

LCHS Band Trip

November 5-6, 2005



San Antonio, Texas

The 2005 Band Trip:

Who, What, When, Where, Why...

This is our second visit to San Antonio to compete in the Bands of America Super Regional Championship at the Alamodome.

If you are a band student or band parent, please pay close attention to the basic requirements:

Band members who will participate in this trip must make serious musical, academic, personal, financial, disciplinary, and attendance commitments.

Band parents who earn a chaperone position through volunteer hours must be able to travel well, keep up with the group, keep a sense of humor, enforce the rules, and attend a scheduled chaperone only meeting with Mr. Estrada.

All trip members are to represent our school district and band department with pride and dignity at all times.

People with personal agendas, poor work ethic and/or negative attitudes need not apply.

Trip Philosophy

- This trip gives band members who qualify to participate an opportunity to perform and to put into practice the theories of instrumental music learned at school.
- This trip gives our bands the opportunity to evaluate the music activities and abilities of other bands.
- Our bands and students will be evaluated and adjudicated by adjudicators from nationally known band programs.
- Students and parents who participate will also learn about a sense of unity. This type of activity will help us learn and reinforce the connection between individual performance and behavior and their contribution to the overall well-being of the band.
- This trip will provide a positive musical and educational experience for everyone involved.
- Finally, this trip is an opportunity to build group and self-pride, respect, interpersonal communication skills, and fellowship.

The Fine Print

Participation in this type of musical event means a personal commitment of time, money, attitude, hard work and rehearsals.

Failure on a student's part to attend mandatory rehearsals or sectionals during the marching season may result in their removal from the trip. The only acceptable reasons for missing these mandatory rehearsals will be student's personal serious illness or death in the immediate family. Other reasons will be considered on a case by case basis by Mr. Estrada. Any student removed from the trip will still be responsible for the complete cancellation fee.

Students who:

- are not positive members of the Mustang Band;
- exhibit poor judgment on campus or any school activity that results in disciplinary action;
- fail to meet the financial responsibility;
- fail to attend rehearsals;
- prove themselves to be unable to be trusted on this type of trip;

...will be removed at the discretion of the Director and the school administration!

Cost of the trip per student:

\$140

This price includes:

- Round trip deluxe motorcoach service (Coach USA)
- Hotel accommodations (quad occupancy)
- Four - Ten dollar meal allowances
- Admission to the Bands of America Super Regional Championship (in the event we are not finalists)
- Admission to the Sunday Gospel Brunch at the House of Blues – San Antonio

FINANCIAL FINE PRINT

Please assist us with trip deposits by making a \$35 deposit to your child's trip account tonight. The kids may participate in booster club fundraisers to help meet their financial goals.

The balance is due by Friday, September 16th. Our final payment is due 45 days prior to our trip.

There will be no refunds after September 21, 2005, for any reason, including loss of academic eligibility.

TRIP FINANCES

- Students participating in the band competition trip may pay for their trip cost either by:
 1. Making personal payments
 2. Participating in organized band trip fundraisers
 3. A combination of these two payment plans
- The Band Director and the Lamar Band Booster Club Treasurer will govern all trip fundraising moneys and personal payments from students and chaperones.
- Any check or money order used to pay for trip fundraisers or trip payments must be made payable to Lamar Band Boosters.
- NEW!* • Any check used for fundraising payment or trip payments must be from the immediate family of the band member. Please do not submit checks from fundraising customers or non-band people.
- Each trip member will receive a monthly trip account statement from the Treasurer.
- *Non-sufficient check funds guideline:* A fee of \$10 will be charged to the student's account and payment to the Lamar Band Boosters must be made in the form of a money order. If a second NSF is received from the same trip member, he/she will be removed from the trip.
- **Failure on a student's part to make trip payments on time may result in termination from the trip. A trip member will be given one notice to bring their trip account up to date. Failure to comply by the payment deadline may result in cancellation from the trip.**

TRIP PAYMENT INFORMATION

- All fundraising payments and trip installment payments should be turned into the lock box in Mr. Estrada's office. Place checks/money orders in sealed envelopes. **We discourage making cash payments.** Please write the student's name in the MEMO portion of the check or money order.
- Trip students will receive a monthly individual account statement. It is the student's responsibility to bring this information home.
- The trip account statement will list any personal payments received up to the time the individual's statement was prepared as well as any profits from pre-paid fund-raisers. We will not post any profit from an unpaid fund-raiser.
- Please call or e-mail Mr. Estrada if you have questions regarding a trip account. Student's trip account information will only be discussed with the actual student or their custodial parent. The band booster vice-president (Mrs. Robertson) will track student fundraising totals. Mr. Estrada will be the liaison between parents and the booster club.