

RHS Band Program Concert Tour of Southern California

Friday, February 7, 2020 – Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Introduction

It has been part of the basic standing philosophy of the RHS Band Program that every student have at least one opportunity during his or her high school career to travel and perform in an environment different than Ridgewood or the Metropolitan area. Once again, the Ridgewood High School Band Program has been invited to participate in a concert tour of Southern California. On this tour, all aspects of our band program (Curricular Bands, Jazz Ensembles, Chamber Ensembles, Winter Color Guard) will perform for a variety of audiences, and a number of non-performance educational experiences have been included as part of the tour.

This packet includes a tentative itinerary. A final itinerary will be distributed at the **MANDATORY** meeting on **Thursday, January 30**.

Performance / Educational highlights planned as part of this trip:

1. University of Southern California: Tour of the university, clinics with music faculty. This experience is extremely valuable as many of our students look toward their post-high school aspirations with questions of how music can remain an important part of their lives, regardless of their major.
2. Meet the Composer: Curricular bands will meet and work with award-winning composer/conductor **Sean O'Loughlin**.
3. Winter Guard International Competition: Performance venue for our Winter Guard to be adjudicated and critiqued by some of the top experts in the field.
4. Santa Monica Pier: Always a highlight of the trip. Many students will get to see the Pacific Ocean for the first time! Small ensembles will perform a concert on the pier.
5. Disneyland: Wind Ensemble performs as part of the "Disney Performing Arts On Stage" series. Clinics and workshops given by the Disney Production Staff for Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Winter Guard and Twirlers.
6. Television City/Sony Studios: Taping of a sitcom or game show and studio tours.
7. Step-on Tour of Hollywood and Beverly Hills: A guided tour of the entertainment capital of the world, and some of the ritziest homes and stores in the country.
8. Catalina Jazz Club: Concert Venue for Jazz Ensembles. Students will work in clinics with **Wayne Bergeron**, world-renowned jazz trumpeter/studio musician/educator.
9. California Adventure: Symphonic Band and Concert Band perform as part of the "Disney Performing Arts On Stage" series.
10. Dodger Stadium: Attend a performance of **Cirque du Soleil's "VOLTA."** This new production from Cirque du Soleil is said to be "a captivating voyage of discovery that showcase never-before-seen under the Big Top acrobatics in a visually striking world. Driven by a stirring melodic score and inspired in part by the adventurous spirit that fuels the culture of street sports, VOLTA is about finding yourself and unveiling your personal powers.

Ridgewood High School Band Program Tour
Southern California
February 7 –February 12, 2020

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Thursday, February 6, 2020

3 PM Students deliver luggage to Room 150.

Friday, February 7, 2020

7:45 AM Students attend classes
3:00 PM Bus transfer of students to Newark Liberty Airport for check-in and security passage.
7:00 PM First group depart on **United Flight UA1871** nonstop flight to LAX
7:20 PM Second group depart on **Alaska Airlines Flight AS331** nonstop flight to LAX
10:28 PM UA1871 Arrive at LAX – Baggage Claim
10:53 PM AS331 Arrive at LAX – Baggage Claim
11:30 PM Load buses / truck to go to hotel
11:55 PM Arrive at **Embassy Suites, Downey** and check in
 Students to rooms
12:30 AM Lights Out!

Saturday, February 8, 2020

7:00 AM Wake up call
7:30 AM Breakfast in hotel
8:30 AM Bus to Santa Monica Pier for performances of all small ensembles.
11:00 AM Lunch and supervised free time on the pier/beach.
1:00 PM Bus to University of Southern California for campus tour and clinics. Winter Guard will have time for practice.
2:00 PM Winter Guard departs for WGI competition site (TBA)
3:00 PM Rest of the group departs for WGI competition site (TBA)
5:00 PM Bus to Dinner at Planet Dailies Restaurant, Los Angeles
7:00 PM Bus to Dodger Stadium
8:00 PM Attend performance of **Cirque du Soleil's "VOLTA"**
10:00 PM Bus to hotel
11:00 PM Students in rooms / Lights Out!

Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:00 AM Wake up call
8:00 AM Breakfast in hotel
9:00 AM Bus to **Disneyland**
 * Dance / Movement Clinic for Winter Guard and Twirlers with Disney Choreographers
 * Instrumental Sound Track Session Clinic for Wind Ensemble
 * Performance by Wind Ensemble
 * Lunch and dinner at the park (meal coupon provided to be used for one meal)
 * Remain at Disneyland for performance of "Fantasmic!"
9:00 PM Return to hotel
10:00 PM Students in rooms
11:00 PM Lights Out!

Monday, February 10, 2020

7:00 AM Wake up call
8:00 AM Breakfast in hotel
9:00 AM Bus to Disney's **California Adventure**
* Instrumental Sound Track Session Clinic for Symphonic Band & Concert Band
* Performance by Symphonic Band & Concert Band
* Lunch and dinner at the park (meal coupon provided to be used for one meal)
6:00 PM Bus to Composer Clinic / Winter Guard Workshop (JFK High School, La Palma, CA)
7:00 PM Composer Clinic with **Sean O'Loughlin**. Winter Guard workshop with **Corkie Keys**.
10:30 PM Students in rooms
11:00 PM Lights Out!

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:00 AM Wake up call
8:00 AM Breakfast in hotel
10:00 AM Bus to Sony Studios, Hollywood
10:30 AM Arrive at Sony Studios for tours and taping of television broadcast
Lunch at The Original Farmer's Market
2:30 PM Bus Tour of LA/Beverly Hills before proceeding to Catalina Jazz Club for Dinner and Show.
Jazz Bands – Abbreviated Bus Tour of Los Angeles/Beverly Hills then proceed to Catalina Jazz Club (Hollywood) for clinics.
6:00 PM Catalina Jazz Club – RHS Jazz Ensembles with **Wayne Bergeron**
9:30 PM Bus transfer to hotel
10:30 PM Arrive at hotel
11:00 PM Lights out

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

5:00 AM Wake up call; bus to Los Angeles International Airport
5:30 AM Arrive at Airport and check in – breakfast at airport food court
6:30 AM First group depart on Alaska Air Flight **AS512** nonstop flight to Newark Liberty Airport (EWR)
7:15 AM Second group depart on United Flight **UA247** nonstop flight to EWR
2:55 PM AS512 arrive at EWR – Baggage Claim
3:35 PM UA247 arrive at EWR – Baggage Claim
4:30 PM Load buses / truck to go to Ridgewood
5:30 PM Arrive at Ridgewood High School

Thursday, February 13, 2020

EVERYBODY BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

This trip has been arranged in coordination with:

Peak Performance Tours, Inc.

1720 Kendarbren Drive, Suite 722

Jamison, PA 18929

Toll Free: 800.220.0165

Email: info@peakperformancetours.com

THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED

**Ridgewood High School Band Program
Health History and Medical Information**

CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL/SURGICAL TREATMENT

Authorization to consent to treatment of a minor temporarily separated from his/her parent(s).

Please complete all of the following information

Student Name:.....

(Last)

(First)

(M.I.)

Date of Birth: Sex: Parent/Guardian Name(s):.....

Home Address:..... Phone:

Address & Phone (if different during 2/7-2/12):

Alternate Emergency Contact:

(Name)

(Relationship)

(Phone)

If child is a member of 2019 Marching Band, only complete the rest of this form if there are changes since Band Camp.

Health History: (Please check all that apply)

☐ Chicken Pox ☐ German Measles ☐ Hay Fever ☐ Ear Infections ☐ Heart Disease

☐ Measles ☐ Asthma ☐ Convulsions ☐ Diabetes ☐ Fainting

☐ Latex Allergy ☐ Drug Allergies (specify)

☐ Insect Allergies (specify) ☐ Food Allergies (specify)

☐ Plant Allergies (specify) ☐ Other Allergies (specify)

Does Student require regular medication? Yes ☐ No ☐ Specify:

Date of last TETANUS Booster: Temporary Medication taken at this time:

List any physical restrictions:

Dietary Requirements: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Kosher

Attach any additional information that may aid in meeting medical contingencies:.....

Insurance Carrier (If you do not carry insurance, please indicate): ID #

Name of Insurance Policy Holder: Policy Holder's Date of Birth:

*****PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD (BOTH SIDES)*****

Physician: Phone:

I/We, the undersigned parent(s)/legal guardian of....., a minor, do hereby authorize the Ridgewood Public Schools Staff, as our agent(s) to consent to any diagnostic procedure or medical care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of, any licensed physician, surgeon, or qualified personnel at an accredited hospital when such diagnosis or treatment is rendered.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific need for treatment, but is given to provide authority on the part of our aforesaid agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which the physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable. I/We understand that there is no accident or health insurance program and that any medical bills incurred by my/our son/daughter will be paid by me/us. This authorization shall remain effective through February 12, 2020 unless sooner revoked in writing delivered to said agent(s).

