

Proposed Orchestra Trip to Chicago, Illinois

Wednesday March 28, 2012	Depart Oak Ridge, TN	11:00 PM
	Scheduled Reststops/Drivers Exchange Enroute	
Thursday March 29, 2012	Arrive Chicago, IL	
	Breakfast (Included)	7:30-8:30 AM
	Arrive Shedd Aquarium	9:00 AM
	Visit to The Shedd Aquarium and Oceanarium	9:00-11:30 AM
	Depart Shedd Aquarium	11:30 AM
	Lunch (On Own)	NOON-1:00 PM
	Arrive Briar Street Theatre	1:30 PM
	Performance of Blue Man Group	2:00-3:45 PM
	Depart Briar Street Theatre	4:00 PM
	Arrive Hotel/Check-In	4:45 PM
	Brief Time to Freshen Up	
	Depart Hotel	6:00 PM
	Arrive Yorktown Shopping Center	6:30 PM
	Time for Dinner (Included) and Shopping	6:30-8:30 PM
	Return to Hotel	9:00 PM
Friday March 30, 2012	Breakfast Buffet (Included) at Our Hotel	
	Depart Hotel	8:15 AM
	Arrive Downtown/Field Museum of Natural History	9:00 AM
	Visit to The Field Museum of Natural History	9:00-11:00 AM
	Depart Field Museum of Natural History	11:00 AM
	Arrive Museum of Science & Industry	11:30 AM
	Visit to Museum of Science & Industry (Lunch On Own While at the Museum)	11:30-2:00 PM
	Depart Museum of Science & Industry	2:00 PM
	Arrive Willis Tower	2:30 PM
	Visit to The Observation Deck of Willis Tower	2:30-4:00 PM
	Depart Willis Tower	4:00 PM
	Arrive Hotel	4:45 PM
	Time to Freshen Up	
	Depart Hotel	5:45 PM
	Arrive Pier	6:30 PM
	This Evening The Orchestra Enjoys a Dinner/Dance Cruise Along Lake Michigan	7:00-10:00 PM
	Depart Pier	10:15 PM
	Return to Hotel	11:00 PM
Saturday March 31, 2012	Breakfast Buffet (Included) at Our Hotel	
	Check-Out/Depart Hotel	8:00 AM
	Today's Itinerary will be Determined by The Orchestra's Performance Schedule in The Dixie Classics Chicago Festival - Adjudication Site - Harper College Performing Arts Center, Palatine, IL.	
	Following The Orchestra's Performance They will Participate in the Festival Awards Ceremony (Lunch On Own Today)	
	Depart Festival Site	TBA
	Arrive Downtown	Approx 4:00 PM

Time to Explore Michigan Avenue	4:00-6:00 PM
Arrive Navy Pier	6:00 PM
Time for Dinner (Included) and Last Minute Shopping	6:00-8:30 PM
Depart Navy Pier/Chicago, IL	8:30 PM
Scheduled Reststops/Drivers Exchange Enroute	

Sunday Arrive Oak Ridge, TN 6:00 AM (EDT)
April 1, 2012

Cost of Trip and Scheduled Payments

The cost of this trip includes the following:

- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation Via Landreth Bus Service - (Three 55 Passenger Motorcoaches) - Due to current affairs all chartered motorcoach costs are subject to fuel increases. At this time any increase in the cost of the motorcoaches and/or the cost of the tour is not anticipated. In the event a fuel increase should take affect, all tour participants will be notified immediately.
- Two Nights Hotel Accommodations – Marriott Southwest – Burr Ridge, IL
- Visit to the Shedd Aquarium
- Performance of Blue Man Group (Subject to 2012 Schedule)
- Visit to the Field Museum of Natural History
- Visit to the Museum of Science and Industry
- Visit to the Observation Deck of the Willis Tower
- Dinner/Dance Cruise Along Lake Michigan
- Participation by the Oak Ridge High School Orchestra in the Dixie Classics Chicago Festival Including the Festival Awards Ceremony
- Five Additional Meals (Three Breakfast Buffets and Two Dinners)
- Group Insurance

This trip costs \$595 per student if we have 120 students sign up. We already have around \$6000 available in the booster club to apply towards this trip, bringing the cost down by \$50 per student if 120 sign up. I am estimating the cost to eventually be between \$500 - \$550. This depends on how we do with our remaining fundraising events – especially the sale of photos taken at the October 11 concert. If parents buy pictures of their students, the money will be applied to the trip and thus bring down the overall cost. If fewer than 120 students sign up, it will again be slightly more expensive because of higher bus costs for each individual. We will know the final amount after the Pancake Breakfast in January, but we should come out between \$500 and \$550 for each student.

Payment Plan

Students need to bring a check to school by November 15 to sign up for this trip. All checks should be made out to Orchestra Boosters. The payment plan will be as follows:

November 15 first payment of \$90

December 1 \$90

December 15 \$90

January 17 \$90

February 1 \$90

February 15 rest amount of \$50 - \$100 depending on unknown factors

You may combine payments as you wish – paying all at once, or 2 payments a month instead of every 2 weeks. Please stay on schedule, as we will need to send money off to Thomas Tours on a regular schedule.

I hope a large number will take part in this trip! It should be a great experience!

Jenifer van Tol