

RHS Band Guidelines for Overnight Trips

We are pleased and honored to be taking this trip with the RHS Band students. This document is to help every student and parent understand what is acceptable on our trips. It is important to know that the students are representing Richland High School from the start to the end of the trip. Please help us in this matter by adhering to these guidelines for a safe and comfortable weekend.

General Guidelines

1. This trip will be under BISD school guidelines even though we are not on campus.
2. Treat the staff and chaperones exactly as you would the Band Directors. Disrespect will not be tolerated. If you feel a staff member or adult is out of line, please consult Mr. Bird, Ms. Mallow, or Mr. Lowe.
3. You are responsible for your own equipment and luggage. Make sure it gets loaded on the bus. Do not leave personal items unattended.
4. No public or private displays of affection. There is no coed visitation on this or any other school trip.
5. Be on time and have what you need for each outing. Double check.
6. Dress appropriately according to weather conditions and BISD policy.
7. Act mature and use good judgment in public – we are all representing Richland High School.
8. Theft and vandalism are unacceptable and will be dealt with immediately.
9. The only people allowed in your rooms are your room mates, chaperone, nurse, or director.
10. Do not get into any vehicle other than authorized RHS Band vehicles, even if it belongs to your family.
11. Only take one small suitcase or tote bag, garment bag, and one carry on.
12. Stay within the boundaries established by the Directors at each site.
13. **Serious trip violations may mean loss of privileges, or, worst-case scenario, being sent home at your parent's expense.**

Bus Guidelines

1. We will have busses, an emergency vehicle and our equipment trucks.
2. There will be no coed seat partners. Sit in your assigned seat to expedite roll check.
3. Do not change clothes on the bus. Use the restroom, your hotel room, or the stadium bathrooms.
4. Please do not ask to trade busses once the list is final.
5. You may bring rated G or PG movies. Avoid getting in arguments by watching a variety of movies.
6. Please be quiet for roll check.
7. Use trash bags and pick up spills immediately after they occur.

Hotel Guidelines

1. Curfew violations are very serious offenses. Your safety is top priority on this trip. We will tape the doors after curfew. Chaperones will stay up all night roaming the halls. Any altered tape will be considered a curfew violation and the Band Directors will be notified immediately.
2. Please keep the noise level down inside the hotel. The walls are thin and we could be disturbing the other guests. This would include the volume of the television in your room.

3. The rooms will be checked for damage on a daily basis. Wrestling and other horseplay should be avoided in order to cut the risk of breakage. Students will pay for damages and may be sent home immediately at your parent's expense.
4. Keep your doors closed and locked at all times. Do not prop your door open. Remember who can and cannot be in your room.
5. The hotel is not responsible for valuables left in the room. Money should not be left unattended.
6. Have your room key with you at all times. Lost keys may cost money.
7. Coed visitation is not allowed in the hotel rooms. The first violation of this will be considered a major offense. You may be sent home immediately. If the boys and girls rooms are on different floors, do not even venture onto the wrong floor. You can communicate through the phone or meet in the lobby.
8. Keep your room picked up in order not to lose items.
9. Movies and outgoing telephone calls will not be available. Your parents may call into the hotel.
10. We are staying in downtown San Antonio. Please be aware of the boundaries set by the Directors.
11. There may not be hair dryers in the rooms. Your room should bring 1 or 2 if needed.

Audience Etiquette

1. Be courteous during performances. You may talk while bands are entering or leaving the field.
2. Feel free to clap at appropriate moments throughout the show. This is different than a concert.
3. Talk between performances. Do not make the "shhhh" sound. It only brings negative attention to our group.
4. When placements are announced, cheer for your group and be respectful to the others. No matter what place we get, please do not make a huge scene in public. Wait until you are out of the public eye to be disappointed or overly excited.
5. Be polite to members of the other schools. The Directors will certainly be polite to the other Directors, because we know most of them. People do notice the polite bands and the rude ones. This does include the actions of parents.

Things to Bring

1. Instrument, drill books, and music– if you use two instruments bring both of them.
2. Performance clothes, including multiple t-shirts, black socks, undergarments, etc..
3. Extra reeds, oil, tuners and other items assisting with our performance.
4. Bring a jacket. Sometimes the weather forecast is not correct. The temperature may change drastically this time of year. Prepare for warm or cold climates.
5. Extra money for souvenirs or meals if you plan on eating more than what is stated in the itinerary.
6. Still pictures are ok, but camcorders are not allowed at any event.

Things not to Bring

1. Cigarettes
2. Alcohol
3. Drugs – prescription drugs must be held by our nurses, Mrs. Sakovich and Mrs. Chaney. This is a major liability area. Students should take their medications in the presence of the nurse. Do not give any of your medication to another student. This includes aspirin. This is against school policy.
4. Water guns, water balloons, or any other prank items.
5. Adult chaperones must act as if they are on campus in regards to alcohol, etc.

We have read and agree with the RHS Band overnight trip guidelines.

Student printed name: _____

Student signature and date: _____

Parent printed name: _____

Parent signature and date: _____