

Southmoore High School Instrumental Arts Program

2015-16 London New Year's Day Parade – London, UK

Student and Parent Information Packet

Our trip is almost here! Please take the time to carefully read over this packet of information. Parents, make sure you fill out the forms located at the end of the packet; they both must be completely filled out and returned in order for the student to attend. The more you know about this trip, the more fun you will have so get to reading – there will be a test.

Packing Tips and Suggestions

Regarding Instruments...

We have not been able to find a great road to drive the semi to London so we came up with plan B:

- All instruments larger than a trumpet will be shipped directly to our hotel. We have already gone about the process of getting the serial numbers of all the personal and school horns. The instruments will be fully insured during their journey. Instruments are scheduled to ship on December 16 and will be waiting for us at our hotel upon arrival. Instruments are scheduled to arrive back in the US 5-10 days after we arrive home.
- Smaller instruments will be part of your luggage – we highly recommend you carry your instrument on the flight in your carry-on luggage. In the event your checked luggage is delayed – we want to make sure your instrument arrives with you.
- Some larger concert/jazz instruments are provided onsite - i.e. timpani, double bass, drum set, marimbas, etc.

Regarding Band Uniforms and Concert Attire...

The band is performing more than once...

- Students will be issued their uniform coat and bibbers prior to departing for London. Students will pack the uniform and bring it with them to London. We will instruct students how to pack and handle the uniform while it is in their possession.
- Shako and gauntlets will be shipped with the instruments. Uniform gloves need to be in your shako box.
- Students participating in the concert or jazz band performances will need to pack dress black. Ladies and Gentlemen are to wear black slacks. Ladies are to wear a sleeved non-revealing top. Men are to wear a collared button down black dress shirt (the black formal jazz shirt is acceptable). The band shoes may we worn for this performance.

Regarding Audience Attire for the Musical and the Concert...

- All participants will be attending a West-End Musical and many students and all adults will be attending the jazz/concert band concert
- Dress for both of these events is “business Casual.” Appropriate business casual dress typically includes slacks or khakis, dress shirt or blouse, open-collar or polo shirt, optional tie or seasonal sport coat, a dress or skirt at knee-length or below, a tailored blazer, knit shirt or sweater, and loafers or dress shoes that cover all or most of the foot.

Regarding Currency and Spending Money...

Quarters and dimes will not work people...

- The British pound (£) is the currency in England. The dollar does not necessarily fare well against the British pound as the current exchange rate is £1.00 = \$1.53. For example, if you buy a cool hoodie for £35 you are actually spending about \$53. You may want to download a free currency converter app to help make sure you do not blow a huge sum of money.
- Most meals are provided with your trip fee, however you will purchase a few meals. Restaurant prices are generally a bit higher than 19th street due to the exchange rate. Check out the itinerary to plan for food money.
- Consider brining around £20-£50 pounds with you. Most banks will provide you with British pounds directly from your checking account for a marginal fee. Usually the bank may need a week to get the cash so be sure to plan ahead. You can exchange dollars for pounds at the airport and in London – but the fee is MUCH higher.

- Your credit and/or check card works almost anywhere and can serve as your primary means of purchasing items in London. As a brand, Visa and Master Card will be your best bet. Discover is not widely accepted out of the USA (you will find some places in London, but not many) and American Express is hit and miss.
- You can get cash from ATM's while in London and it works exactly like at home (except it spits out pounds and sometimes candy).
- Other than some meals (check the itinerary) – there are no other required costs. You will have time to shop so use your own discretion when planning on how much money to bring.

Regarding Electricity...

England is an island so they have their own ways of doing most everything, including electricity...

- There are a few differences in electricity in the UK: Power is supplied from UK wall sockets at about 220 volts (actually 220-240) however, in North America, power is supplied at 110-120 volts. Additionally the “plug in” itself is different in England.
- Almost all electrical devices you will bring are made to operate at “dual voltages” and will switch over to 220 voltage automatically. Battery chargers for camcorders, iPods/iPads, cell phones and other battery-operated devices can almost always be plugged into English sockets (with an adaptor plug).
- You will need a simple adaptor in order to plug into your hotel wall socket. Adaptors are inexpensive and you may consider buying a few for multiple wall plug-ins. You can buy a good adaptor at Wal-Mart. In most cases you will NOT need a “converter.” Converters attempt to lower the voltage to 110, however since most of your devices will be “dual voltages” a converter is unnecessary.
- Most hairdryers DO NOT switch over to the 220 volts and you will fry your hairdryer and possibly knock out the entire European power grid if you attempt to plug it in, even with an adaptor. The hotel DOES have hairdryers in each room.

Packing Tips

- Don't over pack!
- Pick one pair of casual and one pair of dressier shoes (or something easy for both purposes) and then pack all of your clothing choices to coordinate with those shoes (if coordinating shoes/outfits is even a concern – I'm not entirely sure it's a concern for all of you). You do not need both black and brown - just pick one. (And knowing European style sensibilities...go with black!)
- Think about the whole length of the trip: can you wear that sweater or shirt twice with maybe a different scarf or necklace to make the outfit look different?
- If at all possible, roll your clothes to help avoid wrinkles. The hotel in London will have ironing boards in the rooms however; consider bringing a small travel bottle of wrinkle release spray. You might also want to bring a small bottle of Febreze and a stain eraser pen.
- Do you have some old shoes or underwear – consider wearing them and then throwing them away in England to make room for any items you bought. Please note - you cannot throw away the band uniform.
- Many people like to travel with some type of a “money belt” to wear on their torso under their clothing so as to hide valuables (cash, credit cards, passports). Many of these belts are “RFID” protected – meaning they are designed to Block RFID Readers from Scanning Your Credit cards, Debit cards, etc. London is a large city, and like most large cities, is a well-known location for pick-pockets (think of the stories in the classic Charles Dickens novels). Those who carry wallets should keep them in the FRONT pockets and not the back and those who carry purses should make sure it is a small style, that closes tightly, and is kept close to the body.

