

BAND TRIP GENERAL MEETING – INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Dates

- Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 20

Trip Outside of School District / Pre-Arranged Absence for Thursday, March 12

- In speaking with the High School Director for the Santa Rosa County School District, we have opted to take this trip outside of the guidelines and coverage of the SRCSD. Group Travel Network carries the Liability Insurance and we will abide by all of their policies and guidelines. In that decision, students will be given a Pre-Arranged Absence for missing school on Thursday, March 12. The band directors will take care of the necessary paperwork to get student absences excused and pre-arranged.

Transportation

- Gulf Coast Charters – Mobile, Alabama – Two 56-passenger Charter Buses

Hotels

- Doubletree Hotel Gaithersburg, MD *Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15*
- Holiday Inn Express New York Times Square *Sunday, March 15 through Thursday, March 19*

Schedule at a Glance

- **Wednesday, March 11**...Bandroom Opens @ 7:30 pm / Call Time @ 8:30 pm / Depart @ 9:00 pm
- **Thursday, March 12**...travel all day with lunch at Mall Food Court & Pizza Dinner at Hotel
- **Friday, March 13**...visit Arlington Cemetery, White House Tour, National Archives, Nighttime Monument Tour
- **Saturday, March 14**...visit Smithsonian Museums all day
- **Sunday, March 15**...visit George Washington's Mount Vernon, then travel to New York City
- **Monday, March 16**...Visit Downtown Manhattan, One World Observatory, and 9/11 Museum
- **Tuesday, March 17**...Good Morning America, Uptown Manhattan, Cast Dinner Party, Phantom of the Opera
- **Wednesday, March 18**...Visit any part of Manhattan in small groups, Harbor Lights Cruise
- **Thursday, March 19**...Depart for Milton at 9:00 am / Lunch & Dinner at Mall Food Courts
- **Friday, March 20**...estimated arrival in Milton around 6:00-7:00 am / Go Home!

Meals

- Provided Meals - 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners = 14 total meals
- Meals On Your Own – 7 lunches & 3 dinner = 10 total meals

Recommended Spending Money

- \$125-\$195 for meals
- \$100-\$200 for snacks & souvenirs

Other Stuff

- Neck Wallets are provided to each participant. Please keep valuable belongings in front of you in a secured location at all times when touring.
- Two Luggage Tags are provided for each participant. Please place one on your luggage and one on your carry-on.
- Be sure to sign-up for our REMIND text messages by texting *mhstrip20* to 81010 or to 850-396-0116.

Predicted Weather

- Washington DC – Highs around 59° / Lows around 40° (*possible showers*)
- New York City – High's around 50° / Lows around 35° (*possible showers*)
- **Recommended that you dress in layers.**

Medications

- Students may responsibly hold onto their medications throughout the trip. If there is a concern about the student holding onto their own medication, please see one of the band directors to develop a distribution plan.

Packing List for Trip

_____ **Casual Clothes for 9 days**

_____ *Shirts*

_____ *Pants*

_____ *Sleepwear/Bus Wear*

_____ *Socks*

_____ *Underwear*

_____ *Jacket or Coat / Winter Wear (gloves, hat, scarfs, etc)*

_____ **Comfortable Walking Shoes** (*recommend two pairs of shoes*)

_____ **Snacks & Drinks for bus/room**

_____ **\$\$\$Meal & Spending Money\$\$\$ - Recommended - \$200-\$400**

_____ **Personal Hygeine Supplies & Toiletries** (*toothbrush, deodorant, hair brush, toothpaste, etc.*)

_____ **Bus Trip Extras** (*DVD's, Chargers, MP3 Player, Games, Headphones, etc.*)

_____ **Cell Phone Chargers & Battery Packs**

_____ **Blanket & Pillow for bus**

_____ **Cell Phone or Plan for calling home**

_____ **Raincoat, poncho, or umbrella**

_____ **Good Attitude!!!!!!**

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Visit www.miltonhighschoolband.com , under "DC/New York Trip" tab, click "Band Trip Itinerary". Then click button and enter password "mhsband" and the PDF file should appear. Download the file onto your computer or smartphone device.