

2009 Choir Tour Behavior Expectations

Music is a medium through which the Glory of God is communicated. As a choir member on tour, you are ambassadors for Jesus Christ and Lutheran High School Westland. Others will observe your actions and behavior. Conduct yourself in a way that will leave our hosts with positive impressions.

I look forward to our tour and our time together, and hope that this tour will be remembered as a musical, fun, and a pleasant and rewarding experience for us all. Tour success as a group requires every member to put **group goals** ahead of **individual wants**.

PACKING LIST

- Students may have 1 suitcase and 1 carry-on/backpack. (Chamber singers may also bring/share a garment bag)
- Men: Black shoes (not tennis shoes), black pants, black socks, T-shirt to wear under robes.
- Ladies: Dress shoes (No open toe shoes), black skirt/slacks and blouse for concerts.
- For the elementary schools we will wear blue jeans (no holes or frays, of course) and our tour shirts.
- **NO LAPTOPS and NO PERSONAL VIDEO PLAYERS**

Carry-on items:

- Money for 4 lunches and shopping money
- Snacks
- Personal music player and headphones and chargers
- Magazines, books, your favorite homework assignments
- Pillow
- And let's not forget that 32 card deck of playing cards
- \$3 for bus driver tip

GENERAL CONDUCT

1. **Behavior** Tour is a school-sponsored activity. All school conduct rules are in effect around the clock. School discipline including detentions, suspensions, and expulsion may result if rules are broken during this school trip. Reflect the fruits of the Spirit in all you do and in all your interactions with peers, hosts, and church staff and members.
2. **Be Punctual** The schedule depends on everyone being at the right place on time. Set your own alarm to wake up on time - don't depend on hosts.
3. **Dress** All attire (on the bus, during meals, in host homes) must be **Warrior Wear or better**. No sweats on bus or in church. No T-shirts other than Warrior Wear T-shirts or tour shirts.
4. **Free Time** Always travel in groups of 4 or more. There must be at least one cell phone in each group! Mr. Kwapis' or Mr. Gieschen's cell number must be programmed in that phone.
5. **Your Belongings** Keep track of your luggage. Clean up after yourself (wherever you are- bathroom, bus, changing room)
6. **Medication.** Members should not give any medication (even Tylenol) to others or take medication from others. Prescription medications (other than inhalers) should be labeled and given to the chaperones for distribution at the proper times.
7. **Bus** Don't move people's things without asking. Be courteous to the bus driver. Greet him cheerfully and thank him often. Keep the bus clean - that will make his daily cleaning easier. We will collect \$3 from each member to give the driver a collective tip at the end of the tour.
8. **NO PDA** (I'm not talking Blackberries) from couples, **NO DATING** - if you weren't a couple before tour - don't be a couple by the end of tour.
9. **NO DRUGS, NO ALCOHOL** Personal belongings may be searched at any time by a chaperone. Anyone in possession or using drugs or alcohol will be sent home at his or her parents' expense and be subject to school disciplinary procedures - possibly expulsion for drug use at a school event.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CONDUCT

1. Be quiet and respectful when in the LORD'S HOUSE. Take off your hats in sanctuary.
2. Don't stand on, rest your feet on, or climb over pews. Don't play with church furnishings.
3. NO FOOD - Only water in sanctuary.
4. Clean up for dinner (no t-shirts, shirts tucked in, no sweat pants)

CONCERT CONDUCT

1. If for any reason you are unable to perform, you must tell a chaperone or Mr. Kwapis ASAP!
2. No gum chewing when rehearsing or performing.
3. Avoid little things like scratching your nose or fixing hair which can distract the audience.
4. Keep hairstyles neat and out of your face. Men- be clean-shaven for every performance.
5. Every concert is important. Remember that each time we sing, it is the first time a particular audience has heard our program. Each concert should be as if it were the one and only. Stand tall, be excited, involved, intense, and SMILE!

AFTER THE CONCERT

1. As quickly as possible, change from concert dress, if instructed to do so.
2. Go to designated meeting place for housing assignments and instructions. When housing assignments are being made, PLEASE be quiet and attentive!
3. Always know your return time for the next morning before leaving for the night.

HOME STAYS

1. Be responsive when your hosts want to visit with you, it is part of why they have opened their home to you- be prepared to share yourself and your talents. However, don't be afraid to request to go to sleep when you really need to.
2. Go to sleep by 12:00 midnight - do not disturb your host family.
3. Don't expect anything special- they're doing this for free.
4. Clothes worn in host's homes should be Warrior Wear or better.
5. Make your bed and leave your room as or better than you found it.
6. NEVER FORGET TO LEAVE A THANK-YOU NOTE!!!!!! (get one from Thank-You Note crew)

HOTEL

1. Be in your assigned room at specified times and respect lights out.
2. Do not move furniture.

CELLPHONES (Includes texting)

1. No cell phones during group times - rehearsals, church, concerts, church meals
2. Choir members may make or receive calls during free time or on the bus
3. Know the difference between free time (phones allowed) and work time (no phones).
4. Mr. Gieschen will be chaperoning. His cell- for emergencies only -is 734-732-9196 (no texts)
5. If a member violates this policy, the phone will be taken and the choir member will have limited use of the phone during the remainder of the trip.

AGREEMENT

The parent/guardian and the Choir Member signatures indicate that they have read the above policies and agree to obey the policies.

Student signature

Parent Signature

3/16/09

Date