

Wapakoneta High School Band
New York Trip
April 19-22, 2017

Dear Parents,

Every four years members of the Wapakoneta High School Band are given the opportunity to take a trip to New York City. This is an educational and cultural experience for our students which they will remember for years to come. The next trip is scheduled from Wednesday, April 19th through Sunday, April 22nd, 2017. Because of the financial obligation that is involved, it is important that we start preparing for the trip early.

As in the past Noteworthy Tours, Inc. will be handling payments and registration for the trip. Attached you will find copies of the "Trip Policy" and the "Registration and Payment Guidelines". These two documents outline how to register, when payments are due, the amounts of the payments, how to make payments, and cancellation policies. Carefully read through all of the information before enrolling for the trip. An itinerary can be found on the "New York Trip 2017 Information" link of the band website www.wapakband.org.

All participants (students and adults) must submit a completed registration form by mail or online with the \$200 **non-refundable** deposit by December 1, 2015. When registering, you are agreeing to the Trip Policies. The current cost for the trip is \$1017 (Quad Occupancy). Trip costs may be adjusted slightly as the number of trip participants increase or decrease.

At this time we are planning on taking 2 charter buses for the trip, which will allow seats for 93 students and 10 chaperones. Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis so be sure to get your deposit and registration submitted as soon as possible. Once the 2 buses are full we will develop a waiting list for the possibility of adding a 3rd bus. We have to pay for each bus so every empty seat we have will increase the cost of the trip.

CHAPERONES NEEDED

We are presently seeking parent volunteers to chaperone. In order to encourage parent volunteers the cost of the trip for chaperones (Double Occupancy) has been reduced from \$1197 to \$650 per chaperone. This is a savings of \$547.00 per chaperone. The payments for the trip will be spread out over 4 payments of \$100 after an initial down payment of \$200, with the final balance due on March 1, 2017 (See Payment Schedule). This will have your subsequent payments at approximately \$33.33 per month.

Before volunteering, be aware that this is a working trip for the chaperones. You will have an opportunity to enjoy all the events and attractions that the students do but will be responsible for approximately 12 students for the entire tour and will need to help the directors in any way possible. Also keep in mind that once committed to being a chaperone we expect

that your commitment will be fulfilled. If for whatever reason, you decide to pull out of this position the money invested up to that point will be non-refundable until we find a suitable replacement for your position. If a student of a chaperone quits the band program, we will seek to find a suitable replacement from the ranks of band member parents that are continuing in band. If none is found you will still be allowed to attend the trip. If a replacement is found you will be refunded the money invested up to that point.

Those parents interested in being a chaperone need to make their interest known by e-mailing me no later than October 10, 2015. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at wimmst@wapak.org or call 419-739-5221.

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