

2023 Grand Oaks Choir Spring Trip – New Orleans

Read the information found in this handout thoroughly and contact your director if you need any clarification or have questions. We want this trip to be as enjoyable as possible for all involved.

Friday, March 31, 2023:

Morning Arrival/Bus Loading:

- 6:15 Arrive at Grand Oaks HS (drop off in back at Auditorium)
- 7:00 Depart GOHS to travel to LSU
- 11:30 Arrive at LSU and have lunch on campus
Attend choir rehearsal & briefly tour campus
- 2:00 Depart for New Orleans
- 3:30 Arrive in New Orleans and check into our hotel
- 4:00 Join our tour guide for a walking tour through New Orleans
- 6:00 Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe
- 8:00 Haunted History Ghost Tour followed by Cafe du Monde

Hotel Information

Fairfield Inn and Suites
2710 Severn Ave
Metairie, Louisiana

Saturday, April 1, 2023:

- 7:00 Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 Depart for Swamp Tour
- 11:30 Box Lunch after the swamp tour
- 2:00 Tour of Mardi Gras World
- 4:00 Hotel time to relax
- 7:00 Dinner Jazz Cruise on the Natchez Riverboat

Sunday, April 2, 2023:

- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel and check out
- 10:00 Visit the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas
- 12:00 Lunch at Riverwalk Market (\$20 cash provided for lunch)
- 1:00 Depart for Texas with dinner en-route with arrival expected at 7 pm

Packing List:

- Toiletries: Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair needs
- Medicine (please turn in all medication and information to the nurse by Wednesday through the front office reception area)
- Sock and shoes / flip flops / sandals (lots of walking this trip)
- Choir shirt and school appropriate pants/shorts for Friday to LSU
- Appropriate clothing for Saturday and Sunday (check the weather)
- A more casual/nice outfit for the dinner cruise on Saturday
- Pajamas/lounge clothes for at the hotel
- Sunglasses and hats for when we are outside
- Sunblock (especially if it is going to be sunny)
- Phone charger

Bus Items:

- Small carry on bag or tote
- Books, magazines, music, headphones
- Snacks, screw top drinks
- Pillow and blanket
- Hoodie or jacket if bus is cold
- Charger/ portable charger

Money:

- Lunch at LSU (not covered by trip)
- Dinner Sunday evening
- Extra money for any gifts/souvenirs from places we visit (not required)

We suggest \$50 minimum cash for food and souvenirs and to help with any accidentals that may arise during the trip

Behavior:

- All students are held to an extremely high standard while representing Grand Oaks High School, the GOHS Choir Department, and Conroe ISD
- Students who fail to maintain adequate behavior will face appropriate disciplinary consequences once we return to school
- Certain actions will result in immediate expulsion from choir, without the possibility of rejoining in the future, as well as time in ISS, OSS, or DAEP
- If the issue requires law enforcement, the student will then be under the care of authorities. Parents/guardians will be responsible for traveling to New Orleans to handle the situation and return their student home
- Students are responsible for their behavior at all times, day or night, and the consequences that come out of that behavior/choice
- Drugs, vaping, vulgarity, vandalism, and theft WILL NOT BE TOLERATED by anyone associated with Grand Oaks Choir
- Think several times before you make a decision that could affect our program, yourself, and other students.
- **YOUR SAFETY IS OUR GREATEST IMPORTANCE**

One of our school Assistant Principals will be attending the trip with us. It is up to you to make sure that their trip is enjoyable and they aren't having to be a disciplinarian while traveling. With Mr. Smith being the only choir director attending, we want this weekend to be fun and memorable for all involved.

Thank you students for doing your part by behaving and being mature and responsible while we are away from home.

Thank you parents for speaking honestly with your child about their behavior before they leave your care for the weekend.