RHS Band Program Concert Tour of Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, February 4, 2022 – Monday, February 7, 2022

Introduction

It has been part of the basic standing philosophy of the RHS Band Program that every student has at least one opportunity during his or her high school career to travel and perform in an environment different than Ridgewood or the Metropolitan area. For the 2021-2022 school year, the Ridgewood High School Band Program has been invited to participate in a concert/clinic tour of Atlanta, Georgia. On this tour, students in the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensembles and Winterguard will be participating in clinic and/or performance activities. A number of non-performance educational experiences have also been included as part of the tour.

Students who participate in this tour will get the experience to work with a number of professional performers and clinicians, will perform in unique, popular venues, and will visit some of our nation's significant historical landmarks. The students will also attend a professional concert by one of the world's most respected musical ensembles and will get to meet and work with peers from the renowned Alpharetta High School Band Program. These types of experiences enrich and enhance the student's musical education by providing real life opportunities outside of the Ridgewood High School environment and enabling the students to recognize that their music education connects them to the worldwide citizenry of musicians.

This trip will be categorized as an academic field trip, and all absences will be excused as such. Since the trip will depart after lunch on Friday, February 4 (1-day) and students will return to school for classes on Tuesday morning, February 8 (3-day), students will miss only one and a half days of school. Students will miss periods 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 once, while only periods 5 and 6 will be missed twice. All teachers will be given several weeks advance notice of exactly which students are traveling, and students are encouraged to get work in advance so they can complete assignments for which they are responsible.

Students will be accompanied by staff, parent chaperones, and a registered nurse. Two professional tour escorts will also travel with the band. Private security will be on duty each night at the hotel.

This packet includes a *tentative* itinerary. A final itinerary will be distributed at the **MANDATORY** meeting on **Wednesday, January 26.**

Performance / Educational highlights planned as part of this trip:

1. Georgia Aquarium: Students will explore the mysteries of the deep including one of the largest and most dynamic shark exhibits in North America. The Aquarium will also provide a performance venue for the curricular bands!

2. World of Coca-Cola: An interactive museum that showcases the history of Coca-Cola, including the "Vault of the Secret Formula," "Milestones of Refreshment," "Bottle Works" and many fun activities.

3. National Center for Civil and Human Rights: Atlanta's museum dedicated to the achievements of both the civil rights movement in the United States and the broader worldwide human rights movement.

4. Woodruff Arts Center: Attend an exciting performance of the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** as they present a program of old and new masterworks from Franz Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" to Jessie Montgomery's "Records from a Vanishing City" and Piazzolla's wonderful "Aconcagua" with special guest soloist, Ksenija Sidorova, on accordion.

5. Step-on Tour of Atlanta: A guided tour of one of America's great cities. Highlights to include historic landmarks, sports venues, movie studios, etc..

6. Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech): Jazz Ensemble clinics with Director of Jazz Studies and trumpeter Dr. Cameron "Chip" Crotts. All students will go on a tour of the university. This experience is extremely valuable as many of our students look toward their post-high school aspirations with questions of how music can remain a part of their college life, regardless of major.

7. Zoo Atlanta: Time to enjoy a great zoological park which includes animals and birds from around the world, including rare animals like giant pandas and screaming hairy armadillos!

8. St. James Live! Jazz Club: Concert Venue for Jazz Ensembles along with Dr. Chip Crotts.

9. Alpharetta High School: Collaborative clinics and performances for the RHS and Alpharetta Bands and Winterguards. Bands will meet and work with clinicians including Prof. Shiree Williams, Associate Director of Bands at the University of Georgia.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Ridgewood High School Band Program Tour
Greater Atlanta, Georgia
February 4 - 7, 2022

Thursday, February 3, 2022

3 PM	Students deliver luggage to Room 150.

Friday, February 4, 2022

10:55 AM	Unit Lunch
11:20 AM	Load buses & depart for Newark Liberty Airport
12 Noon	Arrive at Newark Liberty Airport
2:00-2:30 PM	Depart on flights (United & JetBlue Airlines)
4:45-5:15 PM	Arrive at Atlanta Airport
6:30 PM	Dinner at **Hard Rock Café, Atlanta**
9:00 PM	Check into: **Embassy Suites by Hilton – Atlanta Perimeter** **1030 Crown Pointe Parkway** **Atlanta, GA 30338**
10:00 PM	Room Check
11:00 PM	Lights Out (Private security on duty)