Do not forget items such as these:

- ✓ Your band uniform with all related accessories - Black Socks, Band Shoes, Vegas Gold Shirt, etc.
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Raincoat/Jacket
- ✓ Your instrument (if it is not already shipped)
- ✓ Swimsuit if you would like to swim at the hotel (keep it modest people)
- ✓ A UK electrical adapter

- ✓ A pair of headphones for the plane. A small TV with your choice of movies is on the seatback.
- ✓ This list is not all-inclusive... make a packing list before the trip and follow it, but do not over pack!

What should I not bring?

- ✓ Your show shirt – the Brits may not understand that it was a marching band show.
- ✓ Anything that could get you into trouble!!! - If it is annoying, makes noise, or can be used to hurt others do not bring it.
- ✓ Do not bring unnecessary valuable unless you enjoy donating to thieves.

Travel

Your passport

The passport is a very vital documentation that you will use during travel.

- **DO NOT LOSE YOUR PASSPORT** You will NOT be able to board any plane without your passport. If you lose it in England it will be a very expensive endeavor to get a new one and could even cause an expensive delay in returning to the US (as you would have to pay for your extended stay AND for an adult to stay with you).
- **DO NOT** PACK YOUR PASSPORT IN YOUR CHECKED BAG. All travelers will need their passport from the time they arrive at the airport to the time they arrive and get on the bus at the airport.
- As mentioned earlier - we recommend purchasing an inexpensive passport pouch to use during travel. This provides security protection and causes the traveler to actually “wear” their passport and therefore decreasing the chances it is lost. You can also use this throughout the trip for money and other items.
- Band director and chaperones will do periodic passport checks throughout all phases of travel.
- Passports will likely be collected from students once we arrive in England and reissued to them prior to traveling back to the airport.
- Next time... try to smile for that passport picture – it’s not a mug shot

Flight Groups

Due to the large amount of travelers we will utilize six district flight groups. Flight group assignments are posted in the bandroom. One main meal and one snack meal will be served on your trans-atlantic flight, along with complimentary soft drinks. Complimentary movies and audio entertainment will also be available on your trans-atlantic flight.

Group 1 – American Airlines (Flight Coordinator - Mr. Street)

Date	Flight	To	From	Departure	Arrival
28 DEC	AA 2329	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Chicago (O’Hare)	6:20 PM	8:47 PM
28 DEC	AA 46	Chicago (O’Hare)	London (Heathrow)	10:00 PM	11:35 AM
04 JAN	AA 47	London (Heathrow)	Chicago (O’Hare)	11:50 AM	2:55 PM
04 JAN	AA 2349	Chicago (O’Hare)	DFW	6:25 PM	9:02 PM

Group 1A – American Airlines (Flight Coordinator – Mrs. Street)

Date	Flight	To	From	Departure	Arrival
28 DEC	AA 2329	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Chicago (O’Hare)	6:20 PM	8:47 PM
28 DEC	AA 46	Chicago (O’Hare)	London (Heathrow)	10:00 PM	11:35 AM
04 JAN	AA 47	London (Heathrow)	Chicago (O’Hare)	11:50 AM	2:55 PM
04 JAN	AA 2339	Chicago (O’Hare)	Dallas/Ft. Worth	4:41 PM	7:25 PM

Group 2 – American Airlines (Flight Coordinator – Mr. Mewhorter)

Date	Flight	To	From	Departure	Arrival
28 DEC	AA 50	Dallas/Ft. Worth	London (Heathrow)	6:40 PM	09:35 AM
04 JAN	AA 51	London (Heathrow)	Dallas/Ft. Worth	9:55 AM	2:25 PM

Group 2A – American Airlines (Flight Coordinator – Mr. Wallace)

Date	Flight	To	From	Departure	Arrival
28 DEC	AA 78	Dallas/Ft. Worth	London (Heathrow)	10:10 PM	1:05 PM
04 JAN	AA 51	London (Heathrow)	Dallas/Ft. Worth	9:55 AM	2:25 PM

Group 2B – American Airlines (Flight Coordinator – Mr. Clifton)

Date	Flight	To	From	Departure	Arrival
28 DEC	AA 78	Dallas/Ft. Worth	London (Heathrow)	10:10 PM	1:05 PM
04 JAN	AA 79	London (Heathrow)	Dallas/Ft. Worth	2:25 PM	7:00 PM

Group 3 – Delta Airlines (Flight Coordinator – Mr. Church)

Date	Flight	To	From	Departure	Arrival
28 DEC	DL 3383	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Detroit	5:35 PM	9:10 PM
28 DEC	DL 18	Detroit	London (Heathrow)	10:15 PM	11:00 AM
04 JAN	DL 002	London (Heathrow)	New York City (JFK)	12:30 PM	4:00 PM
04 JAN	DL 4034	New York City (JFK)	Dallas/Ft. Worth	6:59 PM	10:21 PM

Luggage

This following information is not comprehensive but should be able to provide practical information to help you prepare. We recommend you checkout the airline websites for more information:

- You will be allowed one checked bag free of charge. The checked bag cannot weigh more than 50 lbs. (23 kg.) and the Dimensions cannot exceed: 62in/158cm. The airlines will calculate the size limits of your bag by adding the total outside dimensions of each bag, length + width + height. There are extra charges for overweight or additional checked bags.
- You may take one carry on and a personal item.
 - Your carry-on bag should be up to 45 inches (22 x 14 x 9 in) or 115 centimeters (23 x 36 x 56 cm) including handles and wheels and able to fit comfortably into the sizer provided at the airport.
 - Your personal item must be smaller than your carry-on, able to fit under the seat in front of you, and can include a purse, a briefcase a laptop bag, or similar items such as a tote.
 - You are allowed to bring a quart-sized bag of liquids, aerosols, gels, creams and pastes in your carry-on bag and through the checkpoint. These are limited to 3.4 ounces (100 milliliters) or less per item. Placing these items in the small bag separate from your carry-on baggage facilitates the screening process. Pack items larger than 3.4 ounces or 100 milliliters in checked baggage.
- If you feel the need to lock your checked luggage, use a TSA approved lock or the security will simply forcibly remove your lock if there is a need for internal inspection within an American airport. For the return trip, UK security will PROBABLY have the same ability to easily open TSA style lock. You may also want to consider simply using zip ties. Zip ties are fairly cheap, light, and take up minimal room in your luggage so it's easy to bring extras for the return trip.

