

# Orchestra Trip Information Packet 2014

## **Trip Expectations**

- **All school rules will remain in effect on our trip.**
- Be alert and responsive to changes. When we travel so far from home, not everything always goes as planned. Be aware of any changes made to time or place so that you do not get hold up the rest of the group.
- Be a constant POSITIVE member of the orchestra-remember, this trip is a PRIVELEDGE.
- Each student will be assigned to a specific chaperone. The student is responsible for making sure their chaperone knows where they are at all times.
- Each night that we are in the hotel, you should return to your room, not wander around the hotel. This time is also “quiet time” as we need to take into consideration other hotel guests who may be trying to sleep. Students are responsible for controlling noise at the hotel at all times!
- Promptness and attendance are keys to having a successful trip. All students are required to participate in all activities. If one student reports late for a meeting time, they are holding up the entire group! If students choose to report late, they are at risk of being sent home at their own expense.
- Possession and/or use of illegal substances and/or weapons or weapon-like objects are prohibited at all times!
- Dress policies on the trip are the same at the Queen Creek High School dress code. If clothing does not meet the dress code, leave it at home. Remember, you are representing your school!
- Destruction, theft, or abuse of property is not acceptable. Individuals will be held accountable for any charges incurred.
- Queen Creek High School is not responsible for any items that are lost or stolen while on the trip. **Students are responsible for their personal property at all times.** This includes baggage, purses, etc. **Leave all valuables at home!**
- Male and female visitation is restricted to public areas only. Males may not enter female rooms, and females may not enter male rooms. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Busses and hotels will ALWAYS be left in the best shape possible, regardless of how we found them. Let it never be said about us that we “trashed the place”
- If something is wrong or you need an issue resolved, contact a chaperone or director immediately. Don’t Guess; find out the right information!
- **Realize that your actions determine the perception of our group by others. Positive actions result in a positive perception. Foolish actions result in a negative perception. BE A “CLASS ACT” and represent QCHS at it’s finest at ALL times.**

Students are expected to use appropriate language and show a respectful attitude towards both peers and adults.

- Students are responsible for their own luggage at all times! You are permitted to bring:

- One suitcase
- One carry-on bag
- As a rule of thumb, “Only bring what you can carry by yourself!”
- See that all your baggage is clearly marked with your name, address, and phone number.
- Your instrument

### **Hotel Guidelines**

- Students are not permitted to leave the hotel property at any time, unless we are all together.
- Students should not order “in-house” movie channels, use room telephones, room service, etc. These should be blocked by the hotel. However, if any charges are incurred, **students are fully responsible for paying the hotel**. Students will be permitted to use cell phones and pay phones (most likely in the hotel lobby).
- Rooming lists will be assigned. Students are not to switch rooms for any reason.

### **Spending Money**

- Meals – allow approximately \$10-\$15 per meal. Meals at Sea World will be more expensive than fast food, so it is better to bring a little extra just in case.
- Souvenirs – spending money is at the discretion of the student and their parent/guardian. Remember, if you bring money and lose it or it is stolen, the school will not be held responsible!

### **Meal Plan**

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

\*Breakfast- eat before coming to the school

\*Lunch –We will stop for fast food on the way to San Diego- Students will need to bring their own money for this \$\$

**\*Dinner- Included! We will eat at Hard Rock Café San Diego.**

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**\*Breakfast- Included! At the hotel**

\*Lunch-Bring \$\$ for lunch at Sea World

**\*Dinner- Included! All students will be provided a Sea World Meal Ticket to use in the park.**

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**\*Breakfast- Included! At the hotel**

\*Lunch-bring money to eat at Sea World \$\$

**\*Dinner- Included! Will eat at Music Festival Awards Ceremony**

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

We will be arriving back at the school around 5:00 AM.

## **Hotel Information**

We will be staying at the **Springhill Suites:**  
12032 Scripps Highlands Drive, San Diego, California 92131  
**(858) 635-5723**

I will leave my cell phone number with the hotel staff in case of an *emergency*. If you have an *emergency*, contact the front desk of the hotel and they will contact me ASAP.

## **Packing List**

These items are suggestions to help you make sure you don't forget anything important. Several of the items listed may not apply to you. Try your best to bring everything that you will need, but not over-pack. Remember, you must be able to transport everything you bring by yourself! A suitcase that is on wheels or that is easily portable will be a big plus!!

### **Clothes:**

- Comfortable shoes – we will be walking around Sea World all day!!!!!!!
- Clothes for Friday and Saturday (please check the weather report). Remember, you will be wearing these clothes all day at the park, in the workshops, and at our dinners.
- Underclothes
- Tennis shoes and socks
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Concert Clothes including shoes
- Music/Instruments/Rosin/Bows/Extra Strings Highly Recommended!

### **Bathroom Items:**

- Shampoo, conditioner, and soap.
- Deodorant
- Brush or comb
- Hair ties, bobby pins, hair clips (girls...whatever you usually need)
- Feminine products
- Toothbrush and toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Your instrument!
- Money for food and souvenirs (suggested min. \$50)
- Camera
- Snacks (Examples: Cheese Nips, Goldfish, Trail Mix, Pretzels, Fruit Snacks, etc..)
- Cell phone and charger
- Drawstring backpack (I would advise you carry this around the parks rather than a large purse, especially if you will be going on the rides!)

- Pillow and light blanket (for the overnight ride home on the bus)

### **DO NOT BRING:**

- Medication (There should be no medication in your luggage. If you have medication, you need to turn it in to Mrs. Payne before the trip)
- Weapons or weapon-like objects
- Energy drinks
- Bad attitudes
- Anything Inappropriate

### **MUSIC FESTIVAL INFORMATION**

On this trip, we have the opportunity to perform and compete before professional adjudicators. After our performance, a clinician will work with the orchestra and give advice to orchestra members on how we can continue to improve as musicians.

#### Some things that will make this experience a success:

- Remember all the fundamentals: Key Signature, Time Signature, Accidentals, Rhythms, and BALANCE
- Always LISTEN..to yourself, to other people playing around you, and especially to the clinician
- It is always better to try your best and press forward than to give up and stop
- Keep an open mind: when in a situation or experience that you have never done before, be positive and TRY IT before you make judgments

This experience will be a valuable lesson in teamwork, flexibility, and working on the spot. Let's get the most out of it that we can! ☺

#### LAST, BUT NOT LEAST....

It is my hope that every member who travels with the orchestra will gain a new sense of responsibility, ability to work with others, respect for the talents of all of our students, and some of the best memories of your lifetime.



Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

I (we) have read and understand the contents of the San Diego Trip Information Packet.  
If non-compliant, I will face consequences according to Queen Creek High School  
policy.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_