

Newman Smith High School Band

Trip Handbook

American Classic Music Festival

Corpus Christi, TX

April 17 - 21, 2008

Dear Students & Parents,

We offer a trip annually to our students as a reward for all of the hard work they put in throughout the year. Our students are very dedicated and give up much of their free time in the summer, as well as on afternoons, evenings, and weekends in order to achieve our collective band goals. We are proud of all of our students and we want them to have a great time. It is important though, to remember that going on a trip such as this is a privilege and should be considered as such. We expect our students to conduct themselves as representatives of the Trojan Band and Newman Smith High School.

This year we are traveling to San Antonio and Corpus Christi through American Classic Music Festivals of San Antonio. Our stay in San Antonio will include a festival with expert adjudication and chance for all 3 concert bands and both jazz ensembles to perform. It should be a great musical experience for our students. Upon leaving San Antonio, we will travel to our condominiums on Mustang Island near Port Aransas. All offer beautiful accommodations including full kitchens, tv/dvd, cable w/HBO, individual climate control, as well as gigantic swimming pools, water and sand volleyball, hot tubs, and direct beach access. Our students will have a great time and return rested and refreshed going into the last quarter of the school year!

Please read the enclosed information carefully. It includes expectations for conduct, the itinerary, and job assignments to make our trip a success. The trip is provided as a reward for all the hard work and effort that our students give to our program each year. While it is not a luxury tour, every effort is made to provide students with an educational, exciting, enjoyable, and fun experience with memories for a life time.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Centera at the NSHS Band Hall 972-968-5327 or e-mail at centerab@cfbisd.edu.

Hotel Information:

San Antonio: La Quinta Inn & Suites Conference Center
4431 Horizon Hill Blvd.
8200 IH-10 West
San Antonio, TX 78229
210-525-8090

Corpus Christi: Port Royal Ocean Resort & Conference Center
6317 State Hwy. 361
Port Aransas, TX
800-242-1034
www.port-royal.com

Expectations for Conduct

We are very proud of the tradition of excellence of the Newman Smith Band Program. It goes without saying that our expectations for conduct and behavior are extremely high. The directors and chaperones are under a great deal of pressure in being responsible for each student traveling with the group, as well as making sure all travel arrangements are complete, and all necessary instruments and equipment are packed and loaded. As you know, the actions of each individual are a direct reflection on the entire group. Students and parents should be aware that since this is a school sponsored activity, all school policies and rules regarding behavior and conduct are in effect. Please read the following guidelines and memorize them. The desire of the band staff is to make the trip as enjoyable and pleasurable as possible for everyone involved while maintaining a high standard of character and professionalism for the NSHS Band.

Rules:

- * Follow all directions of directors and chaperones.
- * Be on time (early) for everything.
- * You are responsible for all personal items (i.e. luggage, instrument, money, etc...).
- * All school policies including those regarding smoking, alcohol, and chemical substances are in effect.
- * No one may enter a member of the opposite sex's room at any time for any reason.

Consequences: (at the discretion of the director)

- * Conference with director.
- * Removal from group activities, accompany chaperone.
- * Student sent home on commercial transportation at parent expense, removal from band program, subject to school disciplinary action.

Necessary Items:

- * You are allowed one large suitcase, a garment bag, and a carry-on.
- * Casual clothes... (i.e. jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tennis shoes, sandals, etc...).
- * Swim wear and towel for pool, and hot tub.
- * Sun glasses, high UV sunscreen (**Very Important!**)
- * Aspirin, Tylenol, Aleve, etc... (specific needed medications such as inhalers, prescriptions, etc...)
- * A watch that works!
- * Camera and film.
- * Sack lunch and snacks for bus ride.
- * Water, water, water...
- * Money for souvenirs, groceries, Riverwalk (2 times).

