

WRHS Band Trip Guidelines

Orlando 2018

I. Zero Tolerance (infractions here will result in an early return trip home at your parents' expense)

Alcohol	Fighting	Guys in Girl's rooms
Tobacco	Failure to open room after requested	Theft/Vandalism
Drugs	by a sponsor	Out of rooms after room check
Weapons	Girls in Guy's rooms	Inappropriate sexual behavior

II. ONE Warning

Any inappropriate behavior/disrespect directed to: group, sponsor or other adult.	Peer arguing, vulgarity, overt PDA, personal volume, calling room to room excessively	Noise after room check Late or absent for report times
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III. Travel

Charter and School Buses

1. If there is an emergency while on the buses, follow the 'Emergency Plan' as outlined.
2. You have an assigned bus for the trip. This assignment will not change. Keep all traffic to an absolute minimum while the charter bus is in motion. No traffic on school buses.
3. Buses will only be used for day travel. Do not leave valuables onboard overnight. We may not use the same buses day to day. When using instruments, they will be secured under the bus (or in the rental truck). NEVER assume things are secure in the coach.
4. **DO NOT USE BODY SPRAYS, PERFUMES, SPRAY DEODERANTS, ETC ON THE BUS.**
5. Boys and girls will not sit adjacent to one another during nighttime hours.
6. Use the bus lavatories for emergencies only.
7. Bring trash to the front every time we stop.
8. **IMPORTANT--Plan, at the end of the trip, to save several dollars for driver tips. Additionally, we will tip our tour director that accompanies us for the duration of the trip. This is an expectation when taking major trips. It would be considered very rude if you are unable to tip. Plan for it.**

Flights

1. If there is an emergency while in flight or at the airport, follow the 'Emergency Plan' as outlined.
2. The airline will assign you a seat. You **MUST** sit in that seat for the duration of the flight.
3. Your behavior **MUST** be exemplary while at the airports and in flight. The TSA and flight crews do not have a sense of humor. Use good judgment before you speak, gesture, or choose another action that might be considered inappropriate. Your trip could be placed in jeopardy with an ill-timed 'joke,' comment, or action.
4. It is crucial that you remain with your flight groups while waiting for and traveling to and from connecting flights.
5. See Section VII 'Things to bring' – 'Luggage' section concerning your carry-on and checked bag.

IV. Hotel

1. Each room will have an assigned student monitor. It is that student's responsibility to thoroughly check the room upon arrival and report any issues to the group sponsor, assign keys, keep the room in order, report additional problems and check out of the room with the group sponsor on our final day.
2. You will receive 4 keys for each room, no more. If you lose a key, you will be charged to replace it.
3. Do not put your key in the same pocket as your cell phone. Your phone will erase the key.
4. You have an assigned room and roommates. **GET ALONG!** There will be **ABSOLUTELY NO** changing of room assignments.
5. There are no pay services to any rooms. They have been turned off. This avoids unnecessary charges upon checkout. Also, if there are in room refreshments (water bottles, mini fridge, etc.) **DO**

NOT eat/drink anything. It will result in a substantial charge to you. If there are such items in your room, let your parent sponsor know upon check-in so we can get them removed.

6. Each room can accommodate 4 people and comfortably fit 2 people per bed. If that is a problem for you, the floor is an option. Roll-away beds and extra pillows/blankets will not be available.
7. Everyone will receive wake-up calls from the front desk at a predetermined time. Parents will go door to door shortly after that and you must answer, with lights on and everyone out of bed to show you are awake.
8. Every day, a morning meeting point will be determined (buses or hotel ballroom). EVERYONE is required to attend these meetings **DRESSED AND READY TO LEAVE THE HOTEL**. Announcements will be made and attendance taken. Updated or amended plans for the day will be discussed.
9. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Woodbury, and Mrs. McKee will be in charge throughout the night from lights out until wakeup calls.
10. Room checks will be at a time determined by Mr. Chaffee. At that time everyone will be in their assigned rooms and taped in.
11. After room checks, you may watch TV but absolutely no noise will carry into hallways or neighboring rooms. One hour after room checks, TV's and lights will be turned off –no exceptions. This includes the use of your personal cell phones, gaming devices, etc. Respect others' need for sleep in your room and take advantage of the opportunity for yourself! Overnight sponsors will be around. If there is talking, TV or if lights are on your door will be knocked upon. You will answer without hesitation. This will be a warning to your entire room.
12. Absolutely no one is to leave his or her room after lights out. If for some reason you have to leave your room, call your group parent first and wait for their instructions. IF there is a fire alarm or hotel emergency, please leave the room, evacuate the hotel if necessary and meet at the pre-determined location as discussed in the pre-trip meeting and outlined in the 'Emergency Plan.'
13. DO NOT open your doors for ANY reason or person during the night unless the person identifies himself or herself as a WRHS sponsor and gives you the correct password. If you do not recognize the voice, person, or if they do not give the password (WHAT IS THE PASSWORD?) call your group sponsor or the front desk immediately. If, however, a group sponsor knocks on your door, you are required to open your room with haste. Failure to do so will leave you and your room suspect to a zero tolerance infraction resulting in your entire room being sent home.
14. Make certain you sleep in appropriate attire. Plan for if you would have to evacuate the hotel. What would you want to stand outside in with everyone looking at you...possibly for several hours?
15. Remember the zero tolerance policy pertaining to male/female rooms and your presence inside the wrong one.

