

Dear Chicago Travelers,

Thirty members of Concert Choir and six of their parents will leave on Friday morning, April 15th for a whirlwind tour of Chicago. Educational Tours, Inc. has organized a full program for the travelers, including a boat tour of the city's architectural marvels; a trip to the top of the John Hancock Center; visits to the Shedd Aquarium and Field Museum of Natural History; meals at the Hard Rock Cafe, Ed Debevic's wild and wacky diner, and Andy's Jazz Club; and a performance by The Blue Man Group.

You have worked hard to prepare a whole program of *a cappella* selections so you can provide spontaneous "concerts" at various venues in addition to a scheduled performance in the East Entrance Atrium of the Field Museum. Renowned composer/ conductor Rollo Dilworth, whose "Dreamer's Creed" we performed last year, will provide a clinic for the Choir at North Park University School of Music, where he directs Choral Activities and Music Education.

We are lucky to have six very special people as chaperones for the trip. Please learn their names and get to know them. Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Kovach, Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Montelione, and Mr. Rotuno will share the responsibilities for ensuring the safety, education and pleasure of all the students. Traveling together will be made all the more fun by the amount of courtesy and consideration we all show to each other -- by each individual's determination to meet deadlines, follow policies and stay healthy.

Your parents have helped to make this trip possible, so be sure to show them your appreciation by sharing your memories, photos and stories after we return. Any time you have the opportunity, be sure to thank our chaperones and the other adults who will be involved (bus driver, tour guide, hosts, etc.)

Chicago is an amazing place, with an energy level that permeates every area and activity. I can't wait to experience it with you!

Amy Gilbert

## ITINERARY

**Friday, April 15, 2005**

6:00 AM: Motorcoach arrives at Wooster High School

7:00 AM: Depart from Wooster High School on a first class, air-conditioned, VCR equipped MOTORCOACH provided by MUSKINGUM COACH (740-622-2545 / 740-622-5913).

Rest stops and lunch on your own enroute at the Director's discretion.

2:00 PM (Central Time): Arrive in Chicago and meet our EDUCATIONAL TOURS, INC. escort at the Essex Inn, 800 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605 (312-939-2800)

Depart immediately for the boarding dock.

2:30 PM: Arrive at Wrigley Building 400 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611 and board your WENDELLA BOAT'S (312-337-1446) for **CHICAGO RIVER ARCHITECTURE TOUR** - *Discover Chicago's architectural heritage. The 60-minute tour travels through the heart of the city on the Chicago River and includes an in-depth architectural narration. After your tour, enjoy time on the 'Magnificent Mile' - World class shopping at a variety of shops and boutiques along a one-mile stretch of Michigan Avenue.*

6:00 PM: Depart for dinner

6:30 PM: DINNER at **ANDY'S JAZZ CLUB**  
11 E. Hubbard St., Chicago, IL 60611 (312-642-6805)

7:30 PM: Depart for **JOHN HANCOCK OBSERVATORY**  
875 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611  
(312-751-8598)

*Be sure to step outside on the Skywalk, more than 1,000 feet above the street, referred to as 'the porch'.*

9:00 PM: Depart for the hotel

9:30 PM: Arrive at the ESSEX INN and check-in

11:00 PM: Lights Out!!!  
(PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY)

**Saturday, April 16, 2005**

- 7:30 AM: Depart for breakfast
- 8:00 AM: BUFFET BREAKFAST at  
**JOEY BUONA'S PIZZERIA & GRILLE**,  
162 E. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60611 (312-943-3337)
- 9:00 AM: Depart for the clinic site
- 9:30 AM: Arrive at North Park University School of Music,  
3225 West Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60625 (773-244-5639)
- 10:00 AM: **CHOIR CLINIC with Rollo Dilworth**  
Room 23 Hanson Hall
- 11:30 AM: Depart for  
**FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**,  
1400 South Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605 (312-665-7300)
- Lunch on your own at the museum
- TBA: **PERFORMANCE** at the East Entrance Atrium
- 3:00 PM: Return to the hotel; en route visit **Millennium Park** -  
*An unprecedented center for world-class art, music, architecture and landscape design.*
- 4:30 PM: Depart for dinner
- 5:00 PM: DINNER at **ED DEBEVIC'S**,  
640 N. Wells St., Chicago, IL 60610  
(312-664-1707)  
*A 1950's style diner complete with world famous chili, burgers, blue plate specials, wet fries, 50's music and sassy, gum-snapping waitresses.*
- 6:00 PM: Depart for BRIAR STREET THEATRE  
3133 North Halsted, Chicago, IL 60657 (773-348-3300)
- 7:00 PM: PERFORMANCE of **THE BLUE MAN GROUP**
- 9:00 PM: Return to the hotel
- 11:00 PM Lights out!

PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY

**Sunday, April 17, 2005**

- 8:00 AM: Check-out of the hotel and depart for breakfast
- 8:30 AM: BUFFET BREAKFAST at the **HARD ROCK CAFE**  
63 W. Ontario, Chicago, IL 60610 (312-943-5572)
- 9:30 AM: Depart for JOHN G. **SHEDD AQUARIUM**  
1200 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60675 (312-692-3333)  
*Meet more than 6,000 freshwater and marine animals.*

Lunch on your own at the Aquarium.

- 12:00 PM: The **OCEANARIUM**  
*Whales, dolphins, sea otters, harbor seals and penguins.*

- 12:30 PM: Depart for home.

Rest stops and dinner on your own enroute at the Director's discretion.

- 8:30 PM (EASTERN TIME):** Arrive at Wooster High School

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR TO LEAVE A MESSAGE, PLEASE CALL **1-800-654-4560**  
AND LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION INCLUDING  
NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

## TRIP POLICIES

1. The Wooster High School policies for student conduct (see WHS Student Handbook) and the WHS Music Department policies (see WHS Choir Handbook, 2004-2005) are in effect at all times.
2. There will be absolutely no smoking at any time. Students found smoking will face immediate disciplinary action as well as suspension upon return to WHS.
3. There will be absolutely no drinking of alcoholic beverages or drug use at any time. Drinking or drug use will result in that's student's parents being contacted and said student being sent home on the first available transportation **at their own expense**. The student will also face suspension upon return to WHS.
4. Students are responsible for all school work missed as a result of the trip. They must make arrangements with their teachers concerning assignments and tests.
5. Students will attend all meals and will participate in all activities.
6. In case of any emergency, contact the director or a chaperone immediately. Do not hesitate.
7. All students are responsible for knowing the scheduled times of all events, rehearsals, departures, etc. Take your handbook with you. Any student missing a scheduled time (including "lights out") will be levied a fine of \$1.00 per minute, payable on the spot. Funds collected in late fines will be used to treat the entire group.
8. When checking in with a chaperone, you must be seen to be accounted for. Don't ask a friend to check in for you.
9. Do not separate from the group at any time. When free time is scheduled, always travel in groups of at least three.
10. Always practice good citizenship. Be aware that you are representing not only yourselves, your families, and the Music Department, but also Wooster High School, and the State of Ohio.
11. Students are responsible for reading and following all guidelines as established in this trip handbook. Return the Pledge Form promptly.

## **BUS POLICIES**

1. Radios, Walkmans, etc. may only be used with headphones. You are responsible for these on the trip.
2. You are responsible for keeping the bus clean. Food and beverages are allowed for only as long as you handle them responsibly. No coolers are allowed.
3. Stay in your seat while the bus is moving unless instructed otherwise by a chaperone or the bus driver.
4. Please use the bus restroom only for emergencies. Plan to use the facilities at various stops on the way and before departures.
5. Keep noise on the bus to a reasonable level so as not to disturb the driver and those around you.
6. Before entering the bus, check in with the chaperone at the door.
7. All movies must carry less than an R rating. Movie selection will be subject to approval by the Director.
8. Our approximate arrival time in Wooster will be broadcast on WQKT FM, 104.5, on the day we return, about 2 hours before estimated arrival.
9. Each student is permitted one medium-size suitcase in the baggage compartment and one small carry-on travel bag on the bus with you.
10. Your suitcase will be transported in the lower compartment, and will not be available to you during travel. Keep any items you will need during the bus ride in your carry-on bag.
11. All luggage must be marked clearly on the outside with your name, and Wooster High School, Wooster, Ohio. Put your name, address and phone number on a piece of paper the inside of the luggage.

