

# WASHINGTON

## D.C. 2010



Ola High School Band  
Washington D.C./Williamsburg Itinerary  
Unique Travel and Tours  
April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2010

### Thursday, April 8, 2010

- 1:00AM Depart McDonough, GA. for Washington DC via motor coach.
- Rest stops and breakfast stop at group's discretion  
(Breakfast costs will be the responsibility of the students)
- 10:00AM Arrive in Washington D.C.
- Upon arrival, the group will go to the Smithsonian Museums and National Archives. Enjoy all the museums!!
- 12:00 Noon Lunch at **Air and Space Museum Food Court**  
*\*\*We will provide a \$10.00 per-diem for Lunch*
- Smithsonian Institution Information Center.** Located at the National Mall in Washington DC, the Smithsonian Institution Information Center is the institute's first building, known popularly as *The Castle*. The visitor's center is the ideal place to start exploring the world's largest museum complex and research organization. The Smithsonian Institution is comprised of 18 museums (two of which are in New York City) and the National Zoo. The collection consists of more than 142 million objects. *Tours will be self-guided.*
- The National Air and Space Museum** – Houses the Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer, Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, and the Apollo 11 Lunar Command Module.
- The National Museum of Natural History** – Houses the 45.5 carat Hope Diamond, dinosaur fossils, and the World's largest American Bush Elephant.
- The National Museum of American Art** – Paintings, sculptures, folk art, photography, and graphics by American artists from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present.
- The National Museum of American History** - Real American National treasures from the Star Spangled Banner to special exhibitions about Abraham Lincoln.
- The National Archives** – Houses the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights, and more than three billion records.
- 4:00PM Depart for Hotel and Check-in – freshen up
- 6:00PM Depart for Buca di Beppo
- 6:30PM Enjoy dinner at Buca di Beppo – 1825 Connecticut Avenue N.W. 202-232-8466 **Menu:** Entrée includes: garlic bread, mixed green salad with dressing, spaghetti with marinara sauce, chicken parmigiana, and cookies for dessert. Beverages include: unlimited soft drinks and ice water. *Please note menu is subject to change.*
- 8:00PM Return to Hotel

**Ola High School Band  
Friday, April 9, 2010**

- 8:00AM           **Continental Breakfast** at the hotel.
- 9:00AM           Depart for **World War II Memorial**
- 10:15AM          **Marching Band Performance** at the **World War II Memorial**
- 11:30AM          Depart for Lunch at the **Old Post Office** (Meal Coupon \$10.00)
- 12:30PM          **Jazz Band Performance** at the **Old Post Office**
- 1:30PM           Depart for the **Capitol Visitors Center**
- United States Capitol** – The most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world, the United States Capitol has housed Congress since 1800. The Capitol is where Congress meets to write the laws of our nation and where Presidents are inaugurated.
- 2:00PM           **Guided tour of the US Capitol**
- 3:30PM           Depart for the **Roosevelt Memorial (Walking Tour of Memorial)**
- 5:00PM           Depart for **Hotel** to freshen up
- 6:00PM           Depart for **Spirit of Washington Cruise**
- 7:00PM           Board the **Spirit of Washington Cruise** at Pier 4 at 6<sup>th</sup> and Water Streets
- 7:30PM           Enjoy dinner and cruise aboard the **Spirit of Washington**
- 10:30PM          Depart for **Hotel**

**Ola High School Band  
Saturday, April 10, 2010**

- 8:00AM           **Continental Breakfast** at the hotel.
- 8:30AM           Depart hotel for a **walking tour of Washington DC**. The following locations will be on the tour:
- National Mall** - The two and a half mile stretch of park land extends from the Potomac River to the United States Capitol building. Explore every avenue including the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, National World War II Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the White House
- We will also include the **Lincoln Memorial** in your tour. This grand memorial overlooks the Reflecting Pool, the Washington Monument, and the United States Capitol. Thirty-six Doris columns encircle the monument representing the states of the union at the time of Lincoln's death. Inscriptions of Lincoln's second inaugural address and the famous Gettysburg Address are inscribed along the walls of the monument.
- 11:30AM          Depart for **Union Station**
- 12:00Noon        Enjoy lunch at **Union Station (\$10.00 Meal Coupon Provided)**
- 1:00PM           Tour at **Arlington National Cemetery**. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the astronauts of the Space Shuttle Challenger, Audie Murphy, prizefighter Joe Louis, and thousands of soldiers from every major United States war. Arlington House, former home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee, and the Tomb of the Unknowns (also known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier) are also part of this 612-acre stretch of land. *Choice of a self-guided walking tour or a paid tour mobile/shuttle tour. Tour mobile/shuttle tickets are not included.*

3:00PM	Depart for Hotel
3:30PM	Return to Hotel to freshen up and relax before dinner and performance
5:00PM	Depart the Hotel for dinner at <b>Magill's</b> .
5:30PM	Enjoy <b>dinner at Magill's</b> . <b>Menu includes:</b> TBA
7:00PM	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Performance Beethoven's 7 <sup>th</sup> Symphony
10:00PM	Return to Hotel

**Ola High School Band  
Sunday, April 11, 2010**

7:00AM	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> at the hotel.  Pack and check-out.
7:45AM	Depart for Bush Gardens in Williamsburg, Va.
10:00AM	Arrive at <b>Bush Gardens</b> . Enjoy the day in the park!! <i>**We will provide one \$10.00 per diem for lunch.</i>
8:00PM	Park closes – Depart for home
8:30PM	Dinner stop – this will be a fast food stop along the way! No meal coupon will be provided
10:00PM	Load Buses and Depart for home! Rest Stops at the group's discretion.

