 departs for Minneapolis
11:35 pm Arrive at Minneapolis Airport
Pull luggage, load buses and depart to Becker High School (transportation
not included in estimated tour package price)
Welcome Home!

Estimated Package Price: \$1,460 - \$1,480 per paying passenger

Based on 70 passengers: 60 paying students, 8 chaperones paying 50%, 2 directors paying \$0

Based on students in quad occupancy rooms and chaperones in double occupancy rooms

****Based on 2023 vendor rates and estimated 2024 Vendor rates**

****Based on 2024 Contracted NYC Motorcoach Rate**

**Final price can be secured when air seats are contracted, 2024 vendor rates are made
available in the fall of 2023 and when the final rooming list/passenger count is submitted.**

Inclusions:

Roundtrip Air Ticket

Motorcoach Transportation in NYC

Driver Gratuity (2 drivers)

3 nights in NYC/New Jersey Area hotel

Performances, Meals and Activities as noted in Itinerary

\$100 ticket price included for Broadway Show

Leisure Time Tours Tour Manager

Non-Inclusions:

Roundtrip Airport transportation

Airline Luggage/Instrument Check-in Fees and Overage Fees

Airlines Note:

Southwest Airlines provides 2 free check in bags/instrument

Hotel Information

Students will be staying in rooms grouped into 4's. The chaperone ratio will be 10:1 so the number of chaperones will be determined by the amount of participating students.

Probable Number of Students:

The trip is optional so the number of students has yet to be determined. An estimate based upon how many students have shown interest is around 70 band and choir students.

Transportation:

Air travel - using Southwest Airlines

Travel Company and Cost:

The cost of the trip will be around \$1450 per student, which may be slightly lower or higher depending on the number of students attending. Chaperones will pay half of the student cost. The travel company handling the arrangements is Leisure Time Tours from St. Cloud, MN. The company has been handling the Becker Music department tours for over 25 years.

Fundraising:

Music department students have been fundraising since 6th grade and the money they raise stays in their individual accounts until they graduate. Any money accumulated throughout these years can be applied to the cost of the trip. This year there will be a few fundraisers for our music students to help offset their trip cost: Candybar sale, Wreath Sale

General Rules and Regulations

Any student not complying with the guidelines set below should expect disciplinary action. Discipline may range from a simple reprimand, room or bus confinement, to being sent home by airplane or bus at the expense of parents/guardians.

- 1. All Minnesota State High School League and Becker High School Handbook Rules and Expectations apply on this trip. The police department, as well as Becker High School, will handle any student involvement in alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. Any involvement in these substances will result in the student being sent home with a chaperone. Parents will pay for the cost of the plane/bus ride for the student and chaperone.**
2. Act in a manner that will leave every person in which we have contact with a good impression. We are representing our school, community, and state on this trip.
3. All students will attend every function and tour on the itinerary.
4. You should be with at least two other students at all times. DO NOT go anywhere by yourself.
5. Always be a few minutes early. If you are late, the whole group is late. This may jeopardize our scheduled events.
6. Be courteous to the chaperones and drivers

Motor Coach Conduct

1. Food and drink may be consumed while traveling, as long as the coach is kept clean and neat.
2. Our motor coach drivers are experts in the field. Please treat the drivers with courtesy and respect, keeping in mind their responsibilities. While he or she is driving, keep the noise level low.

Hotel Rules and Regulations

1. No one will leave one's room after curfew. After curfew you will only open the door for chaperones and hotel officials.
2. Obey all rules set by the hotel.
3. Be respectful of other guests. You will be held responsible if the manager calls Mrs. Bordson's or Mr. Frerich's room because of a disturbance.
4. Do not take towels or souvenirs from your room. You will be charged for these items and any other damage to your hotel room.
5. Keep your door locked at all times.
6. At no time is anyone outside of the Becker Choir or Band allowed to enter your hotel room. Do not give out your hotel name and room number to anyone.
7. Students are not allowed to stay in a chaperone's room or a room other than the assigned hotel room.

Permission, Medical Information and Waiver Form

All Minnesota State High School league and Becker High School Handbook rules and expectations apply on this trip. Any student not complying with the guidelines set for them should expect a disciplinary action. Any involvement in alcohol, drugs, or tobacco will be handled by the Police Department as well as Becker High School. Any involvement in these substances will result in the student being sent home with a chaperone. Parents will pay for the cost of the plane/bus ride for the student and chaperone. By this Waiver, I assume any risk, and take full responsibility for my child and waive any claims of personal injury, death, or damage to personal property associated with Becker HS Choir and Band tour 2022. I understand and confirm that by signing this waiver and release I have given up considerable future legal rights. I have signed this agreement freely, voluntarily, under no duress.

***I understand, and will comply, with the statement above. I give my permission for my child to travel with the Becker High School Choir and Band to Memphis/Nashville.**

Parent signature _____

Student signature _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Insurance Company _____ policy number _____

MEDICAL ALERTS

Student Name: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Please inform us of any of your child's special needs (ex. diabetic, epilepsy etc.) and also allergies, medication or prescriptions.

In case of emergency, please give us a phone number(s) in which we can reach you:

Thank you so much for the information! This information will be kept confidential and will be with Mrs. Bordson and Mr. Frerich at all times in case of emergency.