Customs

Travel to a foreign country involves traveling through border control upon entering another country.

- Your passport will be checked when you arrive at the airport. You simply stand in a line and wait to be called to a desk. Families may approach the counter together; all others go at it alone. You will probably be asked why you are entering the country – tell them the truth – they will think you are a rock star.
- Upon arrival back in the US you will be required to “declare” any items that you bought in the UK. You will need to know about how much money you spent on each item, but you can use general descriptions (i.e. clothes-\$400 instead of each individual item). Be sure your total is not over \$800 or you might be paying some taxes on these goods. You will use a kiosk at the airport to declare your purchases.
- Do not worry about this process – it may appear stressful and hectic – but as long as you have your passport its all good.

The “Tube”

Much of our travel around town will be via the “tube” (the subway).

- To help you get around London and get the most out of London all participants are provided with their own ‘Oyster Card’. Oyster cards offer cost effective travel around London enabling the city to be travelled around freely and easily.
- The Oyster card is an electronic smartcard ticket. It will have a £20 pre-loaded on the card and can be ‘topped up’ (money added to the oyster card) at any time using the self-service machines at stations with cash, credit or debit cards for additional journeys you may wish to take. You will probably have to top off your card once during the trip.
- We will depart regularly from the Edgware Road station initially using the “Bakerloo” Line. It would be beneficial to familiarize yourself with a tube map as we will travel to stations such as Victoria, Piccadilly, Westminster, and Tower Hill.
- Adult chaperones will NEED to be comfortable with the tube system as we will need to travel in small groups of around 6-8 kids per adult to safely navigate through town.

Our London Hotel and Neighborhood

Our hotel

Hilton London Metropole
225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU
Telephone: 020 7402 4141 + 0

Nearest Tube Stations

Edgware Road
Paddington

Line from this station

Bakerloo

Nearest Police Station

Paddington Green Police Station
2-4 Harrow Road
(Tube – Edgware Road)

Nearest Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital
Praed Street
(Tube – Paddington)

Nearest Drug Store

Boots
175 Edgware Road
(Tube – Edgware Road)

In case of an emergency dial 999 (dial 112 from your cell phone), this will give you access to an operator who will then put you through to the Police, Ambulance Service or the Fire Service. For non-emergency calls, dial 101 for the Police and 111 for medical advice.

Supervision & Medical

General Supervision

- Students will be under the direct supervision of the band director(s) in addition to the large party of adults that are making the trip to London. The band directors and/or adult travelers will supervise all air travel, bus travel, and tube trips. Each hotel room will be assigned an adult chaperone. In addition, adults will patrol hotel halls throughout the night to make sure students stay in their rooms. We will make every effort to ensure that adults will be located in practically every conceivable location where students may roam.
- Please note that ultimately students are responsible for their own decisions and the consequences that may result from those decisions. Parents are encouraged to discuss and reinforce at home how their student should behave throughout the entire trip. Keep in mind that the band director(s) reserve the right to send home any student (at the parent’s expense) at any time for rule infractions.

Adult Travelers

- Band staff members will serve as the principal role in chaperoning students. Adult travelers will be assigned duties throughout the trip. These exact duties will be delegated through the band staff member in charge of your particular group.
- Prior to departing the trip adult travelers will be provided an information sheet detailing the intricacies and procedures of chaperoning students. This information sheet will help detail what we expect of our students and suggestions for encouraging appropriate decisions by your students.

Supervision while Traveling

We are aware that many travelers may be making the first trip overseas and in fact maybe their first flight ever. In honor of this momentous event – Mr. Clifton will be flying the plane. Here are other ways we will chaperone your kid...

- As noted earlier – the band is divided into six flight groups. Each flight group is assigned a band staff member to be in charge on the group. Also each flight group has a number of adults who will assist the staff member.
- While at the airport – all students are to be with their assigned flight coordinator. The flight coordinator may assign “check-in” times periodically once through security to allow students to eat or use the restroom in the near vicinity. The general rule is all students are to be in the same vicinity as the flight coordinator or wherever exact location the flight coordinator instructed them to be.
- Adult travelers will assist the flight coordinator in the chaperoning of kids while in travel. Each individual flight coordinator will assign exact duties

Supervision while in London

We asked the Queen to help watch your kids – but Her Majesty claims to have “something” that day...

- We will assign all travelers to one of five groups. Each group will be lead by a band director (plus Sgt. Wallace), will be about 50 people, and will also serve as our London bus assignments. Each group will be chosen using rooms assignments as our guide and will be a be a mix of adults and students
- The band director will ultimately be in charge of the supervision of the students in the group but will assign various duties to the adults in their group.
- Adults should anticipate the following specific duties:
 - Room Checks and Medical/Drug Disbursement for students in your assigned room
 - Overnight shifts monitoring student rooms
 - Guiding students through tube trips
 - Leading a small group on educational self-guided walks.
 - Patrolling areas where the band congregates
 - Helping a band director when asked

Medical

Prescription drug disbursement will be coordinated through the adult travelers. Each child will be assigned a parent who is responsible for ensuring that students receive their medicine. Guardians will have the option of using our adults or entrusting your student to administer their own (legal) drugs.

Parents will be required to fill out and sign the medical release form provided at the end of this packet. Please take the time to completely and meticulously fill out the paperwork as this will help us ensure the complete safety of your student. Our staff will certainly attempt to contact parents/guardians in any emergency situation regarding your student.

While In London

Educational Self-Guided Walks

The best of London can be seen on foot. In light of this the tour company partnered with the market leader in audio guided walking tours to exclusively create special tours for participants on Youth Music programs in London.

