

HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Field Trip Request Form

School Group/Organization: Homer Band/Choir (45)

Destination: Boston, MA

Field Trip Dates (Departure-Return): 4/17-4/19 Date submitted: 9/18

Advisor(s): Dave Dibennaro Number of Students: _____ Number of Chaperones: _____
Cara K-B McLaughlin

2 of the Chaperones must be staff members

Chaperone Names: Dave Dibennaro
Cara McLaughlin

Building: HS

School Days Absent: 1

Explanation: The competitions will start in the morning on Saturday so we need to get there a day before.

Cost to Student: \$450

Fund Raising Required: not required but encouraged. fundraisers include Sept. cookie dough, Nov. Frozen Food, Jan. candy bars

Transportation (Circle one): School Bus Charter Airplane Other

Itinerary (Use other side or include attachment):
See attached

Purpose of Trip (Educational Value): Perform in a competition setting where we get feedback from respected judges; See and hear other music groups comprised of HS age students; Experience the culture of Boston.

***It is the responsibility of the teacher organizing this activity to inform parents of the possibility that all or part of any deposit may be lost in the event the School Board or Administration is forced to cancel this trip.**

Approved by Administrator: [Signature] 10/6/14
(Administrator's Signature) (Date Approved)

Submitted to Board of Education for Approval: 10/7/14

Boston Band & Choir Tour Information packet



Proposed Itinerary: April 17-19, Friday-Sunday, 2015

Friday, April 17, 2015 - Day 1:

- 8:00 a.m.** *Depart from Homer High School in Homer, NY for Boston, MA.
Highway stop for lunch on your own.*
- 3:00 p.m.** *Approximate time of arrival in Boston.
Admission to the New England Aquarium located at Central Wharf. The new open-air pavilion features a 60-foot long 68,000 gallon pool. The new Boston Harborwalk wraps around the Center so that visitors can view the seals from the Harborwalk.*
- 5:30 p.m.** *Depart for Prudential Center for dinner on own.
Visit Prudential Center, between Huntington Ave. and Boylston St. in the heart of Boston's Back Bay. The 23-acre complex features over 75 shops and restaurants including Legal Sea Foods, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Lord and Taylor, Godiva Chocolatier, and Saks Fifth Avenue. Food Court eateries: Ben & Jerry's, Boston Chowda (seafood), Cheeseboy, Flamers (burgers and chicken), Gourmet India, Panda Express, Bakery, Pizzeria, Mexican and Japanese, subject to change.*
- 7:30 p.m.** *Admission to the Prudential Skywalk Observatory which offers a breathtaking 360 degree view of Boston, 700 feet in the air.*
- 8:30 p.m.** *Depart for a local Hampton Inn or an equivalent hotel, subject to availability.*
- 9:30 p.m.** *Arrive at the hotel and check in.*
- 11:30 pm – 5:30 am** *6 hours extra hotel security (2 guards based on 90 students)*

Saturday, April 18, 2015 - Day 2: (Day of competition)

- 8:00 a.m.** *Deluxe Continental Breakfast at the hotel.*
- 9:00 a.m.** *Depart for Competition with Festivals of Music for Concert Band and five choirs, subject to Festival schedule.*
- p.m.** *Lunch on your own.*
- p.m.** *When the competition is over, depart for the hotel to freshen up for evening activity.*
- 5:00 p.m.** *Depart for Boston.*
- 6:00 p.m.** *Dinner at the Hard Rock Café or similar local restaurant, subject to availability.*
- 8:00 p.m.** *Blue Man Group Performance at the Charles Playhouse, subject to availability.
BMG is an energetic performance, presented without any spoken words, features 3 fascinating blue men who take the audience on a multi-media, interactive journey that is outrageously funny and visually stunning. The blue men are accompanied by a dynamic live band whose tribal rhythms help drive the show to an unforgettable climax.*
- 10:00 p.m.** *Depart for the hotel.*
- 11:00 p.m.** *Arrive at the hotel.*
- 11:30 pm – 5:30 am** *6 hours extra hotel security (2 guards based on 90 students)*

Sunday, April 19, 2015 - Day 3:

- 7:30 a.m. *Deluxe Continental Breakfast at the hotel.*
- 8:30 a.m. *Depart for Awards Ceremony, subject to schedule.*
- 10:00 a.m. *Festivals of Music Awards Ceremony, subject to schedule.*
- 11:00 a.m. *Depart for Boston.*
- 12:00 p.m. *Arrive at Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall for sightseeing, shopping and lunch on your own.*
- 3:00 p.m. *Depart for your school.*
Highway stop for dinner on your own.
- 10:00 p.m. *Approximate time of arrival at your school.*

The price is \$450.00 person based on minimum 90 students in QUAD occupancy

The price is \$375.00 person for each paying adult in QUAD occupancy (which is \$75 less than the students who are paying for Festivals of Music).

If there are less than 90 students, the cost of the trip may go up slightly.

Any person in a triple room will pay an additional \$30 per person in that room.

Any person in a double room will pay an additional \$60 per person in that room.

Any person in a single room will pay an additional \$120 person in that room.

The Tour Includes:

- *2 Nights Hotel accommodations*
- *2 Continental Breakfasts*
- *Admission to the New England Aquarium*
- *1 Dinner at Hard Rock Café or a similar restaurant, subject to availability*
- *Admission to the Prudential Center Skywalk Observatory*
- *Competition with Festivals of Music for 6 groups, subject to schedule*
- *Awards Ceremony with Festivals of Music, subject to schedule*
- *Visit to Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall*
- *Blue Man Group based on a Saturday*
- *2 nights extra hotel security (2 guards per night – based on 90 students)*

Payment Schedule:

Please try to adhere to the payment schedule as closely as possible.

End of September - \$100 deposit

Oct. 15th - \$60

Nov. 12th - \$60

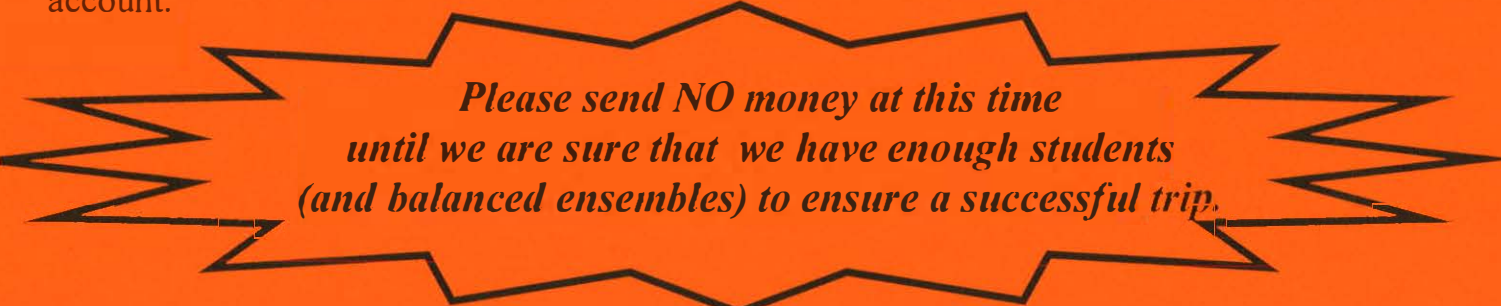
Dec. 17th - \$60

Jan. 14th - \$60

Feb. 11th - \$60

Mar. 6th - \$50

Please have payments made out to "Homer HS Choir" so we can make all payments from one account.



***Please send NO money at this time
until we are sure that we have enough students
(and balanced ensembles) to ensure a successful trip.***

Please let us know if this schedule doesn't work for you so we can make other arrangements.

Fundraised monies will be deducted from the final payments.

Money that you fundraised with us in previous years can be applied to this trip.

Fundraisers:

There will be up to three fundraisers this year to help offset costs. They are as follows:

Frozen cookie dough – Sept. 11th – Sept. 24th

Frozen food items – Nov. 7th – Nov. 21st

Candy Bars or fundraising dance??? – Jan. or Feb.

***An initial decision on whether or not to go will be
made by Wednesday, September 17th.***

***A Final decision on whether or not to go will be made
based on trip deposits received by open house (10/1)***