

## Lovejoy High School Orchestra

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### St. Louis Trip Information

Lovejoy Orchestra Parents,

I am so delighted for the opportunity to take our Lovejoy High School Orchestra students on tour to St. Louis, Missouri on April 30- May 3, 2015. As a high school student I took a trip very similar to this one, and it opened my eyes to a much broader world of performance and culture. I hope our students can similarly enjoy an unforgettable experience.

#### Performance Opportunity

Usually trips to music festival are based on a competition format much like the UIL Concert contest. This performance opportunity for this trip is based on a completely different set of ideas. Traditionally orchestras perform in orchestral halls and received ratings from judges that result in some sort of trophy. Instead of that music festival model, the orchestra will have the opportunity to work with a renowned teacher who will give a clinic on music that the students have prepared in advance. I have chosen Winifred Crock to be our clinician. She is a very successful high school Orchestra Director in the St. Louis. Students will work with her for about 3 hours and will gain invaluable knowledge into ensemble playing and orchestral performance techniques. We are still working out the details for this clinician.

#### Other Activities

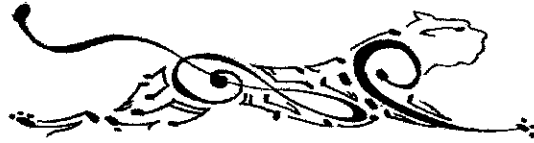
There are also a number of other activities in which students will participate while in St. Louis including: visiting the Gateway Arch, City Museum, a river boat dinner cruise, a performance of the St. Louis Symphony, Six Flags St. Louis and possibly a trip to the St. Louis Zoo. I have attached the Itinerary for the trip which might vary slightly in the final version.

I have included the following forms with this letter for your information: Trip itinerary, trip rules and regulations, and a medical release required by the tour company. Also attached to this letter is a letter of commitment which includes more details including pricing. This letter must be signed and returned with the first payment.

I highly recommend this experience for your student. The whole event from the orchestral clinic, to the camaraderie, to the cultural and historical outings can have a very positive impact on students and parents alike.

Thank you,

Joey Sloan  
Orchestra Director  
Lovejoy High School  
Willow Springs Middle School  
Sloan Creek Intermediate School  
[joey\\_sloan@lovejoyisd.net](mailto:joey_sloan@lovejoyisd.net)



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### 2015 St. Louis Commitment Letter

*Please return the attached commitment form with your payment for the 2015 Orchestra trip to St. Louis.  
Please consider the following items before committing to this trip.*

**Dates:**

Departing at 4 am on Thursday, April 30, 2015

Returning at 8 pm on Sunday, May 3, 2015

**Trip cost:**

Total: \$600.00 which includes the following:

- Deluxe Coach Transportation [based on minimum of 75 to 112 passengers]
- 3 Nights at Deluxe Accommodations In St. Louis
- 3 Days Breakfast at Hotel (St. Louis)
- Gateway Arch Riverfront Dinner Cruise
- Grant's Farm Meal
- Old Spaghetti Factory Meal
- Six Flags St. Louis: Counter Service Meal Voucher (Lunch)
- Six Flags St. Louis: Counter Service Meal Voucher (Dinner)
- City Museum
- Gateway Arch Tram
- Six Flags St. Louis: 1 Day Admission
- Six Flags St. Louis: Motor coach Parking Pass [Based on minimum of 75 persons]
- St. Louis Symphony at Powell Hall (if available)

**Payment Due Dates:**

All must be paid by check or cash. This schedule is based on \$600 per student.

Amounts can vary pending number of students participating.

- \$300 50% 1<sup>st</sup> Deposit Due: January 15, 2015 (Non-refundable)
- \$150 25% 2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit Due: March 5, 2015
- \$150 Final 3<sup>rd</sup> Deposit Due: March 27, 2015

**Rules:**

All Lovejoy High School student conduct rules and regulations apply. Failure to cooperate will result in not being able to go on the trip, or being sent home at the expense of the parent. Please note: Administration reserves the right to remove the opportunity to travel with the Orchestra due to low grades or suspensions.

**Chaperones:**

Parents are encouraged to attend as Chaperones. You will need to turn in a commitment form, and your payments would follow the same student schedule. Chaperone cost (\$700) is slightly more than that of the students, but does cover a double-occupancy room rather than a quad-occupancy room.