**Ola High School Band  
Monday, April 12, 2010**

7:00AM Arrive in McDonough Ga. at Ola High School

\*\* Students will be excused from all Ola High School Classes on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

# Washington, D.C.

Trip Cost: \$625.00 – Payment Schedule

The Ola High School Band's Washington, D.C. trip will be divided into 5 payments of \$125. These payments are due before or on the following dates. Late payments will not be accepted.

Payment 1- September 4, 2009

Payment 2- October 2, 2009

Payment 3- November 6, 2009

Payment 4- January 8, 2010

Payment 5- February 5, 2010

When payments are received, they are quickly dispersed to trip expenses so our reservations can be confirmed at all hotels and attractions. Payments can be turned into the green box in the band room. Turn in all payments with an envelope and your name on the outside. Please be prompt with all deposits throughout the payment schedule.

## ***Refund Policy***

If you choose to discontinue with the Washington, D.C. trip, there will be a strict refund policy in place. The refund policy is set in place to make sure all expenses are paid for on the trip, even if a student decides to discontinue.

A **non-refundable deposit of \$125.00** is required to process your trip reservation.

The sum of the remaining payments may be eligible for a refund up to \$75.00.

This means the maximum amount refundable is \$75.00.

Example:

Payment: \$125.00 – 1<sup>st</sup> Payment Deposit

Payment: \$125.00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment

Payment: \$125.00 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment

\*Student decides to discontinue with the DC trip

Refund: \$75.00

**All fall 2009 Marching Band Dues must be completely paid for before payments for the trip will be accepted.**

PayPal is available on the Ola High School Band Website for parents wishing to make payments online. There is a processing fee for all PayPal transactions.

The cost of \$625.00 per person is based on Quad Occupancy for students. The cost of \$625.00 per person is based on Double Occupancy for parent chaperones. Extra Costs will occur if the occupancy or room capacity changes and it will be the responsibility of the students and parents to pay for the extra charges.

If parents choose to travel with the group and receive the group rate, they must be responsible for some chaperone duties on the trip. We will have a separate chaperone meeting before departure to assign duties and responsibilities. All chaperones going on the trip must make arrangements to attend this meeting.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Who Can Participate in the Trip?** Any student in the OHS Marching Band and Colorguard is eligible to participate. Any student with a balance on their account will not be able to make a payment towards the trip until their account balance is zero. Additionally, no student with a record of behavior problems or classroom disruptions will be allowed to participate per county policy.

**Academic Policy – It is the policy of Ola High School that if a student is failing 3 or more classes then the student will not be allowed to participate in any extra curricular events.**

**What will the students be doing while they are in Washington?** The purpose of this trip is to provide an educational experience, not a vacation for our students. A complete itinerary is attached to this page, and will be available for review at [www.olahighschoolband.com](http://www.olahighschoolband.com)

Itineraries can slightly change, and if anything were to change, this website will be updated to reflect this.

**Where will the students be staying?** The students will be staying just outside Washington D.C. Our reservation is still being confirmed. The hotel will provide breakfast every morning as well as a full time security guard during the evening hours.

**When is the trip?** The trip will be from April 8th through April 12th. All students will be excused from Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> day of school. They will be marked as excused and on a Field Trip for that day. All Students will be expected to be at school on Tuesday April 13th. Please check your spring break travel plans before committing to the trip to make sure that these dates do not conflict with any prior plans for this time period.

**How much will the trip cost?** \$625.00 – For the most part, this is an all inclusive trip and covers the cost of almost every meal including breakfast at the hotel, and lunch and dinner in the city. Students may choose to bring some money for souvenirs, but this price covers everything they will need for the trip (bus, hotel, tickets, meals, etc.).

**What happens if I fail to make a payment for the trip?** The deadlines for your payments are the same deadlines as our payments to the travel agency. Failure for you to pay on time will cause us to be unable to pay the travel agency, and this could jeopardize our trip. By signing the commitment form and paying the initial deposit, you are agreeing to pay in full and on time. No exceptions or accommodations can or will be made, and your child's spot will be forfeited without a refund. It is imperative that everyone paying the initial deposit understand these conditions before agreeing to go on the trip.

**Can I back out of the trip after I pay my deposit?** Of course you can choose to not go on the trip for a variety of personal reasons, but it is important to understand that any payment received by our department is then sent to the travel agency to pay for the expenses of the trip and to reserve our venues and bus fare. Because of the complexities of large group travel, all money received is quickly dispersed and we **can not** offer a **full refund**. Please see the refund policy for further details. If there is a waiting list for the trip you can be refunded if someone is willing to pay in full and take your place. This can occur up to three weeks before departure. This will be dependant upon a waiting list.

**Can I chaperone?** Yes, 16 spots will be reserved for chaperones, and possibly more depending on student interest. Payment due dates for chaperones are the same, and the cost of the trip is also the same. Chaperones however will sleep 2 to a room instead of 4 to a room. If more than 16 parents are interested in chaperoning, we will then look at the student interest to determine transportation availability. If need be a lottery system will be put into place to choose the chaperones for the trip. Based on the student interest, we are not expecting a problem with space on the trip, but these guidelines are what we will adhere to if space on the trip becomes limited.

**Are there fundraising opportunities for my child?** Yes there are, but please do not expect the entire balance of the trip to be covered by this unless your student sells a lot of product! Most often, students are able to cover a small part of a trip expense by participating in fundraisers.

**Are there any required meetings for me to attend?** Yes. Please mark your calendar now for the required meeting for all students/parents and chaperones going on the trip. This will be held on **Monday March 29, 2010**

It is absolutely required that every student going on the trip attend this meeting with at least one parent in order to sign required medical and contact information forms.