AUTHORIZATION

State of New Jersey, County of Bergen.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____, who being duly sworn, testified under oath that the information provided above is true and correct.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Subscribed and affirmed before me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE: _____

...Please fill out all information in its entirety...

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM RULES OF CONDUCT

1. The staff and administration of Ridgewood High School reserve the right to prohibit any student from participation in this trip due to excessive absences or a poor record of behavior. If a student is removed from the trip prior to departure, the appropriate refund will be given.
2. Any student who behaves in a manner that is illegal, dangerous, insubordinate or in violation of school or Board of Education policy will have their participation in the field trip terminated immediately. Parents will be contacted and required to pick up their children without delay. If that is not possible, the staff in charge of the trip will make arrangements to transport the student home, or any other location specified by the parents or parent's designees, at no expense to the Board of Education.
3. The use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is not permitted at any time, and will result in immediate expulsion from the trip, with the child's parents providing transportation home. Staff and chaperones may inspect students property when necessary.

**RULES AND SANCTIONS OF RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
CONCERNING THE USE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO
WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED DURING THE DURATION OF THIS
TRIP! (See field trip permission slip)**

4. **ALL STUDENTS MUST CARRY A VALID PICTURE ID AT ALL TIMES.**
5. Students are to attend all rehearsal sessions, performances, and activities as listed on the itinerary.
6. All itinerary times must be met promptly.
7. **STUDENTS WILL OBSERVE ALL CURFEW HOURS!**
8. Students will respect the grounds and property of all visited areas and hotels. Any damage to said property will be billed directly to the student, and his / her parents will be held responsible for the bill.
9. Students are not permitted in the hotel rooms of the opposite sex at any time.
10. Students are responsible for their own personal property. Therefore, it is suggested that expensive jewelry or other valuables are not brought on this trip.
11. All belongings including luggage and instruments must be labeled with the student's name, address, telephone number, and "Ridgewood High School Band."
12. **Concert Attire: All students will receive an official "RHS Bands" shirt which will be worn along with black dress pants, black socks, and black shoes for concerts of the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Small Ensembles and Percussion Ensemble. Performance attire for jazz ensembles and winter guard / twirlers will be determined by the advisors of those groups.**

****REMEMBER.....You are representing Ridgewood High School and the Village of Ridgewood. Please be courteous and cooperative at all times. The rules stated above are for your safety and well-being, and for ensuring a terrific musical and educational experience.**

I (We) have read and agree to the rules listed above:

Date:Parents / Legal Guardian:.....

I have read and agree to the rules listed above:

Date: Band Member:.....

Ridgewood High School
Ridgewood, New Jersey
Overnight Field Trip Parent Permission Form

Name of student: Grade: 9 10 11 12

Dates of Trip: February 7 - 12, 2020 Destination of Trip: Greater Los Angeles, California

Purpose of Trip: Concert / Clinic Tour

Staff Members in charge: Mr. Haas & Mr. Luckenbill Method of Transportation: Commercial Airline / Coach Buses

Field trips are an integral part of our educational program. The district encourages these activities, but in order for them to be safe for all the students and have an optimal educational and social experience, the following procedures must be followed.

1. All school-sponsored trips, regardless of the type, are considered extensions of the school campus, and as such, students are held to the same standards that apply on school grounds. All rules, including those related to the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco will be strictly enforced.
2. Teachers and/or volunteer chaperones are responsible for the safety of all students on the trip. Students, therefore, are obligated to follow all rules established by the teacher(s) in charge and enforced by the chaperones.
3. On overnight trips, student luggage and lodging rooms are **SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND SEARCH** at any time by staff supervising the trip.
4. Students will observe all curfew hours.
5. Any student who behaves in a manner that is illegal, dangerous, insubordinate or in violation of school or Board of Education policy may have his/her participation in the field trip terminated immediately. Depending on circumstances, one or more of the following actions will be taken:
 - Immediate notification to the parent/guardian concerning the behavior;
 - If feasible, parents will be notified and required to pick up their child without delay;
 - If that is not possible the staff in charge will make arrangements to transport the student home or to any other location agreed upon with the parents or parents' designees, at no expense to the Board of Education;
 - Any other disciplinary action that is otherwise appropriate under Board policy and practice.
6. Upon returning to the school, all disciplinary actions will be reviewed in accordance with school policy.

