

**DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL BAND
2010 SPRING TRIP
APRIL 22ND – APRIL 24TH**

**PERFORMANCE
SHOWCASE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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ITINERARY – Each student has his own copy of the daily schedule and is expected to adhere to it at all times. A successful trip depends on a group of people being able to help each other and work together for 3 days. Be on time with the right equipment **AT ALL TIMES**.

EQUIPMENT STAFF – The percussion students are responsible for loading and unloading the Percussion U-Haul. The bus driver will help with guidance in the loading of medium to large instruments and luggage into the baggage compartments of the buses. In order to make the unloading and loading of equipment fast and smooth, all students are expected to assist the equipment staff. Each chaperone will be assigned an area to monitor and assist. (Flutes, Oboe, Bassoon, Bb Clarinets, Alto Saxophones, Trumpets will be inside the buses in the luggage compartments above the seats.) (Bass Clarinets, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, French Horns, Trombones, Euphoniums and Tubas will go under the bus.)

MUSIC, MUTES, TUNERS – We will have a music box, which will be filled with the collected music of each student after our last rehearsal. Students will be assigned to make sure that this box of music is on the bus and at the performance site during the tour. In addition, the tuner will be transported on one of the buses along with a mute box.

LOADING AND UNLOADING – The bus company assumes no responsibility for the actual loading and unloading of the buses, although the bus drivers can provide guidance concerning such operations. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING YOU TAKE ON THIS TRIP.** Have your luggage and instrument in the right place at the right time so that the loading can be efficiently handled. Pick up items promptly upon unloading and take them to the proper places. Please be considerate of the student equipment Staff. Give them assistance when requested.

TRANSPORTATION – The band will be transported on three Roadrunner Charter Buses. Students will sign up for a bus before the trip and must ride and remain on that bus during all transportation parts of the trip. Buses will be expected to be kept clean. Put all paper and garbage in a bag at the front of the bus as we must live on the bus during the days of travel. All of us are under the rules of the bus drivers during the transportation part of the trip.

HOUSING – Students will be housed in quad rooms. Each student is expected to pick up and keep his/her room neat at all times. Rooms are to be especially clean and orderly on room inspection before checking out. **NEATNESS IS A DEVELOPED HABIT.** Individual students using the phones will pay for all phone calls. **THERE WILL BE NO ROOM SERVICE.** Please check under your beds and behind doors when you check out.

FOOD – The students will have to provide designated meals while on this trip and these meals are marked on the itinerary. Students are reminded of basic good manners and proper etiquette when eating as a group. Students will be given directions where to report after meals are completed. Students are not to just get up and leave on their own after meals. **ALL STUDENTS WILL BE AT ALL MEALS.**

HEALTH – Band medical forms will be carried on this trip. Any changes from the band student's fall medical form should be addressed to our head chaperone leader, Mrs. Brenda Cribbs. All medication will be handled according to the notations on the student medical form. Please eat properly and get rest in order to maintain good health while on this trip.

PERFORMANCES – Our goal is to perform at our highest level on the music we prepared for this trip. Each performance should serve as a challenge and a check on your ability to execute music under the pressure of the live performance. We will listen and support the performances of other ensembles when we attend other concerts.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS (clothing, luggage, money, etc.) – All students should travel in neat comfortable clothing. The following is suggested for traveling with the group. See packing sheet prepared by Mrs. Davenport.
DRESS – Dress neatly and with good taste. Be well groomed with school clothing with the following exceptions: no ragged jeans, cut-offs, halter tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, etc. **NO UNCLAD FEET, NO GRUBBY SHOES.** The following are suggestions: jeans or cords, school approved shorts and blouses for the women. Know the luggage allowance as written on the rules and regulations and remember to bring spending money for designated meals and additional items you might wish to purchase on the trip.

STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – This trip is governed by DeSoto Independent School District policies. Violation of these policies will not be tolerated. Students who find themselves with this problem will be sent home and administrative action by the school will be taken. Students will be sent home at the expense of their parents.

DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRIP GUIDELINES

The objective of the following guidelines is to make this trip a productive and pleasant experience for all band members, directors and chaperones. Particularly, these rules are provided for the protection and safety of all students.

