

CHICAGO TOUR

NOVEMBER 21ST, 2016



Tour Dates

April 20th, 21th & 22nd

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 Chicago (*pending school board approval.*) Attached to this sheet is a tentative itinerary. Please keep in mind that this itinerary could change for a variety of reasons.

The price of the trip includes transportation via Chartered Motorcoaches, 2 nights accommodation at the Doubletree Oak Brook, 2 breakfasts at the hotel, 2 dinners (Chicago-style pizza at Giordano's and Tommy Guns Garage), Tommy Guns Dinner Theater, Blue Man Group show, Museum of Science and Industry (and Ominimax movie), John Hancock Tower Observation Deck, "10 Pin" upscale bowling & video center, and

security guards on duty in the evenings.

The approximate cost for the trip will be **\$510.00**. The Riverside Band Boosters have already committed a **\$70.00** 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 **\$440.00** 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:

1st--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.

2nd--students will have an opportunity to participate in a fundraiser (after the fruit sale) that will benefit them directly. 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, April 20

6:20 a.m. Depart for Chicago

Lunch at the Navy Pier

Time to explore the Navy Pier

Lincoln Park Zoo

Giordano's Pizza Dinner

Blue Man Group Performance

Friday, April 21

Breakfast at hotel

"10 Pin" upscale bowling center

Lunch on own – Michigan Avenue

John Hancock Observatory

Millenium Park

Tommy Guns Garage Dinner Theater

Saturday, April 22

Breakfast at hotel

Museum of Science and Industry

Omnimax Movie Theater

Lunch on own at Museum

Depart for Riverside

Return Approximately 10:30 p.m.

Tour Inclusions: Chartered Coaches, 2 nights accommodations (quad student occupancy), 2 breakfasts at hotel, 1 Giordano's Pizza Dinner, 1 Dinner & Show at Tommy Guns Garage, Blue Man Group, "10 Pin" Upscale Bowling Center, John Hancock Observatory, Museum of Science & Industry, Omax Film, Professional Tour Director, Security Guard at Hotel

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 Monday, December 12th. 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/Cancelation 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 "Refund Guarantee Program". 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)	12/12/16
2 nd Payment (\$175.00)	1/26/17
Payment (\$175.00)	2/23/17
<i>(or \$105.00 if fruit participation)</i>	

All payments must be made online at: www.riversidebands.com Click on "Online Payments". Sign in or make an account if you have not done so. Navigate to the correct Chicago payment. Enter the correct amount. Please put your student's name in the "Note" section. (Yes. It says "Gift". That's ok. It is just how the system is setup.)

(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 Monday, December 12th.

www.riversidebands.com

Chaperones: Please write your full name in the appropriate place below and pay separately online at www.riversidebands.com.



Student Name _____ (Print)

I have received the Chicago 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 also received information attached to this sheet for the Travel Insurance through Travel Insured as offered by Bob Rogers Travel. All payments are made online at 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. A spot will not be reserved until payment has been received.

(Signature of Parent) _____

(Signature of Student) _____

_____ YES. My student will be traveling to Chicago with the Band!

_____ NO. Unfortunately, my student will NOT be traveling to Chicago.

_____ Yes, I am interested in chaperoning the Chicago Tour