



Washington, DC

Ridgeview Charter School

Music Department Trip

Wednesday through Sunday, March 17-21, 2010

(Perform at major national monuments and public arenas. Learn more about your national government through tours and sightseeing.)

COST: \$850.00

FUNDRAISERS:

- ♪ Raffle tickets for a trip to Hawaii (Tickets are \$5.00 each; students get \$3.00 credit for every ticket sold.)
- ♪ RCS Foundation Fundraiser
- ♪ Other fundraisers as students, parents, and teachers create and see opportunities

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY DEPENDS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- & EVERY STUDENT in the RCS Music Department is eligible to go through positive academic and behavioral performance, hard work in music class, and diligence in raising funds for this trip!!
- & We must have a representative of every section of the band, orchestra, and chorus to make the trip a reality. (For example, the band must have brass, woodwind, and percussion players to perform the band music. The orchestra must have balanced sections of violins, violas, cellos, and bass players. The chorus must have sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses to perform the chorus music.)
- & Every student must maintain an "A" or "B" average for each semester in music class.
- & Each student must be passing every class and be "on track" for promotion to the next grade.
- & Each student must receive a "1" or "2" in conduct in every class every grading period.
- & Students who are assigned OSS may not attend the trip. Assigned ISS will be discussed on an individual basis.
- & Because school resources are limited, every student and family will be responsible for the trip cost—fundraising, paying from pocket, or possibly receiving scholarships.
- & All deposits MUST be submitted in a timely fashion. Any problems MUST be addressed with the appropriate music director PRIOR to the deposit's due date. Some funds will be non-refundable at certain dates prior to the trip.
- & Each student must participate in a performing group for the entire school year.
- & Medical information and a medical release form must be on file.
- & Everyone must adhere to cancellation policies, including being removed at the last minute due to violation of rules.
- & Everyone—students and chaperones—must adhere to ALL Fulton County Schools' policies pertaining to out-of-state field trips.
- & We must have at least 1 chaperone per 6 students.
- & Students will be very limited to "calling home" during the trip.
- & Everyone will be limited to one suitcase and one carry on bag; remember your complete "uniform" must be included in your packing. Each participant must be able to carry all belongings into and out of a hotel room.

- & Students will be required to wear any performing and trip uniforms throughout the trip that the directors announce.

THE MUSIC TEACHERS WILL BE "IN CHARGE" ON THIS TRIP.

All 3 music teachers have taken students on many, many trips. If problems arise, the directors will handle them. The educational opportunities are immense, and the lifelong memories cannot be measured. Students will learn lessons about travel, history, metropolitan life, government, perseverance, and on and on. Following are some basic procedures for the trip:

- & A specific itinerary of times, places, and contact numbers will be submitted to you.
- & Necessary medical information and medical releases will be on file and taken on the trip.
- & The directors and chaperones will maintain possession of tickets and all necessary travel documentation.
- & Each room will be checked before bedtime by the directors and chaperones. Heads will be counted and rooms will be inspected. The doors will be closed by a strip of masking tape. If the tape is disturbed, the students in the room will be disciplined, if necessary, by being sent home at parent/guardian expense.
- & Students will wait for a chaperone to give them permission to leave their rooms each morning.
- & NO STUDENT (at any time—for any reason—not to even go down to the hotel lobby) WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE GROUP UNACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!! EVERY STUDENT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OUTSIDE HIS/HER HOTEL ROOM.
- & No girls in boys' rooms; no boys in girls' rooms.
- & Any extra hotel room fees charged to an individual room will be the responsibility of everyone in that room to pay.
- & Any side trips will be arranged prior to the groups' departure. Everyone will follow the itinerary schedule.
- & Extra family members traveling with this group "package" must adhere to the policies and schedule of our group.
- & For added security, Officer Brown will accompany us on this trip.
- & The music directors have the final "word" on all aspects of this trip. Someone has to be "in charge." Mr. Gibson's, Dr. Messer's, and Ms. Sorrells' decisions must be followed positively.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE (for students and chaperones): [Cancellation policies: (1) All cancellations will be imposed as dictated by airline, hotel, or supplies at time of cancellation. (2) After your initial deposit, any cancellation exceeding 10% of the initial reservation will be charged a minimum of \$50.00/person administrative fee plus any charges imposed by the hotel, airline, or other supplies at the time of cancellation. (3) A change of a name or room list within 45 days of departure incurs a \$75.00 fee.] If you have monetary concerns, please see Mr. Gibson, Dr. Messer, or Ms. Sorrells

- & Friday, August 14, 2009 \$100 (Initial deposit)
- & Friday, September 18, 2009 \$150
- & Friday, October 23, 2009 \$125
- & Friday, November 20, 2009 \$125
- & Wed., December 16, 2009 \$125
- & Friday, January 22, 2010 \$125
- & Friday, February 19, 2010 \$100
- *TOTAL: \$850

ESTIMATED COST BREAKDOWN: \$250 airfare (plus baggage costs)/\$250 hotel/\$50 ground transportation/\$150 admission to sites and shows/\$150 instrumental transportation, trip shirts, miscellaneous fees

*MEALS are NOT INCLUDED in the total cost.

Please complete the information below, check all applicable blanks, and return this form with the required deposit(s) by August 14, 2009.

____ My student will definitely attend the Washington, DC, trip. Attached is the \$100 deposit. I agree to support all fundraisers.

