



SLEHS CHOIRS

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NYC TRIP 2023

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Dear SLEHS Choir Parents,

The South Lyon East High School Vocal Music Department is presently planning a four-day trip to New York City from May 25-28, 2023. This trip is organized to provide musical, cultural, educational, and of course fun experiences. I've led many similar trips in the past, and it has been a blast! I hope that all choir students will want to be a part of this very exciting trip. The itinerary is listed on the back of this page.

The projected final cost for this trip will be about \$950 for students and parent-chaperones, with the exact, final cost being determined by the number of people going on the trip. We sincerely would like to provide the opportunity for every choir student in the East Choirs to participate in this wonderful trip. We will be having fundraisers during the fall and winter seasons to help offset expenses. The goal of these fundraisers is to give every student the ability to raise the funds needed to travel with us to New York City. Since this is a performance tour, we are hoping to have all the choir students attend the trip so our choirs can perform at our full strength and very best. Much more importantly, we don't want to leave anyone behind!

A \$200 non-refundable deposit per person will be needed to secure a spot on the trip. All deposits must be received by Nov. 2, 2022. I have included the estimated payment schedule on the back of this page.

For the safety of all our students, school board policy states that all overnight chaperones must have a background check on file with the school district that is updated each year. Even though chaperones will need to pay \$90 upfront to complete the background check paperwork, this fee will be applied to your final payment. Chaperones that have already gone through this process still have to pay the full price of the trip.

I sincerely hope that your child will be able to take part in our performance tour of New York City this year. It truly will be a wonderful experience! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Darel Middaugh

Important Information/Policies

- Due to prepaid transportation, events, and hotel reservations, payments cannot be returned. If a student or chaperone cannot attend the trip for any reason, it is suggested that he/she try to

find a replacement for his/her spot.

- We will be traveling by motor coach buses, which limits the number of participants. Turn in your deposit early to ensure your spot on the trip. We will not open up the second bus until we have the first bus full, plus half of the second bus filled - 80 total participants. The first 52 deposits received will be guaranteed a spot on the trip. Note: if we do not have enough chaperones, we will have to cancel the trip.
- Reservations will not be official until I receive your initial deposit on or before Nov. 2. At that time, you will be fully responsible for all subsequent payments.
- Chaperones may only be parents or guardians of students. An extra charge will be applied for a chaperone and their child that would like to stay in a private room together, otherwise rooms will include 4 students or 2 chaperones.
- Payments must be made by Check or Money Order to: **S.I.N.G. East**.
- All Payments need to be submitted to Mrs. Hogan or myself in an envelope with your student's name & "NYC Trip" labeled on it.
- Students must attend all required choir performances and rehearsals to be eligible to participate in this trip. See choir calendar for required dates.
- Students must pay the choir fee before any money can be applied towards the trip.
- Students caught breaking school rules on the trip may be required to be picked up by parents.

Payment Schedule

- Nov. 2 – Non-refundable check DEPOSIT of \$200 due
 - Dec. 21 – Required non-refundable payment of \$350 due
 - Feb. 15 – Required non-refundable FINAL payment of approximately \$350 due
- *Fund Raising credits may be used towards any of these payments.

Tentative Itinerary

Details as of 10/3/22. Subject to change as the tour is finalized.

Thursday, May 25th

- Board motorcoach bus, lunch en route
- Arrive in NYC around 6:30pm
- Dinner - Ellen's Stardust Diner
- Top of the Rock Observation Deck, Rockefeller Center
- Check in at hotel: Hampton Inn Ridgefield Park, NJ

Friday, May 26th

- Broadway Classroom Workshop
- Bus tour of NYC
- Hard Rock Cafe
- Broadway Show: ???

Saturday, May 27th

- Times Square/5th Ave./Madison Ave shopping
- Public Performance in the Madison Avenue Sculpture Garden Atrium
- National September 11 Memorial and Museum
- Staten Island Ferry with the Statue of Liberty
- South Street Seaport

Sunday, May 28th

- Board motorcoach bus, lunch and dinner en route
- Motorcoach bus home - arrive 10:30 p.m.