

FANNIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND
2016 New York/Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Performance Tour

We have been invited to perform in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade along with the Pickens High School Band. For this trip to be successful, I expect all students to participate. The trip is not required, but with planning and communication, this trip can be enjoyed by all.

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

Sunday, November 20, 2016	Depart FCHS in afternoon. Follow the proposed agenda as provided
Friday, November 25, 2016	Return to Blue Ridge very early AM

STUDENT EXPENSE: The expected cost of this trip is **\$653 per person quad / \$686 per person triple / \$752 per person double**. The Fannin County Band Booster Club has decided to contribute \$150 toward each individual student member trip expense, which is already reflected in the above price. This includes all members in grades 8-12 that are presently marching members of the band. **PLEASE NOTE, THIS MAY INCREASE SOME DUE TO BROADWAY TICKET PRICING.**

Qualifying Chaperone: The Band Booster Club will provide 1 complete chaperone package per every 10 students participating. For example: If we have 110 students attending, the band boosters will provide 11 complete trips. If we have 22 qualified chaperones attending, then your price would be ½ the adult full price, which would be \$805 divided by 2= \$402.50. We cannot give a definite price until we have accurate numbers.

Other participants: \$805 quad / \$838 triple / \$904 double. NO STIPEND ELIGIBILITY.

The above prices do not include: Individual spending money, incidentals during trip. **You will need to plan on 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner in our spending money that we bring. The rest of the meals are covered.** There is also a stipulation that the price could increase if we go over 155 total participants. (students and chaperones)

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY:

Any present member of the FCHS Marching Band, and any eighth grade participant in FCHS Marching Band is eligible to participate. Also, any member that moves into our community and becomes a member of our band. Each eligible member must participate in band (must attend class daily) for both semesters during the 2016-2017 school year (excluding colorguard).

BAND BOOSTER ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS:

The Fannin County Band Booster Club will provide financial assistance to all band members (only those that meet eligibility requirements as stated above) at the amount of \$150. **To receive these credits a member must commit by June 15, 2016 and be in good standing with the band with no outstanding debts.** Any student member deciding to participate beyond June 15, 2016 will be welcome to participate, but may not be eligible to receive Band Booster assistance and only be eligible for fundraising assistance.

CHAPERONE ELIGIBILITY: Every parent or guardian of a marching band member is invited and encouraged to participate in this and every trip. **The requirements for participation as a QUALIFIED CHAPERONE** include: 1) Sign-up to participate as a qualifying chaperone by June 15, 2016. 2) current membership in Fannin County Band Booster Club - \$25.00 per family per year, 3) participation as a chaperone on at least one band trip, 4) participation as a concession stand worker for at least one football game. 5) Attend atleast one band booster meeting, 6) Work as a volunteer for the Blue Ridge Marching Band Festival on Oct 8, 7) agree to all terms required of all chaperones for the protection and responsibility of students during trip, and 8) participate in required organizational meetings to be determined at a later date.

Those adults that qualify will be given a stipend to defray expenses. As explained on page one, the amount of stipend will depend on the number of qualifying chaperones participating. The club will guarantee adequate supervision by financing 1 per 10 students attending one complete trip. For the benefit of your children, it is very important that we have our most experienced chaperones participating in this trip.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY: All non-qualified chaperone adults and children participating with parents are invited and encouraged to participate in this trip. All participants will be responsible for the full amount of trip and no stipend or Band Booster assistance is available. Also, participation may be limited to first come basis according to space availability and hotel accommodations.

DEPOSIT: Each person must submit a **\$100.00 on or before Wednesday, June 15.** This deposit is completely non-refundable or transferable. Payments must be made by check, cash, or money order and made payable to The Fannin County Band Booster Club.

You may pay the following ways:

1. Drop a sealed envelope in the main office of the high school with your payment.
2. Mail it, but mail it in time for it to arrive to Fannin County Band Booster Club, PO Box 702, Blue Ridge 30513.
3. Paypal link at www.fannincountyband.org . The deposit will be \$103.20 because of PayPal fees.

SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS (student members/adults and others):

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| 1) July 1 | - \$100 |
| 2) August 1 | - \$100 |
| 3) September 1 | - \$100 |
| 4) October 1 | - \$100 |
| 5) November 1 | - Remainder of the trip |

Student payments may be made by cash, check, money order, credit from fundraising, or a combination. Chaperone, adult, children participants will not be allowed fundraising opportunities and must submit funds by check, cash, or money order. There will be no transfers of fundraising credit or deposit payments from one person to another. All payments must be made in a timely manner - please note information under penalties. **Any person may be denied participation due to failure to meet the above payment schedule - this may also include loss of any and all funds previously submitted. It is extremely important that payments be made in a timely and responsible manner.**

FUNDRAISING: Marching members will be given opportunities to raise funds to help defray trip expenses. Each student will be credited with 75% of the profits from all fundraising programs. These proceeds will be issued when all fundraising monies are submitted. All proceeds will be issued in the form of account credits and will not be issued in cash. These funds are non-refundable or transferable in any manner. We will probably have a fundraising opportunity every two months. It would be difficult to raise the funds for the entire trip, but I think \$250.00 is a probable expected fundraising contribution if you work hard at it. In addition, any donations that come in for the sole purpose of this trip will be evenly divided between all participating students. A student will only be credited up to the total cost of the trip less any Band Booster contributions.

