

2015-2016 Jordan High School Band Tour – Chicago, Illinois

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015

Dear JHS Band Students and Parents,

It is with great excitement I get to announce to you that the JHS Band will travel to Chicago, Illinois in the Spring of 2016! This is going to be a fun, music-filled adventure! The purpose of this letter is to get you the necessary information to begin thinking about participation in this exciting opportunity. Music tours provide a wonderful opportunity to make and share music in locations around the country and even around the world and this tour will be no different!

Dates: The tour will happen over April 22-25. Students will depart early morning on Friday the 21st and arrive home at or before dinner time on Monday the 27th.

***Important – There will be a Parent/Student Information Meeting on Sunday Sept. 27th, 2015 at 6:30pm in the JHS Auditorium. The meeting will discuss and outline the tour itinerary, JHS travel policies and expectations, medical forms, and fundraising opportunities. This meeting is mandatory for anyone participating in the tour. Please mark your calendars!

Brief Outline of Tour: (Tentative)

-Travel via motor-coach bus

-3 nights in hotels

-Participate in a music exchange and clinic with colleges and universities along travel route. Some of the possible schools include the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Northwestern University.

-JHS Band and Jazz bands perform at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago

-Sightseeing/activities in include the Field Museum of Natural History, Lincoln Park Zoo and Lincoln Park Conservatory, Millennium Park, Museum of Science & Industry, Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower Skydeck), the Navy Pier, Water Tower Place/Michigan Avenue and the Hard Rock Café area.

-Live entertainment includes attending a dinner and performance at Andy's Jazz Club and seeing a performance by the award-winning Blue Man Group!!

Estimated Cost: The approximate cost will be around \$470.

Payment: Payment for the trip will be collected in several installments. The first installment of \$125 is due Monday September, 28th. Funds in student activity accounts (money from earlier fundraisers) may be used towards this installment. Current activity account balances are posted on the bulletin board outside of the band room. You may also email me to request your student's current balance.

Fundraising: Students have had the opportunity to fundraise over the last two years in anticipation of this trip. Several more fundraisers have been planned for this year to offer many opportunities for individual fundraising. It is possible to earn enough money to reduce tour costs by over half or even pay for it in full before the final payment! Current planned fundraisers include:

Fundraiser	Company	Dates
Cookie Dough, Fudge, Candy	Century Resources	September 2015
Fruit Sale	Minntex	November 2015
Cookie Dough/ Frozen Pizza	Club's Choice Fundraising	January/ February of 2015

Chaperones: I am looking for any eager parents who might be interested in traveling with the Band. The cost for Chaperones will be approximately half of the student cost. Chaperones will be in charge of supervising a small group of students and help oversee the entire band from departure to return. If this is something you think you are interested in, please fill out the [chaperone application form](#) located on Schoology and the [jordanbands.com](#) website under the Chicago 2016 tab.

I am looking forward to preparing for what will certainly be a fun, music-filled, exciting tour! More information to come as we move forward, so stay tuned! If you have any questions pertaining to the first tour payment or fundraising please feel free to contact me.

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