



Lovejoy High School Orchestra

San Antonio Information

Lovejoy Orchestra Parents,

I am so delighted for the opportunity to take our Lovejoy High School Orchestra students on tour to San Antonio on April 1- 4 2016. 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

In the past we have used clinicians during our trips to provide a meaningful musical component. This year will compete in a competition with orchestras around the state. The Alamo Showcase is a competition based on a format much like the UIL Concert contest. The performance will take place in the renowned Lila Cockrell Concert Hall. We will have 2 levels of orchestra compete in the contest. I believe that we are at a point in our development as an orchestra program where we need more experience performing in public and under pressure to do it well. This contest will help our students have another opportunity besides UIL to be judged and compete. There are three judges one of whom will come to the stage and give critique to our students after the performance. There is also an award ceremony that we will attend the day after the performance where the winners will be announced.

Other Activities

There are also a number of other activities in which students will participate while in San Antonio including: visiting the Alamo, the Riverwalk, Fiesta Texas, and Sea World. 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 and Mary Winkler
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Willow Springs Middle School
Sloan Creek Intermediate School
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LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

2016 San Antonio Commitment Letter

*Please return the attached commitment form with your payment for the 2016 Orchestra trip to San Antonio
Please consider the following items before committing to this trip.*

Dates:

Departing at 6 am on Friday, April 1, 2016

Returning at 5 pm on Monday, April 4, 2016

Trip cost:

Total: \$600.00 for Students which includes the following:

- Deluxe Coach Transportation [based on minimum of 63 to 112 passengers]
- 3 Nights at Deluxe Accommodations in San Antonio
- 3 Days Breakfast at Hotel (San Antonio)
- Alamo Café Fajita Dinner
- Alamo Showcase on Music: Premier Hall Student and Orchestra Registration
- Alamo Showcase on Music – Souvenir Patch
- Fiesta Texas – 1 day admission
- Fiesta Texas - Counter Service Meal Voucher (Lunch)
- Fiesta Texas - Counter Service Meal Voucher (Dinner)
- Hard Rock Café Meal
- Sea World – 1 day admission
- Sea World – Counter Service Meal Voucher

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% 1st Deposit Due: December 3, 2015 (Non-refundable)
- \$150 25% 2nd Deposit Due: January 7, 2016
- \$150 Final 3rd Deposit Due: February 11, 2016

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 (\$650) is slightly more than that of the students, but does cover a double-occupancy room rather than a quad-occupancy room.

Statement of Commitment
2016 San Antonio 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 2016 San Antonio 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 2016 San
Antonio 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.

Student Signature

Date

Parent signature

Date

Lovejoy High School Orchestra San Antonio Trip

Itinerary with Notes



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Friday, April 1, 2016

- 6:15 AM Motorcoaches arrive at Lovejoy High School**
- 6:45 AM Depart via motorcoach for San Antonio**
Lunch on your own en route
- 1:20 PM Arrive at Lila Cockrell Theatre**
Lila Cockrell Theatre
200 East Market Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
- 1:50 PM Lovejoy High School String Orchestra 2 warm-up begins**
- 2:20 PM Lovejoy High School String Orchestra 2 performance begins (On-stage performance review immediately following performance)**
- 2:30 PM Lovejoy High School String Orchestra 1 warm-up begins**
- 3:00 PM Lovejoy High School String Orchestra 1 performance begins (On-stage performance review immediately following performance)**
- 4:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for hotel**
- 4:30 PM Arrive and check-in at hotel**
Room keys will not be available before this time.
- 6:15 PM Depart via motorcoach for Alamo Cafe**
- 6:45 PM Arrive at Alamo Cafe**
14250 Hwy 281 North (at Bitters Rd)
San Antonio, TX 78232
- 7:00 PM Dinner at Alamo Cafe**
Tender strips of charbroiled Beef or Chicken on a sizzling skillet with sauteed Peppers and Onions. Served with fresh Guacamole, Pico de Gallo, Rice, Beans and our famous Flour Tortillas. Includes your choice of tea or soda.
- 8:30 PM Depart via motorcoach for hotel**
- 9:00 PM Arrive at hotel**
- 10:00 PM Room check and lights out**

Saturday, April 2, 2016

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel**
- 9:25 AM Depart via motorcoach for Six Flags Fiesta Texas**
- 9:55 AM Arrive at Six Flags Fiesta Texas**
17000 IH-10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257
- 10:00 AM Six Flags Fiesta Texas**
Park Hours TBD
- 12:00 PM Lunch at Six Flags Fiesta Texas**
Meal Voucher good for your choice of: cheeseburger or chicken strips and fries, or a jumbo slice of pizza and cheesebread or fries, and medium drink, or bottled water.
- 6:00 PM Dinner at Six Flags Fiesta Texas**
Meal Voucher

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Saturday, April 2, 2016 (cont'd)

- 8:00 PM Awards Ceremony begins at Lone Star Lil's Amphitheater**
- 8:30 PM Depart via motorcoach for hotel**
- 9:00 PM Arrive at hotel**
- 10:00 PM Room check and lights out**

Sunday, April 3, 2016

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel**
- 9:25 AM Depart via motorcoach for Sea World**
- 9:55 AM Arrive at Sea World**
10500 Sea World Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78251
- 10:00 AM Sea World**
Park Hours TBD
- 12:00 PM Lunch at Sea World**
Meal voucher entitles you to eat a combo meal at one of the restaurants in the park.
- 5:15 PM Depart via motorcoach for Hard Rock Cafe**
- 5:45 PM Arrive at Hard Rock Cafe**
111 W. Crockett St.
San Antonio, TX 78205
- 6:00 PM Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe**
Menu includes choice of Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Bacon Cheeseburger with French Fries; Honey Mustard Grilled Chicken Sandwich with French Fries; Pasta with Marinara Sauce and Garlic Toast; Bar-B-Que Pulled Pork Sandwich with French Fries; or Classic Chicken Caesar Salad. All served with Dessert and Drink.
- 7:30 PM Small group sightseeing and shopping on the Riverwalk**
- 9:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for hotel**
- 10:00 PM Room check and lights out**

Monday, April 4, 2016

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel**
- 10:00 AM Check out of hotel, load and depart via motorcoach for Lovejoy High School**
Meals on your own en route
- 4:30 PM Arrive at school**
Time is approximate