PENALTIES: 1) \$100.00 DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON TRANSFERABLE. 2) NO DEPOSIT PAYMENTS OR FUNDRAISING CREDIT IS TRANSFERABLE TO ANY OTHER PARTICIPANT. 3) FUNDRAISING CREDIT WILL NOT BE ISSUED IN THE FORM OF CASH AND IS COMPLETELY NON-REFUNDABLE.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: This trip is not required. Hopefully, every member of the FCHS marching band will be able to participate. Each student must be in good standing with the band, owe no outstanding debts, be a member of the band class (except colorguard). PLEASE CONTACT MR. BARNSTEAD IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PERTAINING TO ELIGIBILITY.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL FINANCIAL NEEDS: The Fannin County Band Booster Club is willing to assist any eligible student in financial need. Requests must be made by parents or legal guardian **IN WRITING** to Mr. Barnstead directly. All requests will be completely confidential. Please contact Mr. Barnstead to discuss the "Special Financial Assistance Program" before any forms or deposits are submitted.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF FORMS AND QUESTIONS

If you would like to answer the questions on the following forms electronically rather than printing and mailing them, then use this link after you have read the entire packet:

Copy and paste: <http://goo.gl/forms/qkIzmYFfMSIzZ9S62>

You will be prompted to answer questions acknowledge your understanding of the financial responsibilities, deadlines, and intentions.

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STUDENT CONSENT FORM

I have read the preliminary information concerning the proposed Fannin County High School Band trip to New York and Philadelphia November 20-25, 2016. I understand the finances involved and agree to all terms. I am aware that there is a \$100.00 deposit that is non-refundable. I am aware of the total price of the trip and agree to submit all monies on or before all required dates. I am aware of the penalty if I cancel, I may not get my money back. I understand that any person may be denied participation and forfeiture of all monies due to failure to meet the required payment schedule. I understand that special financial assistance is available and must be requested in writing through the parent or legal guardian directly to Mr. Barnstead at sbarnstead@fannin.k12.ga.us

Please indicate one of the following replies, make any comments and sign at the bottom of the page. Please return by June 15, 2015. This form is to be returned by all members of the Fannin County High School Marching Band. Please send **\$100.00 per person payable to: Fannin County Band Booster Club** with this form.

If you wish to print & mail forms and payment:

Fannin County Band Booster Club
Special Projects Account
P.O. Box 702
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

If you wish to electronically sign these forms, Click:

<http://goo.gl/forms/qkIzmYFfMSIzZ9S62>
We Accept PayPal:
www.fannincountyband.org

_____ I give my child (children) _____
Permission to participate in the FCHS Marching Band trip and will accept all financial responsibilities, and terms of participation.

_____ I give my child (children) _____
Permission to participate in Marching Band trip. However, additional financial assistance from the Fannin county band booster club is requested. I will agree to terms as required for special financial assistance as discussed with Mr. Barnstead.

_____ I **do not** give my child
(children) _____
Permission to participate in the experience with the Fannin County High School Marching Band.

COMMENTS: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Please submit this form through mail or electronically and deposit by June 15, 2016.

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CHAPERON/PARTICIPANT FORM

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PO Box 742
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

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<http://goo.gl/forms/qkIzmYFfMSIzZ9S62>
WE ACCEPT PAYPAL: fannincountyband.org

_____ I / WE WISH TO PARTICIPATE AS **QUALIFYING CHAPERONES**.

1) _____ 2) _____

_____ I / WE WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN A NON-SUPERVISORY ROLE

1) _____ 2) _____

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE PARTICIPATING WITH US. I / WE WILL ACCEPT ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM. (These are children, relatives)

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

AS PARTICIPANTS I / WE WILL ACCEPT ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TERMS OF PARTICIPATION.

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Please submit this form and non-refundable deposit by June 15, 2016

Basic Itinerary:

Tour Package Inclusions Hotel,

Attractions & Meals Tickets Additional Inclusions:

- **2 Nights Lodging at the Hilton Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey**
- **1 Night Lodging at the Philadelphia Sheraton-Downtown**
- **3 Breakfasts at Hotel**
- **Upper Manhattan Bus Tour Including Entrance Into the Cathedral of St. John the Divine**
- **Lower Manhattan Bus Tour Including a Stop at the 9/11 Memorial & Battery Park**
- **Visit to Times Square Historical Walking Tour of Philadelphia,**
- **Pennsylvania Lunch at Planet Hollywood**
- **Dinner at Ellen's Stardust Diner Dinner at Puglia's in A Little Italy@**
- **Dinner at Dave & Busters With Unlimited Video Game Card & \$10 Power Card**
- **Thanksgiving Buffet Dinner at the Hotel in Philadelphia**
- **Tickets to Broadway Show (Balcony & Rear Balcony Seats)**
- **Tickets to Blue Man Group Performance Parade**
- **Performance in the 2016 6ABC/Dunkin Donuts Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia.**