

2012 AFHS Choir Tour Information

With the economy still not recovering well, choir tour will not be to Washington DC or Boston as I hoped. I simply do not want to put families under that kind of financial stress. Therefore we will be traveling to Anaheim, California. The dates of the trip are April 18-22, 2012. I have worked hard to make sure that this year's tour is very different from last school year since we went to Southern California for that trip. I can say that the only things that are the same are the bus company and restaurants in St. George. (There are only so many restaurants that accommodate 225 people in that area). The itinerary as it now stands is on the back.

There are only 225 available slots for choir tour this year (200 Students and 25 chaperones). Please be sure to get your deposit in on time to secure a place on the trip. Payments are made through the AFHS Financial Office. Cash, check, or credit cards are accepted to make tour payments. If students make enough money through fund-raisers to cover the deposit, it will be refunded. Please note that the deposit is not refundable for any other reason. No matter what forms you sign approving of the trip, it is your deposit that secures your place on the tour. Students will miss three days of school for this trip. Students must work with their teachers at the beginning of fourth term to be sure to get the assignments due during that time done prior to our leaving.

Please note that with the exception of students in Chamber Choir, tour is an OPTIONAL activity. No one should feel compelled to let students go if it is too much of a financial burden on the family or you are uncomfortable with your student coming for any reason. Students who wish to work on fund raising opportunities can indeed earn all the money for the trip themselves.

Fund-raisers this year include:

- Working for BYU Football & Basketball Concessions for Home Games
- Variety Show Ticket Sales
- Cookie Dough Sale
- Chocolate Sale

The tour this year will feature choral clinics at the University of Southern California with Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe, President of the American Choral Director's Association. This is a tremendous honor to be able to learn under his baton. We will also participate in a competitive choir festival with schools from throughout the Western United States. Students will also spend time at the Aquarium of the Pacific, participate in a private dinner cruise, and spend a day at Disney Land where the awards ceremony of the festival will be held.

Choir Tour Payment Schedule (\$590)

Non-refundable Deposit of \$150 due September 16, 2011

Second Payment of \$150 due October 14, 2011

Third Payment of \$100 due November 22, 2011

Fourth Payment of \$100 due December 16, 2011

Final Payment of \$90 or less due January 20, 2012

In order to go on the trip we need parents to vote to approve the trip. You may vote affirmatively and still choose not to have your student attend. You may also cast a negative vote. Your student will be loved and welcome in choir no matter what vote you cast, so please vote your conscience.

If you feel that you have enough information to vote for or against the trip, please sign the attached form and return it to Mrs. Warby no later than September 2, 2011. If you receive this information via email, please feel free to sign and return the document the first week of school.

You are welcome to return it via email if you desire. Just send it to: afchoir@gmail.com.

If you wish to join us as a chaperone, the price is the same as it is for students. Please email Mrs. Warby as we only have room for another 14 chaperones on this trip. We particularly need another 3 men to join us.

For those who wish to have more information before making a decision, there will be parent meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room at AFHS (room 28).

2012 American Fork HS Choir Tour Itinerary: Anaheim, California

Wednesday, April 18

7:00 a.m. Load buses & depart from American Fork High School

12:00 p.m. Lunch at Chuck A Rama in St. George, UT

1:30 p.m. depart for California

5:00 p.m. Dinner on own in Barstow, CA

6:30 p.m. Depart Barstow

8:30 p.m. Check into hotel

10:30 p.m. CURFEW: Students are not permitted out of their rooms after this time unless it's a medical emergency. Students who break curfew will be sent home at their parents' expense.

Thursday, April 19

7:30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel

8:45 a.m. Depart for Clinic at USC

10:00 a.m. Clinic @ USC

12:30 p.m. Depart USC for Santa Monica Pier

1:00 p.m. Arrive @ Santa Monica Pier (Beach Time), lunch on own.

3:30 p.m. Depart beach to go back to hotel and clean up for cruise

5:30 p.m. Head to Newport Beach for cruise

6:00 p.m. Dinner Cruise, Hornblower Cruises Yacht, *Endless Dreams*

10:00 p.m. Depart Newport Beach to return to hotel

11:30 p.m. CURFEW: Students are not permitted out of their rooms after this time unless it's a medical emergency. Students who break curfew will be sent home at their parents' expense.

Friday, April 20

Sleep in please!

9:00 a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Depart for Aquarium of the Pacific (Lunch on your own)

11:00 a.m. Arrive @ Aquarium of the Pacific

2:00 p.m. Depart Aquarium

3:00 p.m. Change clothes for Festival

4:00 p.m. Depart for Festival (hotel provided boxed dinner en route)

Choir Festival (5:00-10:00 pm.)

10:30 p.m. CURFEW: Students are not permitted out of their rooms after this time unless it's a medical emergency. Students who break curfew will be sent home at their parents' expense.

Saturday, April 21

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

7:45 a.m. Depart for Disney Land (Lunch & dinner on own)

TBD Awards Ceremony

11:00 p.m. Head to the buses

11:30 p.m. Buses depart Disney Land (NO BUSES WILL RETURN EARLY! IF YOU ARE TIRED GO SIT ON THE TRAIN FOR AN HOUR OR GO TO THE ESPN ZONE AND CHILL OUT. IF YOU ARE SICK, TELL YOUR CHAPERONE AND ARRANGE TO TAKE A SHUTTLE OR CAB BACK TO THE HOTEL).

12:00 midnight CURFEW: Students are not permitted out of their rooms after this time unless it's a medical emergency. Students who break curfew tonight will have to write a 20-page research paper on an evil topic of Mrs. Warby's choosing.

Sunday, April 22

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel

8:00 a.m. Check out of hotel (lunch on own)

5:00 p.m. Dinner at St. George (Golden Corral)

10:30 p.m. arrive AFHS

(Before Board approval, confidential preliminary vote)

ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parent Approval for Student Overnight and/or Extended Trip

Group Requesting Trip	School
Date and Time of Departure	Date and Time of Return
Destination of Trip	Teacher in Charge
Estimated maximum cost to student and/or parents	

Parent Certification

I have received and have carefully reviewed a copy of the “Application for Student Overnight and/or Extended Trip” described above. I also understand that board policy requires that the financial cost for all trips will be borne by the student and/or parents although some limited fund raising may be permitted by the principal. The financial cost for the trip is the personal responsibility of the student and his/her parents. This responsibility does not rest with the school or the community.

Note: It is important that the school officials know your honest feelings concerning the proposed excursion. Please do not modify your response to satisfy possible peer pressure on your student.

I am supportive of the proposal and give permission for the below named student to participate in the trip. I also understand that my student is responsible to pay all costs before departure.

I am NOT supportive of the proposal.

Reasons:

Student's name

Date

Parent's Signature

I attest by this signature that I am the custodial parent or legal guardian of the student above. I acknowledge that falsifying this record makes me subject to law.