- A knowledgeable team of historians has carefully prepared each of the walks and qualified London guides whose material has then been developed by a professional scriptwriter and performed by an acclaimed radio actor.
- Each of the walks has a duration in total of approximately two hours from start to finish, and the walks are delivered on a specially branded ‘London’s New Year’s Day Parade’ MP3 Player complete with headphones and USB charger, as well as a booklet containing all the instructions that you need to complete the walks successfully.
- Our itinerary includes the following tour options:

- **The Parade Route Guide** - from the Ritz to Parliament Square, London's history packed Parade route. The tour ends at Parliament Square.
- **'Guide and Seek'** – is an interactive treasure trail audio walk. Don't forget to take a pencil and paper as you try and unravel the secret trail and find the hidden clues.
- **Princes, Palaces and Power Audio Tour** – walk shoulder to shoulder with over 1000 years of Royalty. Sites include the Palace of Westminster, Prince William's London house and the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.
- **Art Rageous Audio Tour** – Starting in glittering Covent Garden, we take in the world's most haunted theatres and talk to the stars as we explore the very heart of London's world famous west end theatre-district and much more.
- **Murder, Mystery and Mayhem in Old London** – Jack the ripper and other spooky stories of London.
- **Harry Potter's London Audio Tour** - Walk in the wizard's footsteps and visit the actual locations where the films were made.
- **London, Rock & Roll Capital of the World Audio Tour** – The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Swinging Sixties, Glam Rock, Punk Rock, Brit Pop and more.

London Weather

- December is one of the coldest times of the year to visit London when the temperatures are low and the chance of rainfall is high. The average high temperature is 9°C (48°F) and the average low is 5°C (40°F).
- It rains about 17 days a month on average during December and January.
- You may not see much of the sun while in London. During late December and early January the sun rises around 8 AM and sets around 4 PM. On average there is a 9% chance of a completely sunny day with the average daily amount of sun less than 3 hours.
- We have called ahead to request good weather on parade day.

Miscellaneous Information

- London is located in the Greenwich median time zone (GMT) and is 6 hour ahead of Moore, which is located in the Central Standard Zone (CST). You may consider downloading a free "world clock" app to easily know the time in Oklahoma.
- Much like the rest of the world – England uses the metric system. For example, England uses kilometers instead of miles for distance and Celsius instead of Fahrenheit for temperature. A free metric converter app comes in handy – or you could simply learn math.
- As you probably already know – vehicles drive on the left side of the road in London. Although you may not be operating a vehicle – keep in mind you will want to look right before crossing the road (you will find this does not come naturally).
- The restroom is called "WC" which stands for water closet. This does not necessarily mean you will find a restroom in your closet. Public restrooms are not near as widespread as in America and you may even have to pay to use them. Plan accordingly.
- Europe may not always be as friendly to various dietary requirements as in America. Restaurants do not necessarily choose to provide specialized menus for vegan, gluten free, or vegetarian.
- In much of Europe – eating in a restaurant is much like paying temporary rent on your seat. In practice this means that means you cannot simply sit down in the chairs outside a restaurant or even use their WC unless you have paid to eat there.
- Consider contacting your cell phone company and look into their international calling plans. Most all companies have a 30-day temporary plan you can enroll in for your time in England. Students – cell data will be VERY costly, so do not use it. Your parents already paid \$3500 to get you to London!
- There are a few Wi-Fi hotspots around town and some limited Wi-Fi available in our hotel lobby. Try not staring at your phone too much while you are in a cool place like London – that phone comes home with you – Big Ben does not.
- The fish and chips are good. You may be looking for a WC soon after...
- Elevators are called "lifts." The ground floor is simply called ground floor (instead of the first floor). The "first" floor is actually the second floor and so on.

- England does not have a law comparable to the “Americans with Disabilities Act.” Do not expect elevators and ramps to accompany each set of stairs. Expect to walk distances and travel stairs.
- Be adventurous with the food; don't be afraid of what gets served at any of the restaurants where you go. Remember this is a cultural experience as well so let yourself get to know something different. Fish and chips! Bangers and mash! Remember that when you order "tea" it comes hot, and they will look at you funny if you order, "iced tea" because any good Englishman who knows real tea is served hot. Ask for “tap water” or you will get sparkling water in a bottle (but give it a try too). There are NO free refills!
- Are you planning on just “happening” to be in London at the same time as the band? –please do not take any student from the group at any time. Please note that you cannot join the group on the bus or other means of travel because tickets are purchased as a group ahead of our travel and accommodations cannot be made to add you to any of these purchases.

London Trip Communications

Pre-Trip Updates

After the trip meeting we anticipate you may have additional questions.

- On the London page you will find a link to submit trip questions. Please note that these questions should be regarding the trip itself (i.e. questions about the itinerary, or items not covered well enough during the meeting). Individual questions such as the status of your London trip account or similar issues should still be e-mailed to the trip coordinator.
- Mr. Mewhorter will produce a periodic “high quality” web-video that answers any questions that were submitted and provide any updated information.
- Make it a habit to check out these videos from now until we depart.

Keeping Up with the Trip from Home

Facebook group: The Mewhorter’s have begun a Facebook group dedicated to the London trip. This purpose of this page is for parents and patrons at home to easily keep up with our adventures while in London. We welcome anyone on the trip to post pictures and talk about their adventures while in London. This will be a “closed” group and our intention is to only allow members of our Moore Schools and Southmoore band family to join. It is not an additional place to ask trip questions.

Watch our Performances Live: There is a possibility that that our performances will be live streamed from London. There is an additional chance that the parade itself may be broadcast live either online or on TV. We will update you with these links if they become available via our weekly trip update videos and Facebook page. The name of the group is “Southmoore Band LNYDP”

Your Behavior, Decisions, and Attitude

As members of the Southmoore High School Band you reflect not only the values of the band but also of our school and community.

The Rules

These rules are easy to follow and full of common sense. Read them over to make sure you understand what is further expected of you. This is only intended to be a basic list of rules. Any action that disregards the school and band handbooks will result in consequences as determined by the band director(s).