## CLOTHING

1. You will need outer clothing appropriate for the “Windy City” and/or rain. Imagine how cold it will be on top of the Hancock Center, facing Lake Michigan!
2. No old, ragged jeans or inappropriate T-shirts are to be worn. For Friday, Saturday evening and Sunday, clothes will conform to school dress code. A chaperone or director will ask you to change if these items are worn.
3. Dress for Saturday will be choir shirts, black pants, dark shoes and socks. You can change into casual clothes after we return to the hotel before dinner on Saturday.
4. Please look your best at all times. You are an “ambassador” for our community. Your common sense will determine appropriate clothing.

### ALSO BRING:

1. Trip Handbook!!!
  2. Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.
  3. Alarm Clock
  4. Photo ID, school ID or driver’s license.
  5. Medications, both prescription and “over-the-counter”.
  6. Money
- Optional: snacks, Walkman, videos, book, journal. (No coolers allowed)

## MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. All students must have an updated Emergency Medical Form (EMS) on file with the Music Department.
2. The Director must be notified in writing prior to departure of any special medical concerts, including information on medications.
3. Emergency Medical forms for each student will be taken on the trip, with each chaperone and the Director having copies.
4. Neither the Director nor the chaperones can dispense medications to students. Students will be responsible for carrying and taking their own prescriptions.
5. Notify a chaperone or the Director if you are not feeling well. In the case of a medical emergency, notify the Director immediately.
6. Please eat intelligently at all meals. You will need to keep up your energy to survive the hectic

schedule. Most illnesses that happen during trips are due to students not eating intelligently. We depend on each other to stay as healthy as possible so we can avoid avoid unnecessary changes to the schedule.

### **HOTEL POLICIES**

1. Students may not leave the hotel without a chaperone.
2. There will be one key available to students for each room. One person will be assigned to be responsible for the key. Chaperones will pick up and distribute the keys, and hold a spare key for each room.
3. Please do not take any “souvenirs” from your room, such as towels. The hotel will contact the school with a list of expenses from each room. Students in the room will cover these costs, and occupants will be billed for any damages in their rooms.
4. All doors must remain open when girls visit boys’ rooms and vice versa.
5. Do not use the telephone in your room except for room-to-room calls. Use pay phones to make any necessary calls. Do not place room service or delivery calls of any kind.
6. It is advisable to leave expensive jewelry and electronics at home. Never leave anything of value in your hotel room while away for the day.
7. Everyone will be in their own rooms at curfew time, with doors shut and locked.
8. The Director reserves the right to change room assignments.
9. Any student who leaves their room after “lights out” will be sent home on the next available transportation at their own expense.

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

1. You will need to bring approximately \$25-35 in cash for the meals that are not included in the trip package.
2. Decide how much additional money you will want to spend on snacks, souvenirs, gifts, etc. There will be some shopping time on Friday.
3. Do not leave money in your hotel room. Purses and backpacks are vulnerable to pickpockets, and not great places to keep your money.

## TOUR REPERTOIRE

### **Concert Choir**

Soon-Ah Will Be Done	Spiritual, arr. Dawson
Soldier, Soldier, Won't You Marry Me	American, arr. De Cormier
Tanzen und Springen	Hans Leo Hassler
See the Gipsies	Zoltán Kodály
Lautrier Priay de Danser	Guillaume Costeley
Dance to Your Daddy	English, arr. McIntosh
Disco Survives!	arr. Teena Chin

### **Jazz Choir**

Java Jive	Drake/Oakland, arr. K. Shaw
Till There Was You	Willson, arr. K. Shaw
My Funny Valentine	Rodgers/Hart, arr. Emerson
Big Band Bash	arr. Mac Huff

## CHAPERONE INFORMATION

1. Check attendance for your group at all meeting & departure times.
2. Wait outside the bus and make visual contact with each assigned student as they enter the bus.
3. Make room and curfew checks. You have the right and responsibility to enter a room and check everything, including bags.
4. If you have what you consider to be a problem concerning a student, please speak to the director as soon as possible.
5. Please remind students of upcoming events, appropriate dress, etc.
6. At check-out, check student rooms for any forgotten items.