



Orchestra Spring Trip

March 20-22, 2015

Chicago, IL

# Trip Kickoff Packet

This document contains the following:

-Tentative schedule of events

-Trip Cost

-Payment Schedule

-Cancellation Fee Schedule

-Intent to Travel Contract

Only 50 spots available!

*(Must be current with your Fixed Payment Agreement Fees)*

## **ABOUT THE TRIP**

This year students in the Lafayette and Tates Creek Orchestras will be eligible to participate in the Spring Orchestra Trip to Chicago, IL.

- **Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation via Blue Grass Tours - Due to current affairs all chartered motorcoach costs are subject to fuel increases. At this time any increase in the cost of the motorcoaches and/or the cost of the tour is not anticipated. In the event a fuel increase should take affect, all tour participants will be notified immediately.**
- **Two Nights Hotel Accommodations - The Burr Ridge Marriott - Burr Ridge, IL**
- **Participation and Workshop at VanderCook College of Music**
- **Admission to The Observation Deck of Willis Tower**
- **Visit to Navy Pier**
- **Admission to The Field Museum of Natural History Including a Concert by The Lafayette and Tates Creek High School Orchestras**
- **Admission to The Shedd Aquarium**
- **Shopping Along The Magnificent Mile**
- **Concert by The Chicago Symphony Orchestra**
- **Admission to The Museum of Science and Industry**
- **Five Meals (Two Breakfast Buffets, One Lunch and Two Dinners)**
- **Services of a Thomas Tours Representative Throughout the Trip**
- **Group Insurance**
- **All Applicable Taxes**

## **CHAPERONES AND PARENT TRAVELERS**

We will need chaperones for this trip. Lafayette Orchestra Association members have first priority on traveling as chaperones.

\*\*Parent/Adult Travelers are parents wanting to go on the tour, but do not want the responsibility of being a chaperone. Please note, parent/adult travelers are guests of the tour and must pay full tour price and participate in the group itinerary as space is available. No students may leave the tour with parent/adult travelers at any time as this is an official school trip. All special arrangements must be cleared with Mr. Kent. Please contact Mr. Kent for details about parent/adult travelers. All adults planning to attend must fill out the online FCPS Volunteer Application.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

2 Nights The Burr Ridge Marriott - Burr Ridge, IL.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation via Blue Grass Tours. We are planning on taking only one bus so there are only 50 spots available.

## ITINERARY

Friday March 20, 2015	Depart Lexington, KY	7:00 AM
	Scheduled Reststop Enroute	
	Arrive Chicago, IL	12:30 PM (CDT)
	Lunch (On Own)	12:30-1:30 PM
	Arrive VanderCook College	2:00 PM
	This Afternoon The Orchestras Enjoy a Clinic at VanderCook College	
	Depart VanderCook College	5:00 PM
	Arrive Willis Tower	5:30 PM
	Visit to The Observation Deck of Willis Tower	
	Depart Willis Tower	6:45 PM
	Arrive Navy Pier	7:15 PM
	This Evening The Orchestras Enjoy Dinner (Included) and The Many Attractions at Navy Pier	
	Depart Navy Pier	8:45 PM
	Arrive Hotel/Check-In	9:15 PM
Saturday March 21, 2015	Breakfast Buffet (Included) at The Hotel	
	Depart Hotel	8:15 AM
	Arrive Field Museum of Natural History	9:00 AM
	This Morning the Orchestras Enjoy Exploring The Field Museum of Natural History Including a Concert by The Lafayette and Tates Creek High School Orchestras	
	Depart Field Museum of Natural History	NOON
	Arrive Shedd Aquarium	12:15 PM
	Time to Discover The Shedd Aquarium (Lunch On Own While at The Aquarium)	
	Depart Shedd Aquarium	2:30 PM
	This Afternoon The Orchestras Enjoy Shopping Along The Magnificent Mile	3:00-5:30 PM
	Dinner (Included) at Ed Debevic's	5:45-7:00 PM
	Arrive Symphony Hall	7:30 PM
	This Evening The Orchestras Enjoy a Concert by The Chicago Symphony Orchestra	8:00 PM
	Return to Hotel Following the Concert	
	Sunday March 22, 2015	Breakfast Buffet (Included) at The Hotel
Check-Out/Depart Hotel		8:45 AM
Arrive Museum of Science and Industry		9:30 AM
This Morning The Orchestras Enjoy a Visit to The Museum of Science and Industry (Lunch Included While at The Museum)		
Depart Chicago, IL		NOON
Scheduled Reststop Enroute		
Arrive Lexington, KY		7:30 PM (EDT)

