

# TORONTO TOUR

OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2019



*TOUR DATES*  
MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, & 16<sup>TH</sup>

As you may know, the bands have a rich tradition of educational travel. In the past we have traveled to Toronto, Florida (Disney), Chicago and to recording sessions for RHS CD's. This year will be a non-performing trip to *Toronto, Canada*. Attached to this sheet is a tentative itinerary. Please keep in mind that this itinerary could and probably will change for a variety of reasons.

The price of the trip includes transportation via Chartered Motor coaches, two nights' accommodation at the Hilton Garden Inn, two breakfasts at the hotel, two dinners, Famous People Players (Dinner & Show), Casa Loma, Rogers Center Tour, CN Tower Observation Deck, Niagara Falls, Journey Behind the Falls, and security guards on duty in the evenings.

The approximate cost for the trip will be **\$630.00**. The Riverside Band Boosters have already committed an **\$80.00** dollar savings to the

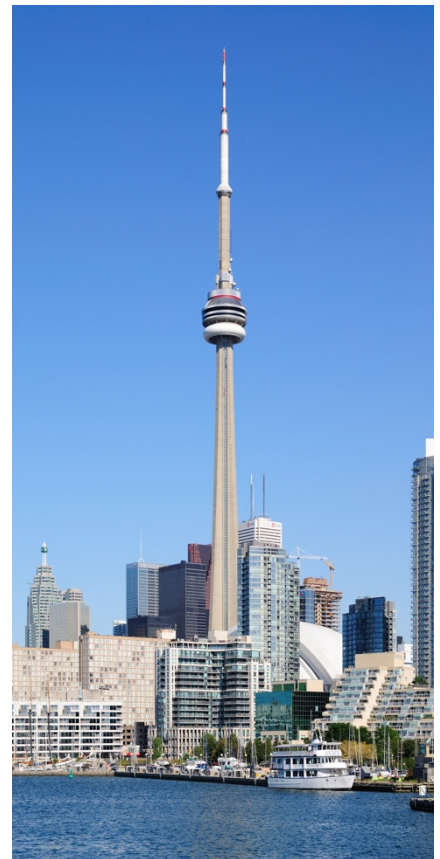
trip for anyone participating in the upcoming citrus sale. (*Participation is defined as selling five (5) or more boxes of fruit.*) That takes the total cost of the trip down to **\$550.00** if you participate in the fruit sale.

Several things will determine the final cost of the trip. The cost of the trip should not rise but it is possible--it has never happened before. Historically, the cost of the trip has always dropped. Here are the two biggest factors:

1<sup>st</sup>--the number of people attending. If more people attend than I had estimated, the cost will be lower (fixed costs, such as transportation, divided by the number of participants). If significantly fewer students go, that is where the cost could rise. I DO NOT anticipate this happening.

2<sup>nd</sup>--students will have an opportunity to participate in a fundraiser (after the fruit sale) that will benefit them directly, but only if they have

taken advantage of the fruit sale. All profit from their individual effort will be taken off their final cost of the trip. Yes. We have had students pay for the entire trip between the fruit sale and this extra fund raiser. They have to work hard, but it is possible.



## Tentative itinerary

*(This is a working itinerary. Days and event order could change.)*

### Thursday, May 14

7:30 a.m. Depart for Toronto

Lunch on own in route

Enter Canada

Hotel Check In, Freshen up

Dinner and show at:  
Famous People Players

### Friday, May 15

Breakfast at hotel

Rogers Center (formerly "Sky dome") tour

Lunch on own at Eaton Centre  
Toronto's preeminent downtown mall

Visit Casa Loma Castle

Dinner at the Hot House Restaurant

CN Tower Observatory

### Saturday, May 16

Breakfast at hotel

Depart for Niagara Falls

Journey Behind the Falls

Visit Clifton Hill for lunch

Depart for Riverside

Return Approximately 9:30 p.m.

**Tour Inclusions:** Chartered Coaches, 2 nights accommodations (quad student occupancy), 2 breakfasts at hotel, 1 Dinner & Show at Famous Peoples Players, Casa Loma Castle, CN Tower Observatory, Visit Eaton Centre, Journey Behind the Falls, Visit Clifton Hill

## PAYMENT AND SIGNUP INFORMATION

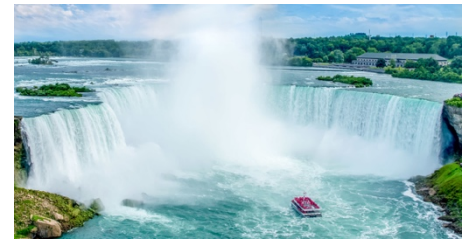
Students will be taken on a first come (first paid actually), first serve basis. Chaperones (*double room occupancy*) will also be taken on a first come (paid), first serve basis after space is taken by band members wanting to participate. If you would like to chaperone, please look over the enclosed information, pay separately online and your name will be placed on the list. If you are not chosen, your money will be refunded. I think only one time in all of our travel, we have had to turn chaperones away.