V. Meal Money

1. You will be responsible for a portion of meals while on the trip. It will be your responsibility to provide money in the form of a credit/debit card or travelers checks. \$50 should be more than sufficient. Specifics will be discussed at the pretrip meeting.
2. OPTIONAL--Plan to bring additional spending money for souvenirs in the form of traveler's checks or credit/debit cards. If they are stolen or lost they can easily be replaced. Cash is gone. \$50 would be a good amount.
3. If you have cash, do not keep all of it in one place.
4. Remember to save some money for the return trip home. You might get hungry. Also, remember we will collect for the bus driver and tour director tips on each bus. A \$2 minimum is expected of everyone.

VI. General Info

1. Facebook will be used to communicate with parents and students during the trip. Turn your alert on and stay up to date.

2. NEVER be alone during the trip. ALWAYS be in a group of 3 or more.
3. Don't look like a tourist. Looking up and not forward excessively, pointing and yelling at/about objects, grouping on street vendors or beggars are all things that give you away. It can prove to be expensive and possibly dangerous. People prey on tourists. DO NOT give your credit/debit card to street vendors to pay for items. DO NOT give money to homeless people. DO NOT stop to talk if someone tries to sell you something or panhandles. Keep walking and stay with your group and repeat 'no thank you' as you walk away.
4. There will be report times everywhere we go. Pay attention to instructions and do not be late. Your group sponsor will meet with you briefly and let you know additional or amended plans for the day.
5. Eat balanced meals and drink plenty of water. Limit junk food, soda and energy drinks.
6. If there is a problem throughout the trip, first let your group sponsor know or other parent sponsor. If you need further assistance, ask Mr. Exum, Ms. Sauls, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Woodbury, Mrs. Bodenhamer, or Mr. Reed. If you still have issues find Mr. Chaffee (ONLY AS A LAST RESORT).

VII. Things to bring

Loaded onto the truck-

1. Instrument w/ extra supplies (reeds, oil, etc...). ALL INSTRUMENTS WILL BE LOADED.
2. HAVE YOUR LUGGAGE & INSTRUMENT TAGGED WITH: NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #, AND SCHOOL. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE LUGGAGE TAGS, LABEL WITH TAPE BEFORE LEAVING YOUR HOUSE. *If you forget, there will be luggage tags, tape & sharpies available in the band room with sponsors on Thursday as you drop off your items that morning.*
3. Band uniforms in garment bags w/caps, shoes, and gloves.

Flight-

1. TWO small carry-ons (back pack and small duffel). *You will want access to this on the morning/afternoon when we arrive.* Plan for options. Also, you will want a travel size container of sunscreen packed. We will spend time outside when we arrive.
2. We will check luggage on flights. One large suitcase will be allowed per person without additional charge. You will NOT be allowed an additional checked bag. Again, it needs to be labeled just like your instrument and with a tag. Additionally, you should affix something that will help you easily identify your bag at claim. Your bag will NOT be available to you while at the beach. Plan for everything you need in carry-ons.
3. Have a change of clothes (socks and undergarments), phone charger, glasses/contacts/supplies, prescription or other needed medication in your carry-on. Basically, you should plan for any unforeseen delay with flights and be prepared in case you are separated from your main luggage for a day.
4. Make certain you have read and understand the limitations for carry-ons as outlined in the 'Flight Screening and Carry-on Information' document.

Clothes:

Plan for warm weather. Overall, pack wisely and realize we are gone for 5 days. Plan accordingly and re-use jeans, etc. but plan for clean shirts and undergarments each day. Wear comfortable shoes to save space. Be mindful of your shoe wear for beach time.

*Band Trip T-shirt

*Instrument(s)

COMFORTABLE Shoes

Swimsuit

Beach towel

Shoes for beach

1 pair of jeans or pants (casual)

Extra T-shirts

*At least 6 pairs of socks and underwear

***Required items**

Toiletries:

Plan ahead with your roommates. Each room will have a hair dryer. Decide what items you can share with your roomies and save space in your luggage. Also, remember what you can and cannot pack in your carry-ons.

Food:

You may bring a small lunch box size cooler or bag to have food on the trip (throughout the day). It would be a good idea to pack non-perishable food items and snacks in your luggage if you wish to save money. These items need to be packed in a way to ensure they do not break open and make a mess of your luggage and others'. Pack a couple empty Ziploc bags you can put fresh ice in each morning and pack food for the day. The Hotel has a shop where you can purchase items and you can obtain some things at breakfast each day.

*It's imperative that you bring absolutely no drinks to the airport. Anything you purchase at the airport (past security) is acceptable. Packaged/dry snacks are ok (granola bars, etc). They will make you throw away anything else you bring.

Medication:

Since we are traveling by plane, personal medication must travel with students in their carry-on luggage. If your medication isn't needed until evening, you can pack in your luggage. All medication must be listed on the medical information form prior to leaving. All medication, narcotic in nature, must be turned in to Mrs. Peterson and Nickles upon arrival at the hotel. Medication will be distributed as necessary by the sponsors. Eye drops, asthma inhalers or other essential/emergency medical supplies/medications (non-narcotic) should be kept with students at all times (allergy, Pepcid, antacids, etc). Any over the counter medications should also be kept with the students. If a parent is traveling, all medications will be kept with that parent.

Miscellaneous:

Powerstrip (one person from each room pack one for phone chargers)

Backpack, fanny pack, purse with shoulder strap

Wristwatch, cell phone AND charger (charging brick is a GREAT idea)

Sunglasses

SUN TAN LOTION - we will be outdoors a significant amount of time each day.

Extra spending (\$100)

Nighttime wear (make sure you are covered appropriately if you must exit rooms during the night)

VIII. COMMON SENSE:

Represent WRHS

Respect each other

Listen to/follow instructions of sponsors, without question

Be responsible and be EARLY

Be flexible/patient, we travel with 179 people

Most importantly...Have fun

Words to live by...

Leave it better than you found it.

To be early is to be on time,

To be on time is to be late,

To be late is to be left.