## **PRICE PER PERSON**

Package price based on a minimum of **35 passengers**

<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>			
\$550.00	\$750.00	\$635.00	\$595.00	\$570.00
QUAD	SINGLE	TWIN	TRIPLE	QUAD

Package price based on a minimum of **40 passengers**

<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>			
\$525.00	\$725.00	\$610.00	\$570.00	\$545.00
QUAD	SINGLE	TWIN	TRIPLE	QUAD

Package price based on a minimum of **45 passengers**

<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>			
\$505.00	\$705.00	\$590.00	\$550.00	\$525.00
QUAD	SINGLE	TWIN	TRIPLE	QUAD

Package price based on a minimum of **50 passengers**

<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>			
\$495.00	\$695.00	\$580.00	\$540.00	\$515.00
QUAD	SINGLE	TWIN	TRIPLE	QUAD

*\*Please note, Adult participants are responsible for securing their own roommates and will be charged as listed on the rooming list.*

## **DEPOSIT/ PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

In order to secure a seat on the trip, the following payment schedule has been established:

- An initial deposit of \$100.00 per person is due on or before October 1, 2014.
- A second payment of \$100.00 per person is due on or before November 3, 2014.
- A third payment of \$100.00 per person is due on or before December 1, 2014.
- A fourth payment of \$100.00 per person is due on or before January 9, 2015.
- Final payment or the balance of the trip will be determined by the number of trip participants as well as the amount earned from each school's fundraising efforts. Notification of the amount due will be provided by The

Lafayette and Tates Creek High School Orchestras approximately two weeks prior to the due date. Final payment is due no later than February 9, 2015.

- All checks, cashiers checks or money orders should be made payable to Thomas Tours and mailed directly with an enclosed reservation/payment form to Thomas Tours, 2405 12th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37204-2415. Credit Card payments can be made by calling our accountant, Warren at 615-292-0470 or 800-292-0470. *Please note, a 3% processing fee will be applied to all credit card payments.*
- No invoices will be sent. Therefore, it is each individual's responsibility to keep his or her payments current.
- Space for the trip is limited, therefore, reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis according to the date your initial deposit is received.
- All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 service fee.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

In the event of cancellation, the following policy will adhere:

- Cancellations received on or before December 4, 2014 will result in an administrative fee of \$50.00 per person. IN THE EVENT THE TRIP DOESN'T MATERIALIZE DUE TO THE LACK OF PARTICIPATION YOUR MONEY IS FULLY REFUNDABLE.
- Cancellations received between December 5, 2014 and January 8, 2015 will result in a cancellation fee of \$250.00 per person.
- Cancellations received between January 9, 2015 and February 9, 2015 will result in a cancellation fee of \$325.00 per person.
- Cancellations received between February 10, 2015 and the date of departure will result in a cancellation fee of \$400.00 per person.
- All cancellations must be sent directly in writing to Thomas Tours, 2405 12th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37204-2415. You can also email your cancellation to [Warren@thomastoursinc.com](mailto:Warren@thomastoursinc.com). In the cancellation email, please include the name of the school, grade and destination along with the name of the student and mailing address.
- Students who have been cancelled from the trip due to disciplinary reasons, academic probation, quit orchestra or have changed schools will still be bound by the cancellation policy.
- All refunds will be processed in a timely manner.

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### PAYMENT FORM

**Check One:**                    **LAFAYETTE AND TATES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS**  
 **Lafayette HS Orch**                    **CHICAGO, IL**                    **MARCH 20-22, 2015**  
 **Tates Creek HS Orch**                    (FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY 2/9/2015)

STUDENT'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. PAID \_\_\_\_\_

TRAVELING PARENT'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ **Tates Creek HS Orch**                            **(FOURTH PAYMENT DUE BY 1/9/2015)**

**STUDENT'S FULL NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMT. PAID** \_\_\_\_\_

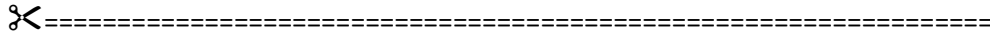
**TRAVELING PARENT'S FULL NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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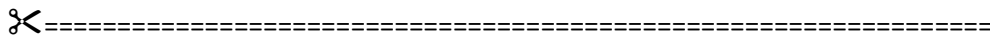
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\_\_\_ **Tates Creek HS Orch**                            **(SECOND PAYMENT DUE BY 11/3/2014)**

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**TRAVELING PARENT'S FULL NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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