## Statement of Commitment

### 2015 St. Louis Lovejoy High School Orchestra trip

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ understand the time commitment and financial obligations that are involved in my son or daughter participating in the 2015 St.Louis Orchestra Trip and agree to the items outlined above.

*Parent/guardian Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Orchestra member, understand the rules, as well as the time commitment and financial obligations that are involved in participating in the 2015 St.Louis Orchestra Trip and agree to uphold them as I represent the Lovejoy High School Orchestra program.

*Student Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

If you are planning on chaperoning this trip, please indicate below. The payment schedule is the same as the student schedule. Chaperones will be required to supervise a small group of students while upholding to the tenants of the Chaperone Code of Conduct.

Chaperone Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

*Chaperone Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_



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## Trip Rules and Regulations

### DRESS CODE

Students are expected to be neat and clean at all times. The LHS Dress Code applies at all times during the trip. Students will be expected to use good judgment in dress and appearance at all times.

### LUGGAGE AND ITEMS NEEDED

1. Once small suitcase or bag and one carry-on bag is permitted. Each bag/suitcase must have an identification tag on the outside
2. Each student will need money for meals (lunch) while traveling, snacks and souvenir items.
3. Each student is responsible for his/her instrument and equipment as assigned.

### TRIP RULES

1. All LHS rules plus policies contained in the LHS Orchestra Handbooks are in effect at all times during the trip.
2. All Lovejoy ISD School Rules apply during the trip.
3. No Alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted at any time – regardless of the student's age.
4. No drugs are permitted unless prescribed by a doctor and noted on the students medical release form.
5. All medications (prescription and non-prescription) being taken MUST be indicated on the medical release form.
6. Absolutely no cross visiting of boys or girls in rooms at any time without a chaperone present.
7. Loud noise, playing of instruments, radios etc. are not permitted in the hotel or on the bus.
8. Curfews will be reasonable and strictly enforced at all times. Students may not leave their rooms from curfew until morning. Bed checks will be made by the assigned chaperone.
9. Students are responsible for their own identification, money, and valuables. It is recommended that students not wear jewelry in public.
10. Chaperones are in complete charge of the students at all times and have the authority to correct students and question behavior at any time. Students are expected to be polite and use good judgment in behavior.
11. Students must let their chaperone know their whereabouts if they must leave the main group. Students are expected to always stay in their groups and never to go anywhere alone.
12. Students may not leave the designated areas at any time.
13. Students are expected to be on time and to participate in all planned activities.
14. Students may not enter or ride in any motorized vehicle except those provided by the tour agency or public transportation being used by the group.
15. Any listening devices used on the trip must be used with headphones set at a reasonable sound level so as not to disturb others.
16. Smoking will not be permitted at any time.
17. It is recommended that a picture ID should be on your person at all times.

### INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING

1. Immediate termination of trip participation and/or the student's confinement to his or her room.
2. Immediate notification of the student's parents.
3. The student will be subject to the Lovejoy High School disciplinary action at school
4. Mr. Sloan reserves the right to send any student home for any infraction of the rules at the parents' expense.

### STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the policies, procedures and trip rules and I agree to follow them.

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Student Signature

Date

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Parent signature

Date



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### **Clinician – Winifred Crock Biography**

Winifred Crock is the orchestra director at Parkway Central High School and maintains a private violin studio, in suburban St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Crock holds a Bachelor of Music degree summa cum laude from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a special emphasis in Suzuki pedagogy with John Kendall and a Masters of Music summa cum laude from Kent State University in Ohio with a special emphasis in Dalcroze and Kodaly methods. Mrs. Crock graduated from the Suzuki Talent Education Institute in Matsumoto, Japan under the tutelage of the famed string educator, Dr. Shinichi Suzuki. In addition to Dr. Suzuki she has studied violin and pedagogy with Kent Perry, John Kendall, Ma Si-hon and Yuko Mori. She has also earned Kodaly Certification from the Kodaly Center of America in Boston studying with Istvan Parkai, Phil Tacka, Peter Erdei and Katalin Komlos.

