



## Universal Studios Trip March 2017

Dear Choir Students and Parents,

I am very excited to present you with some information regarding our spring 2017 choir trip.

You will find the following in the packet:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Summarized Itinerary
- Contract- to be turned in and signed April 19th. \$50.00 due with signed contract in order to officially sign up.
- Payment and Fundraiser Schedule
- Receipts

### **FAQ:**

**Why are we traveling?** To expose students to new environments and cultures, for the benefit of performing in exemplary acoustical performance spaces and to create a bonding experience for the students in the program that will lead to further success for the choirs and enrich the social and emotional growth of the students.

**Is the trip required?** No one is required to participate in this trip.

**Who is eligible to travel?** Students enrolled in Senior High Mixed, Bel Canto, and the Morrilton Melodies for the 2016-2017 school year with exception to those that had behavioral issues on previous choir trips.

**Who is handling the travel arrangements?** Paul R. Dance- Festival Selection Advisor - Heritage Festivals; WorldStrides OnStage (formerly WorldStrides Heritage Performance)  
1-866-914-6737 Direct: (801) 433-9768

If you have questions the director cannot satisfy, please call Paul.

**Will there be fundraisers for my student to help pay for the trip?** Yes!!! We will definitely need parental help on these fundraisers. Please email Mrs. Manes (manest@sccsd.k12.ar.us) to volunteer or to receive more information.

**Who will be the chaperones?** The Choir will need 5-7 chaperones based on the number of students I anticipate going (30-40). The chaperones will be chosen on a lottery basis, if we have several sign up, after the initial deposits are due. We will need

to know the total number of students before we can determine our chaperone needs. Some preference is given to senior parents, but it is determined at random past that. Please note that if our numbers are lower, we will need fewer parents. **Please understand that this is NOT a vacation for the parents who act as chaperones.** It is an exhausting, but very rewarding experience. Chaperones do have to pay for their trip and the specific cost for your trip is the same as the student cost. If you are interested in chaperoning, please e-mail Mrs. Manes (manest@sccsd.k12.ar.us). I would like to have medical professionals accompanying us on the trip as chaperones if at all possible.

**How much does the trip cost?** \$800.00 per student and chaperone. \$50.00 deposit due April 19th with contract.

### ***Summarized Itinerary:***

## **2016 ORLANDO FESTIVAL PACKAGE OVERVIEW PACKAGE & PERFORMANCE INCLUSIONS**

- > Performance at a national music festival
- > Positive constructive adjudication with written and recorded comments
- > On-stage mini-clinic
- > 2-Day, Park-to-Park admission tickets to both Universal Studios Florida• and Universal's Islands of Adventure•
- > Private awards ceremony at Universal Studios Florida
- > On-site hotel accommodations at Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort' or nearby hotel

## **BENEFITS OF TRAVELING WITH WORLDSTRIDES ONSTAGE**

- > One free festival package for every 25 full-paying participants
- > Nationally acclaimed adjudicators
- > Medical, accident, and liability insurance coverage
- > Commemorative pin for each student
- > Free professional development for directors
- > Free academic credit for students
- > Meaningful awards and trophies



Universal Studios Choir Trip Contract  
March 16-19, 2017

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to participate in this educational experience and my parent and/or guardian and I agree to abide by the stipulations outlined below. We understand that I will not be permitted to participate unless this form is signed and all of these stipulations are met. We further understand that if any deposits have already been made and these stipulations are not met we may forfeit the deposits.

