

The Garland High School Orchestras Spring Tour 2015

The Southern Star Festival of Champions Panama City Beach, Florida April 22-26 2015

Tentative Itinerary

Wednesday, April 22 – leave GHS about 10:00 PM. Bring a blanket and pillow as we spend the night on the bus.

Thursday, April 23 – Arrive in Panama City Beach; Check into Beachcomber condominiums. Hang out at pure white sand beach and/or pool. Lunch & Dinner in or near the Beachcomber (on your own). There is a Winn-Dixie Supermarket and other eating establishments nearby.

Friday, April 24 – Buffet Breakfast; Music Festival, Beach Time, Bowling, Skating, Pool at night.

Saturday, April 25 – Buffet Breakfast, Shipwreck Island Water Park, Cookout lunch at Shipwreck Park, Beach Time, Awards Ceremony

Sunday, April 26 – Load bus and start home; Arrive back at GHS in the evening. (Next day is a school student holiday.)

Cost: \$450.00 per person – Cost is based upon 6 students per room – any student in a room below maximum occupancy may be subject to an “empty bed” surcharge (estimated to be about \$35.00 per student)

Activities included in the package price: All Transportation; 3 nights in hotel; At least 4 meals will be provided in the package; Admission to two area attractions; Music Festival entry fees.

Transportation: Chartered Eurocoach bus (Lone Star Coaches).

Housing: Gulf front hotel in Panama City Beach (Beachcomber By The Sea)

Meals: 2 breakfast buffets and 2 other meals are included in the package price. Depending on available funds, we will try to include some other meals. All other meals will be paid for by the student.

Here's the way it works: There must be a minimum of **40 students** to pay the deposit and submit the permission form by **October 3, 2014** in order for the trip to be confirmed. If there are not 40 students enrolled by the end of the day, the trip will be canceled, deposit checks will be returned and no other trip will be planned for this school year. Due to the number of seats of a bus, the maximum number of students allowed to go will be limited to 45. Any others wishing to go may have their name placed on a waiting list and will be given a chance to go only if any participating students withdraw from the trip.

Chaperones: GISD faculty and parents as per GISD school board guidelines. We will need at least 4 parents to come along. If your parent is interested, have them contact Mr. Peacock via email. **Cost for chaperones will be \$335.00 each.** All chaperones fees must be paid by March 27, 2014

Payments: Payment may be made in full or according to this schedule:

October 3, 2014 – Deposit of \$75.00 (*non-refundable*) along with permission form will hold your place on the trip. Fund raising money may not be used for deposits.

October 31	\$75.00	
December 5	\$75.00	
January 30	\$75.00	(all accounts must be paid up to date at this time)
February 27	\$75.00	
March 27	\$75.00	

Failure to keep payments current may result in cancellation of your reservation!

The Fine Print - Please Read!!!

Designated profits from GHS Orchestra and Orchestra Booster Club fund-raisers may be used to defray to the cost of the trip for all participants. Fundraising money cannot be used as the deposit. All fundraising money will be applied to the final payment. All fundraising funds, while they can be used to defray trip payments, remain the property of the GISD or the GHS Orchestra Boosters. If any student must drop out of the trip for any reason before February 27, 2015, refunds will be made on a pro-rated basis depending on policies of the travel agent. The orchestra will attempt to return as much money as possible (minus deposit and fundraising contributions) but please understand that once money has been sent to the travel agent, refunds will be limited. After February 27, 2015, refunds will not be available. Students must be eligible under State of Texas "no pass – no play" regulations to participate in the Spring Trip. The first 45 students to submit a deposit and permission form will be guaranteed a spot on the trip. All others will be placed on a waiting list and be admitted on a "space available" basis.

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