Suggestions for Groceries:

- * Purchase dried or non-perishable items prior to leaving as they will be less expensive.
- * Make a menu list for your room prior to leaving... 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners.
- * Purchase items with convenience and nutrition in mind.
- * Suggested items include: pop-tarts, instant oatmeal or cream-of-wheat, bagels, canned or dried soups, granola bars, dried fruit and nuts, pasta & sauce, bottled water, box cereal, peanut butter & bread, etc...
- * Make one night 'pizza night' and order delivery.
- * Grill out night! (Saturday night)...parents will grill whatever you bring (i.e. hot dogs, burgers, etc...)

Things To Remember:

- * This is not a luxury tour...be flexible with delays or changes to the itinerary.
- * Always conduct yourself with the best interests of the group in mind.
- * Watch out for each other.
- * If there is any sort of problem, contact a director or chaperone immediately.
- * Drink lots and lots of water rather than soft drinks. This is extremely important!
- * Stay away from massive amounts of sugary snacks...eat healthy on this trip.
- * Frequently we are in close proximity, respect the space of others, be courteous.
- * Carry identification with you at all times.
- * Listen carefully for instructions and meeting times.
- * Memorize the itinerary and be early to everything.
- * The buses and rooms are to stay clean! They will be checked!
- * If you run out of \$ see a director immediately...we will help you!!!
- * If you're unsure about whether an activity or action is allowed...**Don't Do It!!!**

Job Assignments:

[Luggage Checkers] Wednesday PM

Margaret Floeter
Teresa Flores
Sam Huffman
Jenna Jones
Trisha Neill
Laura Obenhaus
Erin Short
Mary Chris Vogt
Jessica Weiss

[Luggage/Instrument Loaders]

Thursday AM, Thursday PM, Friday AM, Friday PM, Monday AM, Monday PM

Jamal Al-Jauni
Tony Arellano
Chris Ayala
Brandon Bateman
Brandon Binns
Philip Black
Wiley Brooks-Martin
Alex Granowski
Greg Granowski
Neil Haag
Matt Harvey
Michael Ichter
Sean Jasper
Jim Laclede
Trey Langley
Jessica Le
Cristian Marsico
Joe Munoz
Kheim Ngo
John Nichols
Victor Ramirez
Elijah Ramos
Scott Schmidt
Clint Wyatt

[Percussion/Jazz Equipment Loaders] Thursday AM, Friday AM, Monday PM

All percussion students and jazz ensemble rhythm section members!

Itinerary:

Wednesday...

4:00 pm Concert Band/Percussion luggage check-in
4:30 pm Symphonic Band luggage check-in
5:00 pm Wind Symphony luggage check-in

Thursday...

11:10 am released from 4th period....move to the theater
11:20 am luggage and equipment crews load buses
11:50 am final instructions in theater....load buses
12:00 pm depart!
5:00 pm arrive downtown San Antonio...free time on Riverwalk!
6:45 pm load buses....head for hotel
7:30 pm check into hotel...free time
10:00 pm room check...pack for morning departure

Friday...

6:00 am wake-up!
6:30 am take luggage to buses...eat breakfast in hotel
7:15 am check-out...load and depart
8:00 am arrive Steven HS...unload equipment/instruments...CON warm-up
8:30 am CON performance
9:00 am SYM warm-up
9:30 am SYM performance
10:15 am WS warm-up
10:45 am WS performance
11:45 am JII warm-up
12:15 pm JII performance....JI warm-up
12:45 pm JI performance
1:00 pm pizza delivered to school....lunch
1:30 pm load instruments/equipment...change clothes!
2:00 pm depart for Corpus!
5:00 pm H-E-B grocery shopping
7:00 pm check-in at Port Royal...free time
10:00 pm room check

Saturday...

10:00 am sleep in!...roll check outside of Mr. C's room
5:00 pm roll-check outside Mr. C's room
6:00 pm grill out night....bring your meat!
10:00 pm room check

Sunday...

10:00 am sleep in!...roll check outside of Mr. C's room
5:00 pm roll check outside of Mr. C's room
10:00 pm pack luggage...room check

Monday...

6:30 am wake-up!...breakfast, clean room, and pack!
7:30 am room check...take luggage to buses....load
8:00 am depart!
1:00 pm lunch in Waco!
2:00 pm load buses
4:30 pm arrive NSHS!!!