**Academic Conditions & Eligibility Requirements**

- \*Students may not be suspended, in school or out, from school for any reason, at any time.
- \*Students must pass 6 out of 8 courses during the first term of next year.
- \*Students may not fail choir (i.e. does not show up to concerts/performance or is attending class sporadically)

**Standards of Conduct**

**While on the trip, students will agree to abide by all South Conway County School policies regarding field trips, all Morrilton High School rules, and any special rules that are implemented for this trip by Mrs. Manes or Mrs. Gordon. Students understand that, in effect, they are in school 24 hours a day for the entire trip. These rules include, but are not limited to the following:** The use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol is strictly prohibited by both students and adult participants. Stay with the group at all times. No boys in girls' rooms or girls in boys' rooms. **EVER.** Because of our hectic schedule, students must get ample sleep. Curfew (lights out) will be strictly enforced. Crankiness because of lack of sleep will be dimly viewed and result in your being assigned "special" chaperone attention. To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is unacceptable. We have high expectations for all members of the traveling party and students are expected to follow all instructions in preparation for, and during this educational experience.

**Financial Terms**

\*Payments must be made in full. The total of \$800.00 must be received by January 31st, 2017. If you raise some amount, realize you cannot go after raising a portion, you **MUST** raise the remaining amount. The amount is owed to the company if you sign up and put in the deposit. The choir will **NOT** pay it for you.

- \*Payments must be received by the due date outlined in the payment schedule
- \*Reimbursements or refunds are not available. All money will go directly to WorldStride OnStage
- \*Please contact Mrs. Manes if you have any difficulties following the prescribed payment plan. Payments (checks made payable to Morrilton High School Choir or cash are accepted) are to be sealed in an envelope, correctly labeled, and placed in Mrs. Manes' hands.
- \*Please use the attached payment slips if they are helpful to you.
- \*If a student is unable to participate, for any reason, the instructors must be immediately notified in writing of the change. If a student is deemed ineligible to participate, or has to withdraw for any reason, the student or parents will NOT be reimbursed.

**At the discretion of the instructor, students who violate the behavioral standards during the trip may be sent home immediately at their parent's expense.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to:

- Abstain from the use of any drugs, tobacco or alcohol
- Participate enthusiastically in all parts of the trip
- Absorb occasional disappointments
- Make my best effort in understanding and working with others
- Push myself beyond my normal "comfort zone"
- Abide by all rules and guidelines as defined by the instructors (Mrs. Manes and Mrs. Gordon)

Please check all that apply:             Band                       Choir

Please circle Grade:    9    10    11    12

Student Cell Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_    Texting? Yes    No

\*We have read and agree to abide by these stipulations. Further, we understand that this is an educational experience and behavior is expected to be that which is conducive to a good learning environment at all times.

\*I agree to sign up for and download the app LIFE360 so Mrs. Manes can keep track of where I am when I am at the parks and other locations when students are allowed to roam freely.

\*I agree that my child will participate in fundraising events in order to receive \$\$ in his/her account. If my student does not participate in fundraising, then I am responsible to pay any remaining money in order for him/her to go on the trip.

\*I understand that the Choir and Choir Boosters will not be able to pay for my child.

\*I understand that if 80 students do not sign up (band and choir total) the cost may be more.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent / Legal Guardian      Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian      Date

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Printed Name of Student                              Signature of Student                              Date

Choir Universal Trip 2017			
<b>Payment and Fundraiser Schedule:</b>			\$800 total
<b>Date</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<i>April Fundraiser: Devil Dog Apparel and Accessories</i>		
<b>4/19/2016</b>	<b>Parent meeting @ 5:30 April 19th, 2017 (deposit)</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
	<i>May Fundraiser: Added if necessary</i>		
5/13/2016	Payment due	\$100.00	\$650.00
	<i>August Fundraiser: Scentsy</i>		
8/31/2016	Payment due	\$125.00	\$525.00
	<i>September Fundraiser: Candy Bars</i>		
9/30/2016	Payment due	\$125.00	\$400.00
	<i>October &amp; November Fundraiser: TBA</i>		
10/27/2016	Payment due	\$100.00	\$300.00
11/18/2016	Payment due	\$100.00	\$200.00
	<i>December Fundraiser: Madrigal Feaste &amp; Silent Auction</i>		
12/12/2016	Payment due	\$100.00	\$100.00
	<i>January Fundraiser: TBA</i>		
1/31/2017	January Payment	\$100.00	\$0.00



Universal Studios Payment Slip  
March 16-19, 2017

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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