

OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL "TROJAN" MARCHING BAND
RULES, REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND TRIP TIPS
FLORIDA TRIP 2015

Because of the nature of this trip and the responsibilities involved, there will be rules, regulations, and guidelines governing all of the student activities during the course of the tour. These will be necessary to make the experience both pleasant and successful. Anyone failing to abide by these guidelines will have to suffer the consequences. These could result in school disciplinary action, expulsion from further band activities, and/or a call to the parents indicating that their student will be sent home on a flight at the student's/family's expense.

GUIDELINES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR TRIP

1. All OHS Student Handbook and OHS Band Handbook rules and regulations determining student conduct will be in effect.
2. Students must follow the guidelines listed in itinerary.
3. Students must abide by all curfews. No one will be allowed to leave his or her room after curfew. Girls and boys are not to be in each other's rooms AT ANY TIME.
4. Altering room assignments or having unauthorized people in your room is prohibited.
5. Students must stay with the group. Students are expected to travel to and from Florida with the group. Extenuating circumstances may occur in which permission by the director(s) for students to be released to their legal guardian be granted but only in the case where a parent or legal guardian submits a signed permission slip prior to trip departure and director permission is granted.
6. No unauthorized outsiders will be permitted to travel with the group or participate in band activities.
7. Do not use the hotel phone for ANY phone calls! Room to room and cell phone calls and texts must cease at midnight.
8. Visiting or music/TV above reasonable volume levels won't be permitted.
9. Only personal entertainment devices (*with headphones*) will be allowed on the trip.
10. Follow the rules of the hotel, particularly in the recreational facilities. Remember, we are not the only guests in the hotel.
11. Each room will be assigned a chaperone. That person will be your chaperone for the entire trip.
12. Absolutely no use or consumption of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or other illegal drugs will be allowed.
13. Show respect for public and private property at all times.
14. Show respect for each other, chaperones, other band members, our hosts, and other visitors.
15. Be responsible for all personal and school-owned property, as well as the property of others.
16. No inappropriate display of affection between individuals.
17. No unauthorized participation in activities that might be detrimental to ones or another's life or physical welfare.
18. Avoid any conduct that may be detrimental to the performance or the reputation of the "Trojan Band" or Owosso High School.

BUS RULES INCLUDE:

1. No smoking by anyone.
2. No sitting on the arms of seats.
3. No using items which would cause a mess or irritate others.
4. No loud shouting or use of abusive or inappropriate language.
5. Keep feet off of seats.
6. Deposit all garbage in appropriate containers.
7. Keep all personal items stored in the upper storage racks and keep them organized.
8. Do not adjust the windows.
9. Keep flip-up trays closed when not in use.
10. Do not leave personal items, such as purses or other valuables unattended.
11. Keep the restroom clean.
12. Snacks and small coolers will be permitted on the bus. Remember to avoid creating a mess.
13. Anyone who does not abide by the bus rules will be assigned a particular seat and/or be subject to other disciplinary action.
14. Night time travel is for sleeping (11:00 – 7:00)
15. Remember, during the trip we will be sharing our quarters with others. It is important to keep in mind the comforts of everyone and not just your own.
16. We will make regular rest stops during the trip. (Approximately every 2 hours)
17. OVERNIGHT TRAVEL ON BUSES WILL REQUIRE SAME SEX SEATING - TIME ANNOUNCED IN ITINERARY.
18. ALL MOVIES WILL NEED PRIOR APPROVAL BY DIRECTORS BEFORE BEING SHOWN (THIS INCLUDES PERSONAL DEVICES AS WELL)

THE ABOVE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO HAVE A TROUBLE FREE EXPERIENCE. THESE RULES ARE NOT DESIGNED TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM HAVING A GOOD TIME, BUT ARE PRACTICAL REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW THE BAND TO BEST REPRESENT OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL AND OUR COMMUNITY, AND STILL PROTECT THE WELFARE OF ALL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED.

OTHER TRIP TIPS

1. Make sure that your signed commitment and medical release forms are updated and turned in.
2. Be sure to take along phone numbers where you can reach parents and/or guardians in case of emergency.
3. Be sure that you have medications turned in with COMPLETE information prior to the trip. Students may not have their own medication, it will be distributed by their chaperone. Students who do not follow this may face severe consequences.
4. If you bring cameras and film, it's cheaper to buy film at home. Avoid leaving such items unattended.
5. If you bring a cell phone, don't forget to bring the charger!

WHAT TO TAKE

1. Luggage should be tagged for easy identification and limited to ONE small suitcase and ONE carry-on bag per person (we will provide tags).
2. The carry-on bag (tagged!) should contain whatever is needed for both the bus ride and the water park (swim suit, personal hygiene items, etc.)
3. Be sure to bring sun-screen of 15 SPF or higher and pack that with your swimsuit!
4. Generally, pack casual, but neat attire – the temperature can vary greatly from day to day, so please plan appropriately (bring a sweatshirt). Remember, enough clothes for 6 days plus one emergency set of clothes.
5. Work with your roommates to try to pack some items together.
6. Be sure you have marching uniforms in their labeled garment bags. Have them cleaned, pressed, and fitted properly. Uniforms will be transported to Florida by a trailer and truck provided by the boosters. **Please bring your uniform in the garment bag to school on Monday or Tuesday March 7th or 8th.** *You will not need your concert uniform.* You will not have access to the garment bags until the parade!
7. Be sure all instruments are properly cleaned, tagged and packed. (**YOU WILL NEED BOTH YOUR MARCHING INSTRUMENT AND CONCERT INSTRUMENT.**) Everyone will be responsible for their own instrument(s), luggage and equipment. **Concert and symphony bands should share tubas, baritones, bari saxes, french horns**– bring your own mouthpiece/reeds. Supervisors will be assigned for loading purposes, but not to handle and carry the equipment.
8. Luggage tags will be available and are to be filled out and attached to each item –personal and school-owned.
9. Bring enough money for souvenirs, snacks and other personal items. (Use your best judgement, but \$100-200 should suffice)
10. You must pack a lunch for the first leg of the trip. The band boosters will provide water at the start of the trip. If you prefer a different beverage, please understand that you may **only bring a beverage in a sealed can.**
11. Bring a pillow for sleeping on the bus. Also, you might need a small blanket as it gets cold on the bus. (Especially at nighttime.)

REMEMBER, ALL MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED. SOME ARE “FAMILY STYLE” AND OTHERS ARE CASH BACK. ALL MEALS ARE PAID FOR AS PART OF THE TRIP PRICE. MONEY OR MEAL TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT DESIGNATED TIMES.

WE MUST HAVE AN UPDATED MEDICAL RELEASE FORM TURNED IN TO THE BAND OFFICE BEFORE LEAVING.

CONTACT MISS SCHLGEL, MR. STERK, OR MR. TOLRUD FOR ANY OTHER NEEDS OR CONCERNS.

LET'S ALL DO WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!!