



Central York High School Bands
2018 California Concert Tour
March 15-20, 2018

INFORMATION BULLETIN #1 – February 2017

The Bands are planning a Concert Tour of San Francisco and Monterey, California in March of 2018. The band takes a major concert tour every four years to provide an opportunity for all band members to experience performing abroad during their high school career. Our performance tour will include several concerts in the San Francisco area as well as many attractions and historical destinations from the San Francisco and Monterey areas of California. Participation in this trip is completely optional.

Please review the information and return the attached Intent to Participate Form (with deposit). Please return the form whether or not you elect to participate. Everyone should return the form no later than **March 31, 2017**.

The Concert Tour is being put together by Notable Student Travel. It is shaping up to be an outstanding itinerary and a premium experience.

WHO: Any band student who will be a member of the Concert Band or Symphonic Band for the 2017-2018 school year and members of the 2017 Color Guard. This includes the current 8th through 11th grade band members who will be enrolled in the Band course ensembles next year.

DATES: March 15-20, 2018 (dates are tentative). Please note, this trip is still pending School Board approval.

COST: \$2000 per person (estimated package price) – there are still many variables such as air fare, fuel costs, etc. that will be firmed up in the next few months. Final package cost will be determined by September.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment 1: \$300 deposit	due March 31, 2017 (with <i>Intent to Participate</i>)
Payment 2: \$300	due May 26, 2017
Payment 3: \$400	due September 15, 2017
Payment 4: \$400	due October 27, 2017
Payment 5: \$400	due December 8, 2017
Final Payment: \$200 (or remaining)	due January 19, 2018

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Five nights (based on quad occupancy) at Sheraton Inn, Fisherman's Wharf
- All motor coach transportation, both in PA and CA
- Round trip Air from BWI to SFO
- Full sight-seeing and admissions (including gratuity) as outlined in itinerary
- Full Breakfast and Dinner each day
- Three concert performances
- All taxes and gratuities
- Professional guide services for sight-seeing
- Full-time Notable Student Travel Tour Escort
- Concert Tour Polo Shirt

NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE

- Lunches, snacks, etc.
- Incidental expense, souvenirs, etc.
- Telephone, laundry, personal expenses

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Due to certain reservations and costs that must be paid in advance, the following schedule will be followed for refunding payments for this trip, in the event your participation must be cancelled in the future.

Prior to March 31, 2017 all payments, including the \$300 deposit, are refundable

After March 31, \$100 of the deposit is non-refundable.

After May 26, 2017, the cost of the air fare (plus \$100) may not be refundable

Between May 26, 2017 and January 19, 2018, \$100 of the deposit plus actual cost of air fare and any other deposits made by the Travel Agency (to be determined by Travel Agency) is non-refundable.

After January 19, 2018, all payments are non-refundable.

If a replacement is found to take the place of a cancelled student, a full refund will be made, minus any fees to transfer air fare, etc..

All refunds will be made in the same manner as they were paid, e.g. a payment made out of your Individual Account will be credited by into your account.

Travel Insurance is NOT included in the cost of the trip, but will be made available for purchase if you choose.

CHAPERONES

Official chaperones for this tour will include Central York Marching Band Staff members, CYHS faculty, and administration. A school nurse will also accompany the trip. All students will be assigned to a chaperone group and be responsible for reporting to that chaperone throughout the tour.

EXPECTATIONS

This tour is a school trip and therefore all CYSD school policies are in effect for duration of the tour. Students will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the student, the band, and the school district. Expectations and policies will be outlined in detail at a later time. All student participants will be required to attend a Pre-Trip Meeting accompanied by a parent/guardian. This meeting will be schedule a few weeks prior to departure.

ADULT GUESTS

Parents/guardians interested in accompanying the band on the tour should let Mr. Martini know before March 31. We will fill positions for the trip on a first-come, first-served basis. The package price for adults will be approximately \$300 more than the student price because it is based on double occupancy for the hotel, but includes everything in the student package. Please email Mr. Martini with any questions. Any adults traveling with the band must have current volunteer clearances on file with the school district.