1. Dress at all times (charter bus, hotel, performances, etc.) should reflect a high standard of neatness. Ragged jeans, cut-offs, halter-tops, muscle shirts, etc. will not have a place on this trip. Nice jeans, slacks, dresses, shorts in accordance with the school dress code, or other appropriate dress should be worn. Check the packing list for a clear understanding of the correct dress needed for this trip. You are representing DeSoto High School and are expected to conform to the school's dress code throughout this trip. We want you to be comfortable during the trip but the dress code must be followed.
2. Use good judgment as to conduct on buses. Excessive noise will not be tolerated. All electronics (I-POD'S, CD'S, DVD) players must use EARPHONES. Remember, others may not appreciate your actions on the bus. We are on the buses for a long time and everyone must work together to make the trip a pleasant experience. Be considerate of your fellow bandmen. At each stop, students will be told when to get off of the bus.
3. Each student will be allowed one piece of luggage. Girls can bring one overnight case. Tote bags are permitted. Concert Dress for men and women should be in vinyl bags. Ladies need their concert dresses and men your concert tuxedos. Men remember the following: black shoes, black socks, white shirt, and black tie. Uniforms will be carefully loaded on the buses.
4. Always show respect for the property of schools, fellow students and the hotel. You will bear the cost of any damage you cause.
5. EACH STUDENT WILL BE PRESENT AT ALL MEALS.
6. The DeSoto ISD policies governing student activities will be strictly enforced. Please read the enclosed DeSoto policies.
7. Students will only ride in buses provided for the trip. Students will always move together as a group for every event. Each day has a full schedule, and all students, staff and chaperones must work together to make each day a success. You will not be allowed to leave with parents, friends or relatives who happen to be in the area.
8. Infractions of any of these rules or specific instructions from the directors or chaperones will result in disciplinary action according to the judgment of the director and staff. THIS INCLUDES SENDING THE VIOLATOR HOME AT THEIR PARENT'S EXPENSE. The adults who work as chaperones on this trip are an extension of the directors. They are there to help you and provide assistance to make your trip a safe and enjoyable one. Only the highest respect is expected from you towards the chaperones and directors.
9. TOBACCO – Students may not possess, smoke or use tobacco in any form (to include any nicotine-containing substance not medically prescribed for the individual) anywhere on school grounds or on transportation sponsored by the district or any school function or trips.

10. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE – No student shall possess, use, transmit or attempt to possess, use, or transmit, or be under the influence of any of the following substances on any school campuses, school sponsored events or school sponsored trips:
- Any controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by law.
 - Alcohol or any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage.
 - Any chemical substance for inhalation (glue, aerosol, paint, etc.)
 - An intoxicant or mood changing, mind altering or behavior altering drug.
 - “Look-alike” products (any substance manufactured to look-alike or in any way represented to be in any of the above listed categories. The transmittal, sale of attempted sale of what is represented to be any of the above-listed substances is prohibited.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

1. CHAPERONES – Students must keep chaperones informed at all times regarding their plans and whereabouts. No special permission will be granted for any student to leave the group individually. Chaperones will be in the hallways at the hotel and always respect other guests in the hotel.
2. CONCERT DRESS
 - Ladies – concert dresses, closed-toe black shoes (NO LARGE JEWELRY, EAR RINGS, or NECKLACES)
 - Men – tuxedos, black socks, black shoes, black bow tie, white pleated, wing-tip tuxedo shirt
3. MONEY – Be prepared to pay for designated meals (see itinerary), souvenirs and personal items. Please keep your money with you at all times.
4. CONDUCT
 - Students are to be prompt for all events scheduled on the trip and are to behave in a polite and respectful manner.
 - When eating, act as ladies and gentlemen. Walk into the dining room, be polite to those who serve and assist you, and do not raise your voice above a normal speaking tone.
 - DO NOT bring, purchase or use water pistols, water balloons, silly string or other potentially destructive items.
 - DO NOT GO ANYWHERE ALONE. Go in groups of 2 or more.
5. HOTEL
 - Lights in your room are to be out at the time noted on your itinerary. You are responsible for your room. Any damage or missing articles will be charged to you and will be paid before our group leaves. The chaperones, directors and room captains will check all rooms.
 - After lights out, do not leave your room for any reason, except in case of an emergency that endangers life, limb or health. Take your keys or key card with you.
 - Keep your door locked at all times. One person in each room has been designated as the room captain. That person will be given the key on arrival and is responsible for it during the entire stay. There will not be 4 keys per room.
 - Rooms are to be left in reasonable order. It is not necessary to makeup beds. Linens and towels will be counted when we arrive and when we leave. Do not take “souvenirs” from the hotel rooms.
 - Boys are not to visit girl’s rooms; girls are not to visit boys’ rooms. Visiting between boys’ and girls’ must take place OUTSIDE the rooms and without disturbing other guests.
 - If there is pay TV and you turn it on, you will be CHARGED.
 - Swimming and use of other recreational facilities at the hotel will be done with strict obedience to the hotel rules and our trip itinerary time schedule. No pushing, shoving or running in a pool area.
6. COMMUNICATIONS – Emergency messages may be left for you at the hotel. If you want to call home, please use your cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone, you may use Mr. Calvert’s cell phone.

7. **STUDENT OFFICERS** – Student officers do not have the authority to make exceptions to these rules or to excuse members of the group from being in their assigned place at the assigned time.
8. **PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION** – Save this for a time when you are not representing the **EAGLE BAND** and for a special time when you do not have an audience. Again, this is just being considerate to the people around you. After dark or 9 pm, any travel on buses does not permit ladies and gentlemen to sit together. At such time, they will be moved into the separate rows and divided by the aisle.
9. **HOTEL CHECK IN** – Room Captains will pick up the keys, count towels/linens and report any room damage to the chaperones.
10. **HOTEL CHECK OUT** – Clean room, remove luggage, room captains remain in rooms until a chaperone checks your room and count keys. Stay in the room until your chaperone comes to collect your keys.