1. All Moore Public Schools Guidelines and Southmoore Band Member Expectations are in effect during the entire trip, twenty-four hours per day.
2. No use of alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs. Possession will result in immediate dismissal from the trip and from the Southmoore Instrumental Arts Program.
3. No abuse of any facilities or equipment. This includes school equipment, hotel rooms, busses, planes, etc.
4. No disrespect of authority. This includes all student leadership, teachers, staff, sponsors, or anyone else connected with the program.
5. No one is permitted to leave designated areas without permission. A director or chaperone must know where you are at all times.
6. No profanity will be tolerated. Challenge yourself to use appropriate words to diplomatically convey your message while maintaining our reputation.
7. Absolutely no hazing, bullying, or harassing of other students (or adults) will be tolerated.
8. Keep the bus and plane clean. Keep your hotel room clean. Keep everything clean.
9. No switching rooms or busses at any time.
10. Do not steal anything or break any laws. It is a crime. We will simply turn you over to the authorities.
11. Boys and girls are never allowed to be together in the same hotel room at the same time ever.
12. Students are not allowed to travel anywhere alone. At times students will be given limited freedom to walk around in a controlled area, however you must have at least one other student with you at all times. Poor decisions made by students when given this freedom will be dealt with seriously.

*****Please note that the band director(s) reserve the right to dismiss and send home, **AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OFFENDING STUDENT**, any student who disobeys the rules or whose general conduct and attitude toward the trip and its participants is determined to be a detriment to the individual and/or the rest of the group. **Infraction of any rules may result in the suspension and termination from participating in extra-curricular activities and travel with the Southmoore Bands.***

Trip Itinerary

Revised 11/16/15 ...please note all spellings in this itinerary are the "Queens English"
(Each traveler will receive an updated itinerary at trip orientation on Tuesday)

Monday, December 28, 2015

- 9:00am Meet in the bandroom for attendance, announcements, and to load the busses. You will want to eat a big breakfast and bring a snack with you. We will be driving directly to DFW non-stop.
- By 10:00am Depart SHS
- 1:30pm Arrive at DFW & Check-In
- 5:35pm First Flight Group Departs
- 10:10pm Last Flight Group Departs

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

- 9.35am First Flight Group Arrives
- 1.05pm Last Flight Group Arrives
- On your arrival in London you will be taken by motor coach to your hotel. There may be a short delay before you have access to your room and so we will schedule lunch and a walk of the local area.
 - Your tour assistant will inform you of the time & place for an orientation meeting, where you will receive your information and itinerary book and learn all about your week in London.
 - Your pack will include your own Visitor Oyster Card, which allows you to travel on London's Underground (Tube) and Bus network. For information on how to use your card please refer to the travel section in your itinerary book.
 - You will also receive your own MP3 player; loaded with nine unique self guided walking tours of London. Please check that your player is fully charged, as it may need a top up before you start your first walk. To accompany you on your adventure we have produced a compact booklet with maps and information on each walk.
 - At the earliest opportunity, make your way to Edgware Road, your nearest Underground Station and board the Bakerloo Line train to Piccadilly Circus Station. Walk along Piccadilly to the Ritz Hotel, the starting point for the first of your Audio Walks, the Parade Route. This will take you along the spectacular processional route of London's New Year's Day Parade through the heart of Westminster. It features The Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Parliament Square. Learn about the rich history of the area and the buildings along the route, with the added flavour of the pomp and ceremony of the Parade. Return by Underground.
- 5.00pm Dinner will be served in the Monarch Suite in the West Wing in your hotel.
- All hotel meal menus will be posted on the London page at southmooreband.com
- 6.15pm Make your way to the King's Suite on the second floor in the West Wing.
- 6.30pm Join Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser, a very well known name in the music education world, as a teacher, clinician, author, composer and adjudicator. He will talk to you this evening about "building tomorrow's leaders today".
- The LNYDP Pop Up Shop. There is a fabulous opportunity this evening for you to check out all of the LNYDP branded clothing in the adjacent suite. Our staff will be delighted to show you all of the items that are normally only available on our web site, saving you \$'s on postage and packing. We have a terrific t-shirt, a super sweatshirt, a magnificent mug, a special scarf, a brilliant beanie hat and loads more! Don't forget to bring your Dollars (\$) and Pounds (£) tonight, as its cash only!
- 7.30pm Talk ends.
- 7.45pm Collect your instrument and make your way to the Windsor Suite on the lower ground floor of the East Wing.
- 8.00pm Begin a full band rehearsal.
- 9.30pm Rehearsal ends. The rest of the evening is free for you to acclimatise to European time.
- 10.30pm In your room

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

A substantial buffet breakfast will be served each morning in the Monarch Suite on the first floor of the West Wing at the time indicated in your daily itinerary.

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

- 8.15am Load the band instruments on to the waiting coaches.
- 8.30am This morning we will whisk you away on a spectacular tour of London's most famous landmarks, including the Palace of Westminster, home of the two Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London.
- Soak up the atmosphere as your guide introduces you to over 1,000 years of history.
 - This is also your opportunity to look out for the places you would like to visit during your unstructured time.
 - There will be a couple of stops for photographs.
- 12.00 midday Tour ends in Trafalgar Square, where you will prepare for your outdoor performance.
- 12.01pm Lunch at leisure.
- Trafalgar Square is one of London's great landmarks. It is named after the most famous sea battle in British history when in 1805 twenty-seven British ships of the line, led by Admiral Lord Nelson aboard HMS Victory, defeated thirty-three French and Spanish ships of the line under French Admiral Pierre Villeneuve off the south-west coast of Spain, at Cape Trafalgar. The Franco-Spanish fleet lost twenty-two ships, without a single British vessel being lost. Nelson was shot during the engagement and died only after the battle was won. He now looks down on you from his column that is 185 feet above your head!
- 12.45pm Return to your coaches and warm up.
- 1.20pm Performance begins on the north end of the square, in front of the imposing edifice of the National Gallery.
- 1.40pm Performance ends.
- 2.00pm Concert band and Jazz band performers and staff will depart by motor coach to St. John's, Smith Square, for a rehearsal in preparation for the concert this evening.
- The remainder of the group will be left in Trafalgar square to explore and eventually take the tube back up at the hotel by 5.30pm.
- 3.00pm The Concert Band rehearsal begins.
- 4.00pm The Concert Band rehearsal ends. Leave your instruments in the hall and board your coach to return to the hotel.
- 4.01pm The Jazz Band rehearsal will begin.
- 5.00pm The Jazz Band rehearsal ends. Leave your instruments in the hall and board your coach to return to the hotel.
- 5.30pm Dinner will be served in the Monarch Suite in your hotel.
- 6.30pm Depart for St. John's, Smith Square, the venue for your performance at this evening's LNYDF Festival Concert.
- The dress for the concert is at least business casual – no holes in clothing.
 - St. John's, in the heart of Westminster, is one of London's major concert venues and favourite historic buildings, valued for its superb acoustics.
 - Built in 1728, and restored after damage in the Second World War, St. John's is one of the finest examples of English Baroque architecture and is considered a masterpiece of this style. St. John's has been dubbed 'Queen Anne's Footstool' due to a legend that the architect, Thomas Archer, consulted Queen Anne on the design of the new church. In reply the monarch petulantly kicked over her footstool and snapped 'like that!' Thus the four towers are said to give the building the semblance of an upturned footstool.
- 7.30pm The concert begins.
- 10.00pm Your coach will be on hand to take you back to your hotel.
- 10.01pm In your room.