I (We) have read this form and agree to allow our child to participate based on the rules listed above. I further understand that if this trip is canceled due to an emergency condition, I may lose some or all of the money that I have paid:

Parents/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

I have read and agree to the rules listed above:

Student _____ Date _____

Emergency Phone Numbers (please provide a friend, relative or neighbor in case you cannot be reached - staff will carry this form)

1st call _____
(number) (relationship)

2nd call _____
(number) (relationship)

3rd call _____
(number) (relationship)

Payment / Refund Information

Students will be required to pay an advance fee of **\$1995.00**, which will cover the cost of air transportation, bus transportation, hotel accommodations, comprehensive travel insurance and all activities listed on the itinerary except for lunches. Hotel accommodations are for quad occupancy in deluxe hotels.

Students will have the opportunity to use the money that they have earned through Band Association fund raising activities to help defray the cost of this trip. Students who demonstrate financial need will be offered alternate payment methods or scholarships, on a case-by-case basis.

If alternate payment arrangements are necessary, please contact Mr. Haas directly for a confidential discussion at (201) 670-2800 x20639 or by e-mail at jhaas@ridgewood.k12.nj.us.

Payment Schedule:

Payment 1:	\$500.00 due by October 15 to reserve air transportation and pay for travel insurance.
Payment 2:	\$500.00 due by November 15 <u>with all paperwork</u> .
Payment 3:	\$500.00 due by December 16.
Final Payment:	\$495.00 (or final balance) due by January 16.

All checks must be made payable to:

RHS Association

Please send all payments and paperwork to:

Mrs. Lydia Neff McCoy
326 East Glen Ave.
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Phone/Text: (201) 786-8593

Email: Lneff66@gmail.com

Use of Fundraising Credit:

Since fundraising credits are continuously accruing, all credits will be applied to the final payment. In the case that a student has amassed credits exceeding the final balance, credits may be applied to earlier payments. An updated list of student's accrued fund raising credit will be maintained on the RHS Bands website www.rhsbands.org. Students will be listed by Student ID number only.

Fundraising credit will be updated on the website following each major fundraiser. When viewing the credit chart, be sure to note the date of the latest update, which will be printed at the top of the chart. Following the Citrus Sale Blitz Day on January 12, the credit chart will also include each student's final trip balance. Please check the website to determine final payment.

Refund Schedule:

October 15 – November 6:	Complete Refund.
November 7 – December 6:	\$450 Non-refundable (includes airfare)
December 7 – December 20:	\$800 non-refundable.
After December 20:	No Refunds.

Payment Vouchers

All checks must be made payable to:

RHS ASSOCIATION

Please send all payments and paperwork to:

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Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Payment 4: Due by January 16th

Balance to be determined. Fundraising credits will be updated following Citrus Sale Blitz Day on January 12. Final trip balances will be listed on the website (rhsbands.org) at that time.

Payment 3: \$500. Due by December 16th

Student's Name: _____

Name of Account Holder on Check: _____ Check No. _____

Parent E-Mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please cut and return this voucher along with your third payment by December 16.

Payment 2: \$500. Due by November 15th with all paperwork

Student's Name: _____

Name of Account Holder on Check: _____ Check No. _____

Parent E-Mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

I have included with my payment:

- Signed Rules of Conduct
- Signed Permission Slip
- Notarized Emergency Medical Information
- Photocopy of Valid Insurance Card

Please cut and return this voucher along with your second payment by November 15.

Payment 1: \$500. Due October 15th (to reserve air transportation & pay for trip cancellation insurance)

Student's Name: _____

Name of Account Holder on Check: _____ Check No. _____

Parent E-Mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

I have read and I understand all of the information included in the RHS Band Trip Packet:

- Rules of Conduct
- School Permission Slip
- Emergency Medical Information
- Payment/Refund Schedule
- Cancellation Policy

I understand that if this trip is canceled due to an emergency condition that I may lose some or all of the money that I have paid.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please cut and return this voucher along with your first payment by October 15.