2018 CALIFORNIA CONCERT TOUR - ITINERARY SUMMARY (subject to changes)

Thursday, March 15, 2018 – Morning transfer to Baltimore Washington International airport with flight to San Francisco, arriving late afternoon. Check-in to Sheraton Inn at Fisherman's Wharf, with group welcome dinner at the Hard Rock Café followed by some free time in the Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39 area and a good night's sleep.

Friday, March 16, 2018 – Breakfast Buffet at the Rainforest Café, followed by sight-seeing with local tour guides of sites such as Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito, and Vista Point. The group performs a lunchtime concert at the Embarcadero, Justin Herman Plaza, in the center of the financial district on the waterfront, followed by time to eat and shop at the Ferry Building Marketplace. The group visits the Exploratorium at Pier 15 in the afternoon, followed by a group dinner at the Rainforest Café. After dinner, the group visits the San Francisco Dungeon, a walk-through journey of San Francisco's past from the Gold Rush to Alcatraz. You and your friends walk through the dungeon, moving from show to show, guided by professional actors. After a fun-filled day, we return to the Sheraton Inn for a good night's rest.

Saturday, March 17, 2018 – After an early breakfast buffet at the Hard Rock Café, the group boards charter coaches for a drive down the scenic coast to the Monterey Peninsula. En route we will stop at the Henry Cowell Red Woods State Park to see the massive giants of the western forests. Lunch will be on your own as you have some time to explore the shops at Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row in historic Monterey. Our driving tour will include the infamous 17-mile drive, Bird Rock, Seal Rock, the Lone Cypress, and a stop in the quaint town of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The group will enjoy dinner at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company in Monterey before making the return trip back to San Francisco after another exciting day.

Sunday, March 18, 2018 – Breakfast will be at the Rainforest Café again this morning, followed by a brief bit of free time to ride the famous San Francisco Cable Cars, visit Ghirardelli Square, Fisherman's Wharf, and Pier 39. Later that morning, the group will transfer to the California Academy of Science in Golden Gate Park. Lunch will be on your own in the museum cafeterias. The afternoon will include another performance, this time at the Band Shell in Golden Gate Park for all the Sunday afternoon park-goers. We will return to our hotel and a group dinner at Luigi's at Pier 39. That evening will include attending a concert at the Symphony or a musical theater show (TBD).

Monday, March 19, 2018 – After our breakfast buffet at the Hard Rock Café, the group will take the ferry from Pier 35 to Alcatraz Island for a tour of the island and historic prison. Upon return, lunch will be on your own at Fisherman's Wharf. That afternoon we will give our final performance at Union Square, in the heart of the shopping district, followed by some free time in the Union Square area. For dinner that evening, we will visit San Francisco's Chinatown and explore the shops and streets before having a group farewell dinner at Cathay House.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – This morning, following breakfast, we will pack up, check out, and transfer to San Francisco International for our flights home, arriving back at CYHS in the evening.

NOTE: There may be available space for parents to go along on the tour. Contact Mr. Martini for more information on double-occupancy package prices and availability.

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Intent to Participate Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Please **initial** each bullet, indicating your agreement and understanding. If you do not intend to participate, skip to the final bullet.

INITIAL HERE

Parent Student

I INTEND TO PARTICIPATE:

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| _____ | _____ | • I intend to participate in the Central York High School Band Concert Tour of California on March 15 through March 20 of 2018. I have read the Information Bulletin #1 and understand that trip policies and further information will sent home in the upcoming months. Please reserve a position for me for this trip. I have read and understand the information provided in the Information Bulletin. |
| _____ | _____ | • This trip is completely voluntary. |
| _____ | _____ | • I must be enrolled in Concert Band or Symphonic Band for 2017-18 or be a member of the 2017-18 Color Guard. |
| _____ | _____ | • I will read all subsequent Information Bulletins and submit all forms and payments in time. |
| _____ | _____ | • The exact price of this trip will be determined at a later date, depending on variables such as air fare, but should be between \$1950 and \$2050.00 per person total. |
| _____ | _____ | • I have read and understand the cancelation/refund policy in the Information Buletin. <i>All cancellations and requests for refund must be made in writing</i> , once you submit your Intent to Participate and deposit. |

I DO NOT INTEND TO PATICIPATE

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| _____ | _____ | • I do not intend to participate in the Central York High School Band Concert Tour of California in 2018. There is no need to send any further information home concerning this trip. |
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Student signature: _____ date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ date: _____