

NHS BANDS & ORCHESTRAS

New York City Trip Information for March, 10-13, 2016

This is to provide some more detailed information regarding the Band & Orchestra performance trip to New York City, next March 10-13.

Who can go:

Everyone enrolled in band and orchestra (all grades) and parents (families). We will take 1 combined concert band and 1 combined orchestra for the performance. Generally we take one big trip like this every 4 years, so this is the year for it! Since this represents our programs, we need to have good sized, viable performing groups, (i.e. if we have 10 violins and 1 bass, we can't perform with an orchestra) so we want to take as many students as possible. We also need lots of parent sponsors if we wish to take this trip.

Where:

New York City (Manhattan)

How do we get there:

Airlines (either commercial or chartered), local bus

Which Airline/Airport/can I use airline miles/do I get miles credit...?:

I won't know most of these answers yet. Most of them will be dependent on the number of people traveling.

In the past we have not been able to use airline miles to pay for travel.

In the past we have been able to enter Frequent Flyer info for credit to your account.

What is the purpose of the trip?

- 1) To provide a performance opportunity for our students unlike those we normally encounter.
- 2) Explore new places, musically and culturally
- 3) Experience settings different from what we experience daily
- 4) Sightseeing opportunities

Will there be adult supervision?

Without appropriate supervision, we will not be able to go on this trip. Ideally, we would like to have 4 students to 1 sponsor to make "free time" sight seeing more efficient. We will be using public transportation as well as locally chartered buses. When there is unstructured time, students will be required to be with an adult sponsor.

What will the itinerary include?

Some of the following (this list will be fluid for the foreseeable future, depending on numbers of students, sponsors and costs):

Public Performance onboard the Intrepid, [Intrepid Museum](#)

Music sightseeing tour of NYC (bus) - 6 hour guided city tour to include stops at Central Park, Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center, Grand Central Station, Brooklyn Bridge and more

[Broadway Show](#) (TBA)

[9-11 Memorial and Museum](#)

[Radio City Music Hall](#) Tour

[Empire State Building](#) Tour

[NY Philharmonic](#), [NY Pops](#) or other performance, sporting event or concert

Dinners in Times Square and Little Italy
Shopping / Sightseeing opportunities (Metro Card for each traveler)

Other optional opportunities (not included in cost) might include:

[Statue of Liberty](#), [Battery Park](#), [Ellis Island](#)
[St. Paul's Chapel](#), [Trinity Church](#)
Museums ([Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), [Museum of Modern Art](#), etc.)
[Lincoln Center](#), ([Juilliard](#), [Metropolitan Opera](#), [NY Phil](#)), [Lincoln Center Tour](#)
[Tours](#) ([Gray Line Tours](#), [Circle-Line Tours](#), [Spirit Cruise](#), etc.)
[Shopping on 5th Ave](#), [Tiffany's](#), [Bryant Park](#), [Apple Store-5th Ave](#).
[Today Show](#), [Good Morning America](#)
[Broadway shows](#) as schedule permits, [TKTS](#) (discounted same-day tickets)
[South Street Seaport](#)
[Rockefeller Plaza](#), [NBC Studios Tour](#), [Top of the Rock](#)
[Grand Central Station](#), [Madison Square Garden](#)
[Diamond District](#), [Macy's – 34th St.](#)
[Times Square](#) - [M&M's Store](#), [Hershey's Store](#)
[United Nations](#)
[Washington Square Park](#), [NYU](#), [Central Park](#)

How is the cost determined?

We have a package price per person plus an estimate of airfare. Other costs will include transporting/renting instruments and other related costs of performance.

How much spending money will we need?

Meals or meal money is part of our package, so at this time, the amount of money needed is that for souvenirs, extra snacks or costs associated with sightseeing. It is not a good idea for anyone to bring a large amount of cash on a trip like this.

Payments/Deposits:

In order to secure airline seats, we will need to collect \$150/person deposit by the end of June. (Some of this deposit may be non-refundable, based on airlines contracts.) This will allow us to make more detailed arrangements and come closer on pricing.

How can I make the initial deposit?:

The band is rehearsing on Monday, June 15, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, so that's a good time.

Send a check (to NHS): NHS Band or NHS Orchestra, Norman High School, 911 W. Main, Norman, OK 73069

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Meiller IMMEDIATELY. I must get a good idea of the number of people traveling in order to get a contract signed.

Fundraising:

There will be several fundraisers scheduled during the fall. The largest opportunity for families to raise funds is Jake's Fireworks. Please look for an email with details. There is a link to a sign up form on the website. Please don't delay – they are looking for people right away through the July 4 weekend. Slots will fill up quickly.