Saturday, February 5, 2022

7:30 AM Wake up call
8:00 AM Full American Breakfast at hotel
9:30 AM Bus transfer to **Centennial Olympic Park**
- **Tour World of Coca-Cola**
- **Tour Georgia Aquarium**
  - **Performances for Symphonic/Concert Band and Wind Ensemble**

Lunch (student provided)
- **Museum of Civil Rights**

6:00 PM Dinner at **Braves All Star Grill**
7:30 PM Bus transfer to **Woodruff Arts Center**
8:00 PM Attend performance of **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra / Local Winter Guard Show**
10:30 PM Bus transfer to hotel
11:00 PM Arrive at hotel; students to rooms
11:30 PM Room Check and Lights Out (Private security on duty)

Sunday, February 6, 2022

7:30 AM Wake up call
8:00 AM Full American Breakfast at hotel
9:30 AM Step-on Bus Tour of Atlanta
11:00 AM Tour of **Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)**
Jazz Ensembles clinic with Dr. Cameron "Chip" Crotts
12:30PM *Lunch on own at Underground Atlanta*
1:30PM Bus transfer to **Atlanta Zoo**
5:30 PM Bus transfer to **St. James Live! Jazz Club**
6:00 PM Dinner/Jazz Concert at St. James Live! featuring RHS Jazz Ensembles with Dr. Chip Crotts, guest artist
9:30 PM Bus transfer to hotel
10:30 PM Arrive at hotel
11:00 PM Room Check and Lights Out (Private security on duty)

Monday, February 7, 2022

7:30 AM Wake up call
8:00 AM Full American Breakfast at hotel
9:00 AM Check out of hotel; Bus transfer to **Alpharetta High School**
9:30 AM Arrive at Alpharetta High School for clinics for Curricular Bands and Winter Guard
12 Noon Lunch with Alpharetta HS Bands
1:30 PM Bus transfer to **Atlanta International Airport**
2:00 PM Arrive at Atlanta International Airport
4:53 PM Depart on flights home
7:15 PM Arrival at Newark Liberty Airport
Baggage Claim & Transfer to RHS
8:30 PM Arrive at RHS

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

EVERYBODY BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

This trip has been arranged in coordination with:
Peak Performance Tours, Inc.
1720 Kendarbren Drive, Suite 722
Jamison, PA 18929
Toll Free: 800.220.0165
Email: info@peakperformancetours.com

Important Covid-19 Notice

All travelers are required to wear masks at all indoor venues, schools, airports, planes, buses, hotels and restaurants. Masks may be removed for eating and sleeping. Some Atlanta venues require patrons to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to entrance. Vaccination status will be collected by the tour company when final payment is submitted.

******THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED******

Ridgewood High School Band Program

Health History and Medical Information

CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL/SURGICAL TREATMENT

Authorization to consent to treatment of a minor temporarily separated from his/her parent(s).

Please complete all of the following information and return this form in its own sealed envelope.

This form will only be viewed by the registered nurse traveling with the band & by health care provider(s) if medical treatment is required.

Student Name: .....
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Date of Birth: ..... Sex:.....Parent/Guardian Name(s): .....

Home Address: .....Phone: .....

Address & Phone (if different during 2/4-2/7): .....

Alternate Emergency Contact:.....
(Name) (Relationship) (Phone)

If child is a member of the 2021 Marching Band, only complete the rest of this form if there are changes since Band Camp.

Health History: (Please check all that apply)

__Chicken Pox __German Measles __Hay Fever __Ear Infections __Heart Disease

__Measles __Asthma __Convulsions __Diabetes __Fainting

__Latex Allergy ..... __Drug Allergies (specify) .....

__Insect Allergies (specify) ..... __Food Allergies (specify) .....

__Plant Allergies (specify) ..... __Other Allergies (specify) .....

Does Student require regular medication? Yes__ No__ Specify: .....

Date of last TETANUS Booster: ..... Temporary Medication taken at this time: .....

List any physical restrictions: .....

Dietary Requirements: ___Vegetarian ___Gluten Free ____Kosher

Attach any additional information that may aid in meeting medical contingencies: .....

Insurance Carrier (If you do not carry insurance, please indicate):..... ID #.....

Name of Insurance Policy Holder: ..... Policy Holder's Date of Birth: .....

*****PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD (BOTH SIDES)*****

Physician:.....Phone: .....

I/We, the undersigned parent(s)/legal guardian of....., a minor, do hereby authorize the Ridgewood Public Schools Staff, as our agent(s) to consent to any diagnostic procedure or medical care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of, any licensed physician, surgeon, or qualified personnel at an accredited hospital when such diagnosis or treatment is rendered.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific need for treatment, but is given to provide authority on the part of our aforesaid agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which the physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable. I/We understand that there is no accident or health insurance program and that any medical bills incurred by my/our son/daughter will be paid by me/us. This authorization shall remain effective through February 7, 2022 unless sooner revoked in writing delivered to said agent(s).

AUTHORIZATION

State of New Jersey, County of Bergen.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____, who being duly sworn, testified under oath that the information provided above is true and correct.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Name:_____ Signature: _____

Subscribed and affirmed before me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE: _____

...Please fill out all information in its entirety...

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM RULES OF CONDUCT

1. The staff and administration of Ridgewood High School reserve the right to prohibit any student from participation in this trip due to excessive absences or a poor record of behavior. If a student is removed from the trip prior to departure, the appropriate refund will be given.

2. Any student who behaves in a manner that is illegal, dangerous, insubordinate or in violation of school or Board of Education policy will have their participation in the field trip terminated immediately. Parents will be contacted and required to pick up their children without delay. If that is not possible, the staff in charge of the trip will make arrangements to transport the student home, or any other location specified by the parents or parent's designees, at no expense to the Board of Education.

3. The use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is not permitted at any time, and will result in immediate expulsion from the trip, with the child's parents providing transportation home. Staff may inspect student's property when necessary.

   RULES AND SANCTIONS OF RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CONCERNING THE USE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED DURING THE DURATION OF THIS TRIP! (See field trip permission slip)

4. **ALL STUDENTS MUST CARRY A VALID PICTURE ID AT ALL TIMES.**

5. Students are to attend all rehearsal sessions, performances, and activities as listed on the itinerary.

6. All itinerary times must be met promptly.

7. **STUDENTS WILL OBSERVE ALL CURFEW HOURS!**

8. Students will respect the grounds and property of all visited areas and hotels. Any damage to said property will be billed directly to the student, and his / her parents will be held responsible for the bill.

9. Students are not permitted in the hotel rooms of the opposite sex at any time.

10. Students are responsible for their own personal property. Therefore, it is suggested that expensive jewelry or other valuables are not brought on this trip.

11. All belongings including luggage and instruments must be labeled with the student's name, address, telephone number, and "Ridgewood High School Band."

12. **Concert Attire: All students will receive an official "RHS Bands" polo shirt which will be worn along with black dress pants, black socks, and black shoes for concerts of the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Small Ensembles and Percussion Ensemble. Performance attire for jazz ensembles and winter guard / twirlers will be determined by the advisors of those groups.**

    ****REMEMBER.....You are representing Ridgewood High School and the Village of Ridgewood. Please be courteous and cooperative at all times. The rules stated above are for your safety and well-being, and for ensuring a terrific musical and educational experience.**

I (We) have read and agree to the rules listed above:

Date:..... Parents / Legal Guardian:.....

I have read and agree to the rules listed above:

Date:..... Band Member:.....

Ridgewood High School
Ridgewood, New Jersey
Overnight Field Trip Parent Permission Form

Name of student:..... *Grade:* *9* *10* *11* *12*

Dates of Trip: February 4 - 7, 2022 *Destination of Trip:* Atlanta, Georgia

Purpose of Trip: Concert / Clinic Tour

Staff Members in charge: Mr. Haas & Mr. Luckenbill *Method of Transportation:* Commercial Airline / Coach Buses

Field trips are an integral part of our educational program. The district encourages these activities, but in order for them to be safe for all the students and have an optimal educational and social experience, the following procedures must be followed.

1. All school-sponsored trips, regardless of the type, are considered extensions of the school campus, and as such, students are held to the same standards that apply on school grounds. All rules, including those related to the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco will be strictly enforced.

2. Teachers and/or volunteer chaperones are responsible for the safety of all students on the trip. Students, therefore, are obligated to follow all rules established by the teacher(s) in charge and enforced by the chaperones.

3. On overnight trips, student luggage and lodging rooms are **SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND SEARCH** at any time by staff supervising the trip.

4. Students will observe all curfew hours.

5. Any student who behaves in a manner that is illegal, dangerous, insubordinate or in violation of school or Board of Education policy may have his/her participation in the field trip terminated immediately. Depending on circumstances, one or more of the following actions will be taken:
   - Immediate notification to the parent/guardian concerning the behavior;
   - If feasible, parents will be notified and required to pick up their child without delay;
   - If that is not possible the staff in charge will make arrangements to transport the student home or to any other location agreed upon with the parents or parents' designees, at no expense to the Board of Education;
   - Any other disciplinary action that is otherwise appropriate under Board policy and practice.