Thursday, December 31, 2015

- From 7.00am Breakfast is served.
- 8.15am Meet your Blue Badge guide and board your motor coach for today's tour.
- 8.30am Today you will experience the delights of the counties of Oxfordshire and Berkshire with a visit to Oxford & Windsor.
- 10.00am Arrive in Oxford, known as the 'city of dreaming spires'. The university buildings and the 40 colleges dominate the centre of the city. Your guide will take you on a walk of the most famous streets and will include entrance to Christchurch College.

- 12.30pm Continue on to Windsor. This beautiful historic country town is renowned for its cobbled lanes and narrow passages. At the heart of the town is the castle which has for over 900 years, been residence and fortress for the British monarch.
- On arrival, your guide will take you up in to the town, where you will have lunch at leisure.
 - Join you guide again for a walk of the town that will end at the entrance to the castle. Enter and enjoy a self-guided audio tour of the wonderful Royal Apartments, followed by a visit inside St. George's Chapel and a walk of the castle walls.
 - You will have some free time to discover the town and the fantastic shops for yourself.
- 5.00pm Time to leave Windsor.
- 6.00pm Arrive back at your hotel, band members collect your instrument from the band storage room and make your way to the Kings Suite on the second floor in the West Wing.
- 6.30pm Join with the other four marching bands for your one and only rehearsal for the Massed Band Finale that will take place on January 1st at the climax of London's New Year's Day Parade.
- 7.30pm Rehearsal ends.
- 8.00pm Dinner will be served in the Monarch Suite.
- 9.00pm Join fellow participants in the Kings Suite, for a specially arranged New Year's Eve party. You are welcome to bring some snacks with you and a cash soft drink bar will be set up in the room.
- 10.30pm Pizza and soft drinks will be served in an adjacent room to the party.
- The music will play until midnight when, after a brief celebration, it will be time to get some sleep before your big day.
- 12.01am Go to bed.

Friday, January 1, 2016

From 8.00am Breakfast is served.

- Mr. Mewhorter will give you the time when you need to congregate in reception in your parade uniform and with your instrument in preparation for your departure this morning.
- Depart by motor coach to Millbank, where your tour assistant will lead you to the location of your official group photograph adjacent the Palace of Westminster.
- Return to your coach and continue to the assembly area in Berkeley Square. Please leave instrument boxes on the coach. The team of stewards will have clearly marked where you need to line up.
- Depending on your position in the Parade, you may be waiting here for as long as two hours, but there will be the opportunity to warm up before you march off.
- Toilet and first aid facilities are available.
- We have arranged for you to have an excellent sack lunch to eat in the assembly area.
- Warm up's will be collected before the Parade starts and delivered back to your hotel.

12.00 Midday LNYDP. The 30th anniversary of London's New Year's Day Parade. Our theme is 30 Magical Years, with many of the performers including magic in their entry.

- At exactly midday the parade starts and you will march two miles down the most spectacular route in the world, before an expected audience of half a million people and many more watching the live satellite broadcast.
- As you reach the end of Whitehall, you will line up for the waiting cameras that will be beaming your performance around the world. Tell your friends at home to look out for you and don't forget to tell them about the time difference!
- Return to the TV arena and form up for the Massed Band performance, the culmination of LNYDP 2016.
- Enjoy this unique experience!
- At Parliament Square your dedicated coaches will be on hand to take you back to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure, using the vouchers provided.

Evening at leisure.

- This evening you may wish to travel by Underground to Tottenham Court Road, the starting point for the 'Guide and Seek' interactive treasure trail audio walk. Don't forget to take a pencil and paper as you try and unravel the secret trail and find the hidden clues.

Saturday, January 2, 2016

From 6.30am Breakfast is served.

8.00am Meet your Blue Badge guide and board your motor coach for today's tour.

- 8.15am Depart to Westminster Pier.
- 9.00am Board a Thames riverboat for the 50-minute cruise to Greenwich. Your guides will provide an historical commentary en-route.
- Greenwich, in south-east London, is famous the world over as the home of time (Greenwich Mean Time) and because Zero Longitude, the point where the Eastern & Western hemispheres meet, runs through the town.
 - Today you will visit the Royal Observatory, the oldest scientific institution in Britain and home to some of the most important timepieces ever made.
 - There will also be time to visit the Royal Naval College, one of the finest palatial buildings in the country and home to the largest maritime museum in the world, and to wander through the historic part of the town.
- 12.30pm Depart Greenwich by motor coach.
- 1.00pm Your tour ends at the Tower of London, where you may find an independent lunch at one of a number of eateries in the area.
- 1.45pm Join your Blue Badge guide for a tour of The Tower.
- The ancient stones reverberate with dark secrets, priceless jewels glint in fortified vaults and ravens strut the grounds. The Tower of London, founded by William the Conqueror in 1066, holds some of the most remarkable stories from across the centuries. Despite a grim reputation as a place of torture and death, this powerful and enduring fortress has been enjoyed as a royal palace, served as an armoury and for a number of years even housed a zoo!
 - Gaze up at the massive White Tower, tiptoe through a kings' medieval bedchamber and marvel at the priceless Crown Jewels. The famous Yeoman Warders have bloody tales to tell; stand where heads rolled and prisoners wept.
 - The Tower held many famous prisoners from the highest levels of society; some in astonishing comfort and others less so... visit the places of their confinement and read the graffiti left by prisoners from over 500 years ago.
 - When your tour is over, your guide will walk you to Aldgate East Underground Station, which is the start of the 'Murder, Mystery & Mayhem in Old London' Audio Walk. Walk in the very footsteps of 'Jack the Ripper', the man who breathed sheer terror in to the hearts of Londoners in Victorian Times.
 - Return to Tower Hill Underground Station on the Circle and District Lines, and, using your Oyster Card, journey back in to the West End.
- Dinner at leisure, using the vouchers provided.
- This evening you may choose where you would like to dine using the vouchers provided. Check the eating out section in your itinerary book for more information.
- 6.15pm Make your way by Underground to Victoria, from where it is a two minute walk to the Apollo Victoria Theatre. This evening you will see the hit musical 'Wicked'.
- The dress for the musical is at least business casual – no holes in clothing.
- 7.30pm Performance begins.
- 10.15pm Take the Underground back to your hotel.
- 11.00pm Sleep (in your room)

