

Anoka High School Bands 2017 Tour to Chicago, Illinois

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

The Anoka High School Band will be taking a weekend tour this spring, 2017. In March we will be traveling to Chicago, Illinois to participate in workshops, visit college campuses, and tour the city. The attached permission slip will serve as the registration form for the tour. Please READ CAREFULLY, sign the agreement, and return by Thursday, December 8th. Also, please pay the \$150.00 non-refundable deposit by December 8th (checks made payable to: Anoka High School Band.)

Eligibility

Participation in this tour requires enrollment in band for the entire 2016/2017 school year. Music performed on this tour will be rehearsed during the school day in band class. Please know that by registering for this trip, students are also making the commitment to be in band for the entire school year. This trip is open to all band students in Level II & III, grades 9 through 12, during the 2016/2017 school year.

Destinations

Our tour to Chicago will include performances at the Field Museum.

We will also perform in a workshop at either Vandercook or Northwestern and go on a tour of a college campus. In addition, we visit downtown Chicago for shopping, Millennium Park, Willis Tower - 360 Chicago, Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo & Lincoln Park Conservatory.

We will attend a performance of The Blue Man Group.

The band will travel by motor coach buses from Minneapolis to Chicago. Accommodations are at a hotel nearby our Chicago destinations. Included in the tour cost (discussed below) is hotel, all transportation by motor coach, admission to all attractions, one group dinner, and breakfast daily.

Tour Dates

Three day / Two night tour – March 25 to March 27, 2017. (Tentative itinerary below)

Preliminary (TENTATIVE) Itinerary:

Saturday, March 25, 2017	Travel to Chicago, IL followed by local sightseeing
Sunday, March 26, 2017	Local Sightseeing, performance
Monday, March 27, 2017	local sightseeing, followed by travel home (home around 8pm).

Cost

Estimated cost: \$340 (no more than \$350). based on the final amount of students participating in the trip. The final cost will be announced shortly after December 6th. Students will be responsible for certain meals and souvenirs.

Payment Schedule (TENTATIVE)

\$150.00 by December 8, 2016 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

\$190.00 by February 5, 2017*

* Or balance due based on fundraising / total trip costs

Anoka High School has had past issues with late with payments for major trips. This puts us in a real bind, because we have to turn around and pay this money to the tour company to reserve hotel and transportation. It is VERY IMPORTANT that these payments are made on time. *If a situation arises that causes a late payment, please contact us ahead of time. If you do not make your payments on time, we may have to cancel your trip. We appreciate your cooperation.*

Fund Raisers

Students will have the opportunity to raise the funds for a portion of their trip costs.

-Fundraisers will be announced as they are determined

Registration

Fill out the attached registration form, **READ CAREFULLY**, sign and return with a \$150 check (made payable to "Anoka High School Band" by Tuesday, December 8, 2016.

FINAL TOUR NOTES

Since we need to order tickets, make hotel and bus reservations now, we need to know how many of you wish to participate in the tour. This means the attached form needs to be returned with your **NON-REFUNDABLE** \$150 deposit to Mr. Hauser on or before **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**. If you say you are going on the tour, we are making a commitment to our travel agent on your behalf. Thus you are making a **commitment!** Please be sure to review with your family what this commitment will require.

This tour is an **OPTIONAL** activity. Students will have an opportunity to fundraiser next fall/ winter to help offset the cost for the trip. **Please only pay the tour deposit at this time**. If you have questions about the tour or other Anoka High School Band activities, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for supporting your student musician.

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ANOKA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TOUR – MARCH 2017

Student's name

Instrument

Grade next fall

STUDENTS: I am making a commitment to participate and travel with the band for our Chicago, Illinois tour. I have placed all these dates on our family and/or personal calendar and will not take on other commitments at these times. I will forego other school activities on these days including sports, activities, work, etc.

I also understand that, as a member of the Anoka High School Band, I have certain responsibilities to the organization. When I am with this group I represent not just myself, but the band as a whole, Anoka High School, the directors, the community, and state. I will behave in an exemplary manner at all times.

From this date forward, I will follow the rules and regulations of the organization. My failure to follow these rules or other irresponsible behavior on my part before or during the tour will be considered due cause for immediate removal from the tour at the sole discretion of the Band Director. If a rules violation occurs during the tour, I will be sent home at my expense. Rules will be clearly stated and written on a signed agreement by both students and parents. No tour fees will be refunded due to misconduct and failure to abide by the rules during the band tour.

Student signature

Date

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: I have read the tour information, understand the costs involved (~\$340), and give permission for the aforementioned student to accompany the Anoka High School Band on the Chicago tour.

I understand that if there is a rules infraction during the tour, my student will be sent home at my expense. No tour fees will be refunded due to misconduct and failure to abide by the rules during the band tour. Rules will be clearly stated and written on a signed agreement by both students and parents.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

**Please READ CAREFULLY, and return this completed form
along with the \$150 down payment to Mr. Hauser by
Thursday, December 8, 2016**

Please put dates on family calendars now! Thank You!