6. Upon returning to the school, all disciplinary actions will be reviewed in accordance with school policy.

I (We) have read this form and agree to allow our child to participate based on the rules listed above. I further understand that if this trip is canceled due to an emergency condition, I may lose some or all of the money that I have paid:

Parents/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

I have read and agree to the rules listed above:

Student _____ Date _____

Emergency Phone Numbers *(please provide a friend, relative or neighbor in case you cannot be reached - staff will carry this form)*

*1st call*_____
(number) *(relationship)*

2nd call _____
(number) *(relationship)*

3rd call _____
(number) *(relationship)*

Payment Information

Students are required to pay an advance fee based on choice of hotel accommodations (quad, triple, double, single.) This fee covers the cost of air and ground transportation, hotel accommodations and all activities listed on the itinerary except for lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Quad Package…….$1155	Double Package……..$1275
Triple Package……..$1195	Single Package……..$1575

Students may use credit earned through Band Association fund raising activities to help defray the cost of this trip. Students who demonstrate financial need will be offered alternate payment methods or scholarships, on a case-by-case basis.

If an alternate payment arrangement or financial assistance is necessary, contact Mr. Haas directly at (201) 670-2800 x20639 or by e-mail at *jhaas@ridgewood.k12.nj.us* to arrange for a ***confidential*** discussion. Requests for financial assistance must be made prior to **November 15.**

Use of Fundraising Credit

Since fundraising credits are continuously accruing, all credits will be applied to the final payment. If a student has amassed credits exceeding the final balance, credits may be applied to earlier payments. An updated list of student's accrued fund raising credit is maintained on the RHS Bands website ***www.rhsbands.org***. Students are listed by Student ID number.

Fundraising credit is updated on the website following each major fundraiser. When viewing the credit chart, note the date of the latest update, which will be printed at the top of the chart. Following the Citrus Sale Blitz Day on January 9, the credit chart will also include each student's final trip balance. Please check the website to determine final payment.

Refund Information

- Written cancellation received more than 60 days prior to departure will receive a full refund, except for non-refundable vendor costs.
- Written cancellation received less than 60 days prior to departure will receive a refund MINUS a 15% administration fee and any non-refundable vendor costs.
- As departure day draws closer, non-refundable aspects of the trip increase depending on the vendor.
- ***All travelers are highly encouraged to purchase comprehensive travel insurance.***

Comprehensive Travel Insurance

Peak Performance Tours has made arrangements with *Travel Insured International* to offer a comprehensive travel insurance policy at a cost of **$61.50** per participant. Highlights of this policy include a provision for participants to cancel for any reason up to 48 hours prior to departure at a refund rate of 75% of all fees that are not refunded by the tour company. It also pays 100% refund for illness up to the time of departure.

Below is a link that will allow you to purchase the Group Travel Protection Plan for your trip. Rates are based on overall trip cost and not the participant's age. You will need to enter the cost of your full trip and make your insurance purchase ***prior to final trip payment*** on the Student Deluxe Group Travel Protection Plan in order to qualify for the pre-existing medical condition waiver. Please view the schedule of coverage linked below, then click the second link to purchase. For questions on the plan, coverage or procedures, please contact the Group Desk at Travel Insured **844-440-8113.**

Schedule of Coverage: https://tinyurl.com/travelinsplan
Link to Purchase: https://tinyurl.com/travelinsuredpurchase

Payment Arrangements & Schedule

Payment for this trip must be made directly to Peak Performance Tours through their online registration and payment service. Parents should click on the link below to register for the trip and to make all payments.

https://peakgrouptravel.groupcollect.com/go/ridge2022

Payment 1:	$400.00 due by November 16 to reserve air transportation.
Payment 2:	$400.00 due by December 16
Final Payment:	$395.00 (or final balance) due by January 16.

Permission Form, Rules of Conduct & Medical Authorization

Completed permission form, rules of conduct, and medical authorization must be received by **December 16**. All forms should be sent together in one large envelope with the medical authorization in its own sealed envelope inside the larger package. Send forms to:

Mrs. Mari Tagliabue
129 Woodland Ave
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Phone/Text: (201) 693-1632
Email: mari3@me.com