Sunday January 3, 2016

- From 7.00am Breakfast is served.
- 9.00am Make your way by Underground to Westminster station, from where it is a short walk across Westminster Bridge to the London Eye.
- 10.00am Board your flight. The Eye has become an iconic landmark of London and a symbol of modern Britain. Your flight will last 30 minutes and you can look forward to unparalleled views over the whole of London.
- 10.30am This morning you have the option of either going to Leicester Square station, the starting point for the Harry Potter's London audio walk, or to Tottenham Court Road station, the starting point for 'London, Rock & Roll Capital of the World'!
- You've read the incredible books and seen the wonderful films, well today you will follow in Harry Potter's footsteps and discover the actual locations used in the films. From the Leaky Cauldron, the third hand book store, to Gringots Bank and platform 9 ¾.
 - If rock music is your thing, then no other city in the world has such a rich rock and roll history as London. All the greats have performed here, from Hendrix to the Stones, from the Beatles to Elton John. A highlight will be the sight of Abbey Road studios and the actual zebra crossing used by the Beatles for the iconic picture on their album cover for Abbey Road.
 - If you have time, why not do both!
 - This afternoon is unstructured and an ideal opportunity to visit some more of London's most popular attractions and to do some shopping.

- Don't miss the British Museum and the National Gallery, they're free! Although you have to pay, a visit inside St. Paul's Cathedral or Westminster Abbey are a must.
- In the shopping section we have included all of the most popular places to hang out, along with some of the famous department stores and shopping malls.
- Remember you will need to change your money for those important purchases! Advice on exchange rates and where best to change your money can be found in the general information section.
- The most famous department stores are Harrods (Knightsbridge), Liberty (Regent Street) and Selfridges (Oxford Street), although there are many more wonderful shops to choose from in Bond Street and Covent Garden.
- The most popular places to hang out are Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, Covent Garden, the Hard Rock Café (Hyde Park Corner) and Planet Hollywood (Haymarket).

Dinner at leisure, using the vouchers provided.

Evening at leisure.

- This evening you may wish to travel by Underground to Covent Garden, the starting point for the 'Art Rageous London' audio walk. Explore the heart of London' famous theatre land and enjoy some of the stories we have to tell you about the stars of the stage.

Monday, January 4, 2016

Flight Groups 2 & 2A

From 6.00am Breakfast is served.

6.15am Please ensure that you bring your own luggage down to reception in preparation for boarding your coach to the airport.

6.30am Depart for Heathrow airport to check in for flight AA51 departing at 9.55am.

2:25pm Arrive at DFW

3:30pm Approximate time the bus depart for SHS

7:00pm Approximate arrival back at SHS – the bandroom will NOT be open, have your ride waiting on you.

Flight Group 1A

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

8.15am Please ensure that you bring your own luggage down to reception in preparation for boarding your coach to the airport.

8.30am Depart for Heathrow airport to check in for flight AA47 departing at 11.50am.

7:25pm Arrive at DFW

8:30 pm Approximate time the busses depart for SHS

12:00am Approximate arrival back at SHS – the bandroom will NOT be open, have your ride waiting on you.

Flight Group 1

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

8.15am Please ensure that you bring your own luggage down to reception in preparation for boarding your coach to the airport.

8.30am Depart for Heathrow airport to check in for flight AA47 departing at 11.50am.

9:02pm Arrive at DFW

11:30 pm Approximate time the busses depart for SHS

3:00am Approximate arrival back at SHS – the bandroom will NOT be open, have your ride waiting on you.

Flight Group 3

From 7.30am Breakfast is served.

8.45am Please ensure that you bring your own luggage down to reception in preparation for boarding your coach to the airport.

9.00am Depart for Heathrow airport to check in for flight DL002 departing at 12.30pm.

10:21pm Arrive at DFW

11:30 pm Approximate time the busses depart for SHS
3:00am Approximate arrival back at SHS – the bandroom will NOT be open, have your ride waiting on you.

Flight Group 2B

From 7.30am Breakfast is served.
10.45am Please ensure that you bring your own luggage down to reception in preparation for boarding your coach to the airport.
11.00am Depart for Heathrow airport to check in for flight AA79 departing at 2.25pm.
7:00pm Arrive at DFW
8:30 pm Approximate time the busses depart for SHS
12:00am Approximate arrival back at SHS – the bandroom will NOT be open, have your ride waiting on you.

TRAVEL TIPS SO EVERYONE CAN HAVE A GREAT TIME!

