

TO: SV Band Members Going on Band Trip & Parents
FROM: Linda O'Connor
SUBJECT: BAND TRIP – Orlando, FL

All students participating with the trip must attend the trip meeting with at least one parent, on **Monday, April 18th at 8:00 pm** in the SHS auditorium. By following these guidelines, we will have a great time with minimal problems. Any questions can be answered at the orientation meeting. Copies of all documents are available on the band website under "Band Trip" on the items listed down the left side.

PLEASE BRING THESE ITEMS TO THE TRIP MEETING:

- This trip packet
- SV Medical Form (only if there are changes)
- For cars being left at the school--Make, model, color and license plate number or email info to Linda O'Connor at **goconnor@zoominternet.net**. This information will be given to the school prior to departure. Failure to sign up to leave your car on the school's property could result in a ticket.

GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

DATES: Wednesday, April 20th through Monday, April 25th

DEPARTURE: Student must arrive at Seneca Valley by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20th**

RETURN: Plan to pick up your child at the school @ **7:00 pm on Monday, April 25th**. If you are not unloading the buses please stay off the sidewalk so there is room to unload everything.

STAFF: Missy Armstrong, Varden Armstrong, Bob Babick, Dan Danch, Katie Huttinger, Bob Matchett, Sara Snyder

BOOSTER CHAPERONES: Lisa Bork, Diane Campbell, John Campbell, Leanne Clark, Cheryl Ferraro, Kim Grasso, Peter Grewar, Neal Jackson, Rhonda Maloney, Maria Matchett, Linda O'Connor, Joni Parise (nurse), Michelle Popp, Erin Scott, Jon Singer, Laurie Uhl (nurse), and Pam Villegas

BUSES: Sign-ups for roommates & bus selection were in February and are posted in the band rooms and on the website. Verify your bus assignment prior to the trip meeting. Transportation will be provided by Baron's Bus Lines aboard 56 passenger motor coaches.

- You are responsible for being on the bus, **ON TIME**, every time we load.
- No flash pictures may be taken on the bus.
- Restrooms on the bus are for emergencies only!
- You are to listen closely to any announcements on the bus.

LUGGAGE: Luggage **MUST** have **visible** name identification.

- Only **ONE** suitcase approximately 24 x 20 is allowed under the bus.
- **ONE** backpack-sized carry-on is allowed on the bus.
- You are responsible for carrying your luggage—chaperones are not porters.

MEALS/ SNACKS: All meals (breakfast Thursday - lunch Monday) are included in the price of the trip.

- You are required to remain at the restaurant where your bus unloads unless otherwise instructed.
- Plan to take snacks for the room/bus--**NO GLASS BOTTLES OR CANS ARE PERMITTED!!!**
- Do **NOT** bring items containing nuts—this includes trail mixes.
- Bring money for the vending machines if you want a drink in your room

ROOMS: Specific room numbers will not be announced until hotel check-in.

HEALTH/MEDICAL

ANY MEDICATIONS OR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO LINDA O'CONNOR IMMEDIATELY. THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING IS TOO LATE!!!!

- NURSES: The TWO medical attendants are kept busy with 228 students.
- They cannot spend all their time with one student at the expense of everyone else
 - Students with medical conditions that require constant supervision should not attend the trip
- MEDICATION: Written notification of prescribed or OTC medications MUST be submitted prior to the trip.
- All medications MUST be in original containers
 - A signed form indicating the parent understands the student will self-medicate and comply by school policy

LODGING

- HOTEL: Three nights at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort – Orlando, FL
- POOL: Students are NOT permitted in the pool or exercise area without a chaperone.
- PROPERTY DAMAGE: Students/parents will be responsible for any property damage to the bus, hotel, etc. whether accidental or intentional. Check your hotel room for damage and note any on the room inspection sheet prior to unpacking.
- STUDENT PHONES: Student phone calls home will be discouraged.
- School personnel will contact you in the event of an emergency
 - No long distance calls are permitted from the hotel rooms
 - Students will be responsible for telephone fees assessed by the hotel for local calls

STUDENT CONDUCT/RESPONSIBILITIES

Any student whose behavior and actions are considered to be inappropriate will be subject to immediate parental notification, removal from activities and appropriate disciplinary action upon our return to school. **Anybody found with illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages will be dealt with according to the disciplinary measures established by the Seneca Valley School District.** Parents will be notified of any violations of this rule and required to provide immediate transportation home for their child.

Remember, your actions on the bus, at restaurants, in the hotel and at performances are a reflection upon the school and community. Please conduct yourself in a mature manner. Do not put future trips in jeopardy by inappropriate behavior on this one!

- You are not permitted in the hotel's bar or any other bar at any time.
- You are not permitted to leave the hotel unless accompanied by a chaperone.
- You must be with another Seneca Valley student or chaperone at all times!

- UNIFORM: Immediately following the rehearsal on Tuesday, April 19th, all trip uniforms will be collected.
- Refer to the last page of this letter for the uniform checklist—all items will be placed in the large zippered section of the garment bag. **Yes, all parts of the uniform will be in the garment bag. This is the ONLY time this is permitted.**
 - A band booster will check that everything is there. Parents will be called to bring any missing item to the school immediately.
 - Nail polish and make-up are not permitted to be worn with the uniform

- CURFEW:** All students **MUST be in their assigned room at the designated curfew time each night and remain there until breakfast. Once room check-in has occurred you cannot leave your room.**
- EARLY TRIP RELEASE:** A copy of the 2016 Band Trip Release Form can be found on the band booster website. It must be personally handed to Linda O'Connor. **Emailed or mailed copies will not be accepted.** The form has been revised so if you submitted one earlier a new form will need to be signed and hand delivered to Linda O'connor. This can be done at the trip meeting if necessary.
- If you have signed a release form you must pick up your bander's luggage and instrument at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort at 8:30 am. You must also meet your bander at a designated location 30 minutes prior to the meeting time at the buses. Do not request to meet earlier.
- MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** Students are not permitted to operate any type of motorized vehicle on the trip.
- RADIOS & CAMERAS:** Students should travel with a minimum of encumbrances. Taking expensive camera equipment is discouraged. Only sound equipment with headphones will be permitted. It is recommended that students take reading material, playing cards, homework, etc. for the bus ride. Items such as cameras, MP3 players, iPods, etc. should be labeled for identification. Bring these items **AT YOUR OWN RISK!**
- SUPERVISION:** Students will be under direct supervision. All chaperone directions and requests are to be followed without question. Insubordination against the staff or chaperones is reason for removal from the trip.
- VEHICLES LEFT AT SENECA:** If you plan on leaving a car at the school during the trip please send the make, model, color and license plate # to Linda O'Connor at **goconnor@zoominternet.net**. This information will be given to the school prior to departure. Failure to sign up to leave your car on the school's property could result in a ticket.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- FRIENDS:** Friends, not on the band trip, are not permitted to associate with you while on this trip. You are not permitted to socialize with anyone who is not a member of the Seneca Valley Band without permission.
- PARENTS:** Parents traveling to the band trip area on their own must remember that the school staff and chaperones are responsible for all of the students on the trip. **PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO ANY OTHER ACTIVITY—THEY MUST REMAIN WITH THE BAND.** If you have signed a release form you must pick up your bander's luggage and instrument at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort at 8:30 am. You must also meet your bander at a designated location 30 minutes prior to the meeting time at the buses. Do not request to meet earlier.

PURCHASED BAND TRIP T-SHIRTS

If you ordered any additional band trip t-shirts they must be picked up **BEFORE** the start of the trip meeting on April 18th. It will be under your bander's name. The band member t-shirts will be distributed during the trip.

UNIFORM CHECKLIST

All uniform pieces must be in the band garment bag and will be checked on Tuesday, April 19th after Marching Band rehearsal. Any missing pieces will need to be brought to the school immediately.

Bander:

- Garment Bag
- Uniform Hat in Box or Beret
- Black T-Shirt
- Uniform Jacket & Collar
- Uniform Pants
- Black Socks
- Polished Dinkles
- Rain Jacket

Color Guard:

- Garment Bag
- Uniform
- Black Socks
- Polished Shoes
- Scrunchie(s)
- Rain Jacket

Pom Pons:

- Garment Bag
- Uniform
- Tights
- Socks
- Polished Boots
- Scrunchie(s)
- Rain Jacket

Wind Ensemble – Ladies

- Knee covering black dress or black skirt w/ blouse
- Dress shoes/sandals (no flip flops)
- Garment bag (provided by boosters)

Wind Ensemble - Gentlemen

- Black dress pants
- White button-down shirt
- Long tie (no bow ties)
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes
- Garment bag (provided by boosters)

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS CHECKLIST

Toiletries:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Miscellaneous:

- Watch
- Sunscreen
- Lip Protector
- Draw String Bag (change of clothes)
- Entertainment for the bus ride
- Water bottle (refillable)

Clothing

- Comfortable/Casual Outfits for 4 days
- Sweater, Jacket, Sweatshirt
- Pajamas
- Underclothes
- Socks
- Comfortable Shoes
- Personal Raincoat
- Belts
- Shorts for under uniform