

Strive for Excellence...
The Galena High School Band

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Dear Parents and Students,

I am looking forward to the chance to have the band play in New Orleans and touring various sights in Memphis and New Orleans. If at any time you have any questions in regards to the trip, please feel free to contact me. Please remember that this is an extra trip and is not mandatory. We hope you will take part, but you will not be penalized if you choose not to go. Students have the opportunity to earn up to 25 Band Award Points if they choose to go. In this letter you will find a copy of the rules that will be in effect on the trip, discipline procedures, a copy of the itinerary, and a permission slip that must be signed and returned in order to take part in the trip. The total cost of the trip is in the \$850-900 range, and I hope that most students will take advantage of this once in a lifetime trip with the band. (Birthday/Christmas present??) ☺ As you look through the itinerary, you will notice a good variety of educational opportunities as well as recreational opportunities. I think we have put together a well rounded trip.

New Orleans/Memphis Trip Rules

While I am not expecting any problems from my students, as a teacher I must let the parents and students know what my expectations are and what procedures will be taken if a situation does occur. It must be stressed that all school rules will be in effect for the duration of the trip.

General Rules:

1. No Alcohol or Drugs will be tolerated.
2. No Smoking at any time.
3. Please respect directions given by either the chaperones or myself.
4. When in public places, stay in a group of three or more at all times.
5. Do not leave area assigned (example leaving mall, restaurant, etc.)
6. If any Emergency should occur, notify chaperone or me immediately.
7. When meeting as group, be on time.
8. No coolers please.
9. No Boom Boxes please.
10. Movies must be approved ahead of time; only PG-13, PG, and G movies are allowed on the trip. Mr. Holland may decline even some PG-13 movies.

Hotel Rules:

1. Respect hotel management and other staff.
2. Respect other guests of hotel.
3. Whisper in hallways.
4. Follow Quiet times set.
5. Only Galena band students and chaperones may be allowed in your room.
6. If opposite sex students are in your room, door must be propped wide open.
7. No outside of hotel phone calls without permission.
8. No room service please or ordering of movies.

School Policy: Alcohol and Drugs- the possession, use, distribution or arriving under the influence of alcoholic beverages on school buses, or at school-sponsored events is prohibited. The illicit use or possession without a medical prescription, or distribution of drugs on school-sponsored events is prohibited. Result of this will be a three-day suspension and referral to police.

Smoking and Use of Tobacco- smoking and the use of tobacco by students is not allowed on a school-sponsored event. Students are not to carry tobacco, lighters, matches, or any other related paraphernalia at any time when they are at a school sponsored activity. Students who violate this policy shall have all tobacco and smoking related materials taken away and shall be subject by the school to: 10 day assignment seat in the cafeteria during lunch, 1 day in-school suspension and conference with parent.

A quick note about chaperones: Chaperones are to be given all the respect that I would expect from you. They are along to make things run much smoother and to help you in case of an emergency.

New Orleans/Memphis 2016 Trip Permission Slip

I, the undersigned student, agree to abide by the rules and requirements set for the trip that has been stated above. I am aware that all school rules are in effect for the entire trip. If a medical form is needed for me, I have included a copy with this sheet.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned guardian/parent, have read the above rules and requirements for the trip. I am aware and agree that if certain discipline actions must be taken on my child that I agree to pay for the transportation as mentioned below for my son/daughter. I have also left telephone #'s on this contract where I may be reached in case medical attention or disciplinary action is needed for my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Contact #'s	Times at #'s
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

In the event that disciplinary action needs to be taken, the following will also be used:

1. Performance grade in band (50% of grade) moved to "F". No higher than "F" could be achieved for grade in band.
2. Student will be sent home immediately accompanied by a chaperone.

The student/parent will have to pay:

- a. For their trip home
- b. The chaperone's trip home
- c. A portion or the chaperone's entire trip cost depending on when the offense occurred.
No refund of trip will be given.

