

Spring Lake High School Bands

Band Trip to Toronto/Niagara Falls, Canada

March 27 – 29, 2013

The Spring Lake High School Band is planning a 3-day/2-night trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls, Canada. The band will depart Spring Lake on Wednesday morning, March 27 and return home Friday evening, March 29, 2013. This will be an experience your child will not want to miss.

Our trip will include the following stops:

- The Eaton Centre
- The CN Tower
- Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
- A castle tour – Casa Loma Castle
- Chinatown
- Dinner at Joe Badali's Italian Restaurant
- A Theater Performance – to be determined when the 2013 schedule is released
- A Concert Band Performance Opportunity in Niagara Falls
- A visit to Table Rock House at the edge of Horseshoe Falls
- A Journey Behind the Falls
- Lodging at the Fairfield Inn in Mississauga, Ontario

This trip is an optional trip open to all 2012-2013 band students (enrollment in band for the full school year next year is required). The cost for this trip is \$510 per student. The cost is based on four students to a room, transportation to and from Canada, all group activities, deluxe continental Breakfast for both mornings, and dinner on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. All lunches and dinner on the way home will be the responsibility of each student. Students will need money to purchase these meals and any items they may want to purchase while in Canada. Students may bring food on the bus for the ride down and back.

The money for the trip is due in four payments. The first payment of \$75 is due by June 4, 2012. This money will secure the student's spot on the trip. *Note: The first payment is a NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT and represents your commitment for the trip.

Students will be assigned to a chaperone group, have roommates picked out and be assigned to a bus and a seat before departure. Each student is expected to communicate with their chaperone during free time. Students are also expected to treat their chaperone and all other adults in a respectful manner and comply with all instructions given to them.

Inappropriate behavior WILL NOT be tolerated. Appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken by the band directors and/or chaperones. In the event that a student's behavior necessitates termination of the trip, the parent understands that they are responsible for all costs involved in returning their student to Spring Lake and any other expenses incurred due to the student's inappropriate behavior.



Several parents are concerned about the border crossing and the cost involved in getting a passport.

As to the matter of border crossing, this is what we have received:

“All passengers must be equipped with proper identification for the border crossing. The Department of Homeland Security requires that most US citizens and foreign nationals need to present a Passport or Passport Card to cross the US border. *EXCEPTIONS* - For those under 16, you may present a certified birth certificate and picture ID. ALSO groups of U.S. citizen children ages 16 through 18, when traveling with a school or religious group, social organization, or sports team, will be able to enter under adult supervision with originals or copies of their birth certificates or other proof of citizenship. Groups must also be prepared to present a letter on organizational letterhead with the following information: the name of the group and supervising adult, a list of the children on the trip (including their primary address, phone number, date of birth, place of birth, and the name of at least one parent or legal guardian for each child), and a written and signed statement of the supervising adult certifying that he or she has obtained parental or legal guardian consent for each participating child. Without proper identification, boarder authorities may not allow you to cross the border.”

Keep in mind that if you plan to get your child a passport, it usually takes about 3 months to get the passport back once you have applied.

Questions should be directed to the Band Trip Chair or Mr. Truskowski
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