Mrs. Crock has received the Parkway School District's Pillar of Parkway Award, the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators' Merit Award and was selected for the 1998 USA Today National Teacher Team. Under Mrs. Crock's direction the orchestras at Parkway Central High have tripled in size and have performed in prestigious venues across the country to critical acclaim. Mrs. Crock has been named to Who's Who Among Americans and Who's Who Among American Women in numerous editions. In 2001, she was named Missouri ASTA Private Studio Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Crock is a sought after clinician, conductor and lecturer. She is active in numerous music organizations, currently chairs the Suzuki Association of the Americas National Committee for Suzuki in the Schools. She writes frequently for the Suzuki Journal of the Americas and other national music publications. Her articles have been published in New Zealand, Canada and Taiwan as well as in the US. Mrs. Crock has lectured and taught in New Zealand and Canada as well. She gave a 4 day string pedagogy lecture series at the University of New Mexico and has also lectured at the University of Texas. She was the featured string clinician at Texas Music Educators Association in 2008. She conducted the Suzuki Youth Orchestra of America at the Suzuki Association of the Americas Conference in May, 2010. Mrs. Crock is the co-author of the new material series "Learning Together: Sequential Repertoire for Solo Strings and String Ensemble" Alfred Publishing. She is married to Steve Crock and has a son, William.

## Lovejoy High School Orchestra St. Louis Trip

### Itinerary with Notes

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#### Thursday, April 30, 2015

- 3:00 AM Motorcoaches arrive at Lovejoy High School**
- 3:30 AM Depart for St. Louis**  
Meals on your own en route
- 3:00 PM Arrive and check-in at hotel**  
Room keys will not be available before this time.
- 4:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for Gateway Arch**
- 4:30 PM Arrive at Gateway Arch Tram**  
Send group leader through security line first. Tickets are held at Will Call window.
- 5:00 PM Gateway Arch Tram**
- 6:45 PM Depart via motorcoach for Gateway Arch Riverfront**  
May be close enough to walk.
- 7:00 PM Arrive at Gateway Arch Riverfront**
- 7:30 PM Gateway Arch Riverfront Dinner Cruise**  
Buffet includes Carved Prime Rib, Chicken Breast, Baked Cod (Fridays only), Assorted Vegetables, Salad, Pasta Romano, Fruit Salad and Dessert.
- 9:30 PM Dinner Cruise ends, depart via motorcoach for hotel**
- 10:30 PM Room check and lights out**

#### Friday, May 1, 2015

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel**
- 9:00 AM Depart via motorcoach for clinic**
- 9:30 AM Arrive for clinic at location TBD**  
Set up by group.
- 11:30 AM Depart via motorcoach for Grant's Farm**
- 12:00 PM Grant's Farm**
- 12:15 PM Lunch at Grant's Farm**  
Meal voucher to be redeemed at Brat Haus. Choice of Jumbo Hot Dog, Buschwurst Brat, Turkey Club, Chicken Tenderloin Strips, or Grilled Chicken Sandwich with Fries and Regular Drink or Personal Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza with Regular Drink.
- 3:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for City Museum**
- 3:25 PM Arrive at City Museum**  
750 N 16th Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103
- 3:30 PM City Museum**
- 5:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for Old Spaghetti Factory**
- 5:25 PM Arrive at Old Spaghetti Factory**  
727 N 1st Street  
St Louis, MO 63102

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**Friday, May 1, 2015 (cont'd)**

- 5:30 PM Dinner at Old Spaghetti Factory**  
Menu includes Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Hot Bread, Spumoni Ice Cream and Drink.
- 7:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for Powell Symphony Hall**
- 7:30 PM Arrive at Powell Symphony Hall**  
718 N Grand Blvd  
St Louis, MO 63103
- 8:00 PM St. Louis Symphony at Powell Symphony Hall**  
BIZET Selections from Carmen  
DEBUSSY Sacred and Profane Dances  
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Tuba Concerto  
RAVEL Bolero
- 10:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for hotel**
- 11:00 PM Room check and lights out**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

- 8:30 AM Breakfast at hotel**
- 9:30 AM Depart via motorcoach for Six Flags St. Louis**
- 9:55 AM Arrive at Six Flags St. Louis**  
4900 Six Flags St Louis Railroad  
Eureka, MO 63069
- 10:00 AM Six Flags St. Louis**
- 12:00 PM Lunch at Six Flags St. Louis**  
Choice of cheeseburger or chili cheese dog all served with french fries and a drink.
- 6:00 PM Dinner at Six Flags St. Louis**  
Meal voucher.
- 8:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for hotel**
- 10:00 PM Room check and lights out**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel**
- 9:00 AM Check out of hotel, load and depart via motorcoach for Lovejoy High School**  
Meals on your own en route.
- 8:30 PM Arrive back at school**  
Time is approximate.