The nonrefundable deposit of \$160.00 is due no later than Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. I know this is a difficult time to come up with extra money, but I would not delay. This trip has filled very quickly in the past and it is a great opportunity for the students. It could be part of their "present".

There will be a final informational parent meeting approximately two-three weeks prior to departure.

### Refund/Cancellation Policy

The only guarantee for any amount of a refund, if an unanticipated event arises before the trip departs, is for you to enroll in the tour company's "Travel Protection Plan". Attached is a sheet that explains this trip insurance offered through *Bob Rogers Travel*. Cancellations of student trips are different than dealing with an individual or family "vacation". Non-refundable monies are



required by many / most of the venues we visit because of the size of the group.

This will be a unique experience for our band family. I hope that you will be able to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Please fill out and return the attached sign up sheet.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the high school by phone (358-8316) or email at david.schwartz@riversideschools.net.

Musically Yours,

David Schwartz and  
Aaron Draime

### Payment Schedule:

Deposit (\$160.00)	11/15/19
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment (\$155.00)	1/24/20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment (\$150.00)	2/21/20
Final Payment (\$165.00)	3/20/20 <i>(or 85.00 if fruit participation or less if participation in cookie dough sale.)</i>

All payments must be made online at:

[www.riversidebands.com](http://www.riversidebands.com)

*(All school rules will be in force the duration of the trip. Severe infractions will result in your student being sent home at your expense.)*

# Tour Commitment Form

Please return this sheet (either way) with your deposit paid online by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

[www.riversidebands.com](http://www.riversidebands.com)

Chaperones: Please write your full name in the appropriate place below and pay separately online at [www.riversidebands.com](http://www.riversidebands.com).

Please see separate page for required travel documentation.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Print)

I have received the Toronto Tour information sheet. Listed in it are the dates, costs, payment dates, refund information and Band Booster contribution policy as it relates to the fruit sale. I have received information attached to this sheet for the Travel Insurance through Travel Insured as offered by Bob Rogers Travel. I am also aware of the documentation needed for my student/myself to travel to Toronto. All payments are made online at [www.riversidebands.com](http://www.riversidebands.com). No checks or cash will be accepted.

Please return this sheet and make sure you have paid online at [www.riversidebands.com](http://www.riversidebands.com). A spot will not be reserved until payment has been received.

(Signature of Parent) \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name of Parent) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Student) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES.** My student will be traveling to Toronto with the Band!

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO.** Unfortunately, my student will NOT be traveling to Toronto.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in chaperoning the Toronto Tour

Chaperone Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Miscellaneous

### Riverside Bands Online Payment System

1. Navigate to [www.riversidebands.com](http://www.riversidebands.com)
2. Click on "OnLine Payments" on the bottom left side. This will take you to an external site ([egsnetwork.com](http://egsnetwork.com)) (Stewardship Technologies)  
If you already have a login/password from previous payments, PLEASE continue to use the same one.

3. If you do not have an account, please set one up and keep track of your login and password for this account. PLEASE do not make a new account every time you make a payment. We do NOT have access to your login or passwords.

4. Navigate to the Correct Toronto Payment and enter the amount you wish to pay. Please put your student's name in the "Note" section.

5. Everything will say donation. That's ok. This is the least expensive and most secure company we found. We have been using this system for eight or nine years now with NO issues.

- Yes. You can pay more at one time if you would like. Please do NOT pay the entire amount right away. The final payment could change depending on items listed in the letter.

- Yes. You can set up an automatic payment. Please keep track of this.

- Yes. You can pay smaller amounts more often as long as the amounts are in full by the appropriate dates.

## Chaperones

### Considering chaperoning? WE NEED YOU

Considering chaperoning but worried about the travel documents? It is really not difficult to secure those items. To help out with the cost of obtaining a passport card (or passport if you prefer), the cost for a chaperone is reduced to \$580.00. You must, however, prove that you are newly obtaining these documents.

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## Travel Documentation Requirements

### Students:

ALL students, regardless of age, that are U.S. Citizens, must present an official or certified copy of their birth certificate.

Students 16 and older must also have a picture ID with their name on it. Driver's license, school ID, etc.

Mr. Schwartz will collect and secure the birth certificates until the end of the trip. Do NOT delay in finding or securing these documents.

ALL students should have some form of official picture ID that matches their birth certificate.

Non-U.S. Citizen students must have their official documents, i.e. Green Card, Permanent Residency Certificate.

### Adults:

ALL adults/chaperones must have a valid U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card.

Mr. Schwartz will collect copies of these documents and keep until the end of the trip. Do NOT delay in finding or securing these documents.

All adults must have the original documents on them when we leave Riverside AND for the duration of the trip.

Non-U.S. Citizen adults must have their official documents, i.e. Green Card or Permanent Residency Certificate. A valid Passport from country of origin would be extremely helpful.

Passport Cards and Passports can be secured at the Painesville Post Office and many other Post office locations. The hours for Painesville (you must make an appointment):

#### **Passport Appointment Hours**

Mon	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Tue-Fri	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Sat	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Sun	Closed

#### **Passport Photo Hours**

Mon	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Tue-Fri	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Sat	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Sun	Closed