3. Students will be banned from all extra trips in the future.

*In the event the your child needs to be sent home due to conduct, what mode of transportation would you want them and the chaperone accompanying them to take (at your expense):
(Circle one)

Motorcoach or Airplane

****Permission Slip and Payment Final Due Dates****

(Payments can be made in advance)

Friday, May 29 or as soon as possible

- Signed permission slip due
- Payment of \$100 due
- Parent/Student information meeting with Tri-State Representative (Andrew Hillard)

Friday, September 11

- Payment of \$250 due

Friday, November 20

- Payment of \$250 due

Friday, January 20

- Payment of \$150 due (Money from fundraising account may be used)
- Rooming list due (This is the last day to back out of the trip with little or no penalty – this is also the last day to join the trip)

Friday, February 19

- Payment of remainder of trip approximately \$100 - 150

*****ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE BY CHECK (Make checks out to *GHS BAND*) UNLESS TRANSFERING OUT OF YOUR ACCOUNT. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR PERMISSION SLIPS NOT TURNED IN (I MUST HAVE PERMISSION SLIPS SINCE THEY CONTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION). ***** In regards to late payments, please make payments in a timely manner. I have a payment schedule that I have to follow with Tri-State, and I want to pay them on time as well. As you know, I am always willing to work with you on this aspect, but I do appreciate sticking to the payment schedule as best as you can. I do this type of payment schedule to help make the financial end of the trip do-able.

*****ONCE ROOMING LIST IS TURNED IN, NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR THE TRIP DUE TO SET COSTS*****

New Orleans Music Experience

Galena High School – Music Department

March 28– April 2, 2016

Day #1: Monday, March 28, 2016

7:00 pm Tri-State Travel motorcoaches report to the Galena HS parking lot to load

8:00 pm Depart for Memphis making necessary break/meal stops and driver switch en route

Day #2: Tuesday, March 29, 2016

10:00 am Graceland Mansion Audio Tour

11:30 am Depart for Beale Street

Noon pm Beale Street for lunch and shopping time on the groups own

2:00 pm Sun Studios Tour

3:30 pm Depart for New Orleans making a dinner break en route

5:30 pm Dinner Buffet included

6:30 pm Depart for New Orleans

10:30 pm Check into the Drury Inn & Suites

11:30 pm Security Service on duty

Day #3: Wednesday, March 30, 2016

8:00 am Full American Breakfast at the hotel

9:15 am Depart for Mahalia Jackson Theatre of Performing Arts

10:00 am Open Rehearsal

11:30 am French Quarter for lunch, shopping and sightseeing on the groups own

2:30 pm Washington Artillery Park for your Concert Band & Jazz Band performance

4:00 pm Return back to the hotel to change for these evenings activities

5:30 pm Dinner at Mulate's Cajun Restaurant

7:00 pm Arrive at Saenger Theatre

7:30 pm Broadway production (TBD)

10:30 pm Return back to the hotel

11:00 pm Security Service on duty

Day #4: Thursday, March 31, 2016

7:00 am Full American Breakfast at the hotel

8:30 am Depart for Jean LaFitte Swamp Tour

9:15 am Jean LaFitte Swamp Tour

Noon French Quarter for lunch, shopping and sightseeing on the groups own

2:30 pm New Orleans Spirit Ghost Tour

4:30 pm Return back to the hotel to change for this evening

5:40 pm Arrive at the Natchez to board for the dinner Jazz Cruise

6:00 pm Natchez Dixieland Jazz Band Buffet Dinner Cruise

Midnight Security Service on duty

Day #5: Friday, April 1, 2016

8:00 am Full American Breakfast at the hotel

9:30 am Start checking out of rooms and load motorcoaches

10:15 am Depart the hotel

10:30 am Mardi Gras World touring

11:45 am Riverwalk Marketplace for lunch and last minute shopping time

2:00 pm Depart for home making meal/break stops and driver switch en route

Day #6: Saturday, April 2, 2016

9:00 am Estimated arrival back to Galena High School

*This is a tentative schedule of events it is subject to change, but it should give you a good idea of what we will be doing for the weekend. With the itinerary as is, the price for the trip is in the \$850-900 price range depending on the number of quints, quads, triples, and doubles.

Chaperone sign up sheet

We need chaperones for the trip this year! The fee assessed will be the same as the students for those parents who are selected or deciding to go. I need to do this in order to keep the cost down for the kids. (When all the numbers are in I may then be able to refund a portion of the trip back for helping out) We understand that there are many parents who may sign up for this event. For this reason, Mrs. Holland and I will give priority to: 1) Parent's involved in the Band Boosters 2) Senior and junior parents and guardians 3) Sophomore and freshman parents. We do however still encourage as many parents to sign up as possible since we do never know how many people we will have volunteer. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to do this for the educational enhancement of your child. Please take a minute to fill out the form below.

Parents Names _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Name of student attending _____

Adults interested without chaperone duties

The cost of your trip will be the normal rate depending on the rooming accommodations. For instance, four people per room are cheaper than two. I will also expect you to remember that you are on a trip with kids, and I would expect that your conduct would reflect that fact.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____