THE EASY STUFF

- Do not let unnecessary drama ruin your fun. You have worked too hard and paid WAY too much money to not have fun on this trip.
- Follow the Instructions of Directors and Adults. They are only trying to help!
- If in doubt...don't, If ya' don't know...ask
- No boys in the girls' rooms; No girls in the boys' rooms. That is dumb...
- Stick and Pick! Everything chosen/assigned before departure stays the same until the very end of trip
- Show proper respect at all times.
- You are expected to be in the right place at the right time, with the right equipment ready to go.
- All personal desires or uniqueness of character must be considered the secondary priority with the first priority being meeting the needs of the ensemble.
- If you simply follow the membership expectations as outlined in the band handbook you will have a trip full of fun and achievement

ON THE WAY

- Know where your passport is located at all times.
- Be a respectful traveler. Be kind and patient to all people.
- No unnecessary moving around the bus or plane.
- Do not ask to fly the plane - the answer is no
- No standing in seats, sitting on the backs or arms of seats
- Do what the bus driver, plane pilot, and chaperones ask you to do
- Be quiet and cooperative during all roll calls
- You may play your iPod
- Keep your voice down, do not talk when it is time to sleep, people get easily irritated late at night (or overly giddy)

WHILE YOU ARE THERE

- Do not break up with your special someone while in England. You do not want to be responsible for ruining a whole country for someone.
- You are financially responsible for damage to your room.
- Know who your chaperone for your room is and their room number
- Do not make charges to your room (movies, phone, etc.)
- Take no souvenirs from restaurants or any other place of business. Shoplifting is a crime (they have laws in the UK too).
- Make no calls between rooms after lights out unless you are calling a chaperone to report a problem.
- Do not leave your room unlocked unless you are trying to help out a thief
- Leave non-essential valuables at home.
- Do not ask to change busses, planes, or rooms...it ain't happening
- Watch your belongings. If you put something down unattended there is an excellent chance that it will not be there when you return
- Curfews will be announced and enforced. Do not break curfew.
- Do not open your hotel door after curfew until you are going to breakfast the next morning.
- Don't drop the F-Bomb or other 4 letter words.
- iPods/mp3 players are allowed on the trip. Keep a close eye on these items so you still have them at the end of the trip.
- Always travel with a friend. Never run off alone at any time...Remember there is safety in numbers against those scary people in the world.
- Be nice to the other bands staying in our hotel.
- WE are the foreigners, WE are the new people, WE are the people with funny accents, keep your critical opinions of English culture to yourself (or your mom behind closed doors)

The Legal Forms

Please Print or Type All Information - ALL Information must be complete

Section A - Emergency Medical Information

Student's Name: _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____

Mother/Guardian's Name _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____

Family Physician _____ Phone: _____

Section B - Emergency Contact Information

Please list two other persons other than the parent/guardians to call in case of an emergency

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____

Section C - Medicines

Please list medicines that the minor is currently taking

Medication Name	Dosage	Prescription Start Date and End Date	Times Per day

Please list any over the counter medicines (Acetaminophen, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, Pepto Bismol, etc.) that our sponsors may choose to administer in the case of minor medical issues (minor headaches, stomach ache, etc.).

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Section D - Medical History

Please list any physical challenges and/or drugs to which the student may be sensitive

Minor’s Allergies (Foods/Insect Bites/Stings/etc.):

Date of Student’s last Tetanus Shot: _____

Please list any pertinent medical history that a physician may need to be aware of.

Section E - Insurance Information

Insurance Provider/Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Section F - Authorization for Medical Care of a Minor/Statement of Ability to Participate/Liability Release

_____, the undersigned parent or person having legal guardianship of _____
Legal Parent/Guardian *Student*

do hereby authorize the activity sponsor(s) to consent to an x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care to be rendered to the above named minor under general or special supervision and upon the advice of a physician, surgeon, or dentist. In giving consent, I recognize and understand that in all situations where the above named minor requires immediate medical or hospital care it may not be possible to contact me. In such situations I will not be able to knowledgeably evaluate and choose among the available alternate treatments or procedures if any, or evaluate the risk attendant upon each and the risks attendant to foregoing all treatment. In these situations, I authorize a physician, surgeon or dentist to exercise his/her professional judgment and assess the risks incident to and choose the right treatment from any available alternatives and to render such care and perform such treatment as he/she in his/her professional determines to be necessary for the health or safety of the above named minor.

I further warrant that through the submission of this Emergency Medical Form that the above named minor is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, physically and mentally able to participate in the Southmoore High School Band and all the physical demands that such participation entails. I am aware that band is a physical activity requiring proper habits such as adequate hydration and physical fitness from the above named minor.

I also understand that the medical information listed on this form may be shared with any individuals that are supervising or caring for the above named minor at any band activity.

I understand that Moore Public Schools, Southmoore teachers or staff, as well as any individuals acting on behalf of the band program to supervise or care for the above named minor will assume no liability for accident or injury claims while performing their duties and/or such claims incurred through the use of the school campus and/or facilities or while in transit to, or on location, off campus. The undersigned individual(s) agree(s) to hold all of the above mentioned blameless with respect to such claims incurred while with the band. The undersigned understands that an annual physical is not required, but is suggested since marching band is a very physically demanding activity.

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date

London 2015-16 Trip Permission Form

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Please read this entire permission form and sign below

1. I hereby (again) grant permission for my child to travel as part of the Southmoore High School Marching Band to London, UK from December 28, 2015 to January 4, 2016.
2. I have read this entire packet of information and have become knowledgeable about the activities and particulars concerning this trip.
3. I understand that students must follow all rules and regulations as outlined above. I further believe that necessary plans and precautions for the care and supervision of students will be taken by the directors and adults during the trip. I understand that the student will be held accountable for their actions throughout the trip and plays a large role in making good decisions, especially when not in the immediate presence of a sponsor or director.
4. I understand that my child will be sent home at the parent's/guardian's expense if the student makes a decision that is determined by the director(s) to be a determinant to the student and/or ensemble.
5. I understand that Moore Public Schools will not be responsible for the liability or insurance coverage of private or public carriers. Neither Moore Public Schools, nor the band directors, nor the adults and/or students will be responsible for personal injury to my son/daughter or for the loss or damage to his/her personal property.
6. I understand that a trained school employee who dispenses medications will not be present during this trip. A responsible trip sponsor(s) will dispense medications as I have directed above. I have documented all precautions/instructions regarding my child's medication. I have noted any special health-related conditions or allergies regarding my child

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature