

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { } ACTION { X } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - ACTION

Consider Overnight Field Trip

BACKGROUND: BCHS Band
New York City
April 1-3, 2015

Note: Spring Break is April 3-7, 2015

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval.

BATH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
WARM SPRINGS, VA 24484

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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP and TRANSPORTATION

This form must be submitted **TWO (2) WEEKS** in advance of the effective date of the trip to the Superintendent.

TRIP DATE: 4/1/2015 SCHOOL: BCHS GRADE(s): Band

DESTINATION: New York City

OBJECTIVE FOR TRIP: To perform in New York City and learn the city's history

NO. OF PUPILS: 80 PAID BY CHILD: \$ \$575.00 PAID BY SCHOOL: \$ 0

NAMES OF ALL CHAPERONING STAFF MEMBERS: Melinda Hooker-other requests include
Tamaria McLain Ailstock Tracie Reed Sarah Burns
Marissa Chestnut Sarah Rowe

NAMES OF OTHER CHAPERONES/PARENTS: Listed on Rooming Sheet

TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION NEEDED: Bus # of Buses Needed: _____
 Handicapped Bus(es) Needed
 Car # of Cars Needed: _____

COMMENTS: Charter Buses will be used

DEPARTURE DATE: 4/1/2015 DEPARTURE TIME: 5AM
mm/dd/yyyy

RETURN DATE: 4/3/2015 RETURN TIME: 12 midnight
mm/dd/yyyy

I will secure written permission from each parent before taking children on the trip.

[Signature] _____ [Signature] _____ 9/24/14
Teacher's Signature Date Principal's Signature Date

TO: DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT / DESIGNEE			
The above application is sent for your consideration.			
COMMENTS: _____			

Superintendent's Signature	Date	Approved	Disapproved

Melinda Hooker
Director of Bands
Bath County High School

9/17/14

The BCHS Marching Band requests approval from the school board to take a Spring Trip on April 1-3 to New York City. Our band is already in the process of applying to perform at either The Statue of Liberty, Lincoln Center or Central Park. This will be the opportunity of a lifetime for students to perform in one of the most exciting cities in the world. The trip will be coordinated with Academic Travel out of Hendersonville, NC. The band has traveled with this company on the four previous trips and they have been outstanding. We will be taking a minimum of fifteen chaperones with us on the trip to provide round the clock supervision. I am including a tentative itinerary that specifies student activities throughout the trip. I have also included the budget, which estimates all trip expenses as well as student cost. Students will raise money through the Food Court fund-raiser and the Fruit fund-raisers offered this year. The students will travel by charter bus to and from New York.

The band has a five year plan for spring trips. We plan to travel far one year and then near the next. Our five year plan includes:

2014-2015	New York
2015-2016	Myrtle Beach
2016-2017	Florida
2017-2018	VA Beach
2018-2019	Washington, DC

(The schedule may be subject to some revision due to park permits etc)

This will be the opportunity of a lifetime for many of our students! Many students will never get an opportunity like this again! There will be a tour guide right on the bus with us to make sure we know the history behind the city and its buildings and to answer any questions! We have also requested tickets for the 911 Memorial that just opened this past month. It would be incredible to be one of the first groups to tour this memorial and get a firsthand look at this life changing event in our nation's history.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me! Thank you in advance for your consideration.

The proposed BCHS Band spring trip to New York City would take place (Wednesday) April 1 - (Friday) April 3. They will travel by charter bus to New York. It will be a 7 to 8 hour trip with meal stops. We have set up a terrific itinerary!

The trip cost will be \$575.00 for students and \$575.00 for chaperones. The trip cost will include the following:

Two Nights lodging in a suburban New Jersey Hotel

Two Buffet Breakfasts at our hotel

Marching Band Performance in New York City (one of the following: Statue of Liberty, Lincoln Center, Central Park etc.)

2 Dinners in the city

Broadway SHOW!

“Top of the Rock” Observation (Rockefeller Center –best view of the city)

Manhattan Tour---possible sites: Central Park, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Little Italy etc.

Tour of the Times Square Area (MTV Studios, ABC Studios, NASDAQ, etc.)

Statue of Liberty Tour/Ellis Island

Admission to the 911 Memorial Museum

Tour Guide (for the duration of our time in the city)

Charter Bus Transportation

The only meals the student will need to provide will be a fast food breakfast and lunch en route to NY, 2 fast food lunches in the city and a fast food dinner on the way home. The only other money needed would be for souvenirs...all other trip costs are included in the price!

Proposed Itinerary
Bath County High School Band
New York City Tour
April 1-3, 2015

- Day 1: Depart for New York City at 5:00am,
Wed Lunch *on own* en route
Arrive New York City at 2:00pm, Meet local A.T.S. tour director
Tour of the Times Square Area: MTV Studios, ABC Studios, NASDAQ, etc.
Dinner at provided HB Burger *or* Mama Sbarro's Pizzeria
~~Add \$6.00pp for dinner at Ellen's Stardust Café~~
Admission to the "**Top of the Rock**" Observation
Hotel check-in suburban NJ hotel (interior corridors and no balconies)
- Day 2: Breakfast provided
Thu **Introductory tour of Manhattan** (One per bus)
Suggested sites: Central Park, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Little Italy, Financial District, & Greenwich Village
Visit the **National 911 Memorial** and admission to the **National 911 Museum**
Dinner provided at **Puglia in Little Italy** or **Buca Di Beppo in Times Square**
Broadway Show!!
- Day 3: Breakfast provided, hotel check-out
Fri Board a ferry to the **Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island**
Public Performance at the Statue of Liberty
Choose from one of the following:
1.) Radio City Music Hall Tour 2.) Metropolitan Museum of Art
3.) American Museum of Natural History 4.) Tour of the Lincoln Center for the
Performing Arts
Shopping/browsing on 5th Ave and 57th Street
(Trump Tower, Nike Town, Tiffany's, FAO Schwartz, NBA Store, Hard Rock Café Saks, Bergdorf
Goodman, Fendi, etc.)
Depart New York at 3:30pm
Dinner *on own* en route
Arrive home at 12:30am