

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTERA

2023 SPRING WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP INFORMATION

- DATES:** April 13-16, 2023
- TRIP FEES:** \$988 per student
All fees need to be paid in full to Super Holiday Tours
(<https://superholiday.groupcollect.com/go/hhso30152-23>)
- LODGING:** Holiday Inn Express
10327 Fairfax Blvd
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703) 359-2888
- BUS LINE:** American Coach
- EDUCATIONAL CONTENT:** Performance at the Jefferson Memorial
Meet and observe a string trio from the U.S. Air Force Strolling Strings
Observe the National Symphony Orchestra
- MEDICAL CARE:** If an illness or emergency arises that cannot be handled by the staff and/or chaperones, the student will be taken to the nearest emergency clinic or hospital. Complete the Medical History Permission and Release Form so we can reach you if needed.
- ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION MUST BE CHECKED IN WITH A CHAPERONE IN THE ORCHESTRA ROOM DURING THE 4:30AM CHECK-IN PRIOR TO OUR DEPARTURE AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS PRESCRIBED. All medication must be in original containers and in a bag with the student's name clearly labeled. We want to make sure your prescription instructions are clearly understood.**
Please email Mr. Mori with detailed instructions regarding prescription medications for your child.
- WHAT TO BRING:** Instrument (To be left in assigned area of the Orchestra room on Wednesday April 12th for packing on the bus), **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure your instrument is placed in the area for loading! BE SURE YOUR INSTRUMENT CASE HAS YOUR NAME ON IT.** Plan on bringing comfortable clothing. Comfortable shoes, jeans, socks, toiletries; casual nice. **Don't forget your inhaler and any medications. Mark all items with your name.**
- DO NOT BRING:** Expensive jewelry, valuables of any kind, and gaming systems are not recommended. Any items you bring will be at your own risk. Each room in the hotel has an iron, ironing board, alarm clock/radio and hair dryer. **The Harrison High School/Cobb County School District Dress Code will be strictly enforced.** If you cannot/should not wear it to school, please do not bring it on the trip!

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ATTIRE FOR PERFORMANCE: The dress for the Performance at the Jefferson Memorial will be **khaki pants and trip shirt**

LUGGAGE LIMITS: One **(1)** suitcase and one **(1)** **SMALL** carry-on backpack or bag. **OPTIONAL:** a **small** cooler or insulated bag for drinks/snacks that will **fit under your bus seat**. All your bags should have a luggage tag with your name and the school's address. It's a long bus ride. Bring pillows and a blanket as the bus tends to get cold. **REMEMBER: You are responsible for carrying ALL of your own luggage and equipment. Bring breakfast with you as we will not stop for breakfast. We will stop for lunch on our way to Washington D.C. Be sure to have comfortable clothing with you on the bus. You will NOT have access to your suitcase until we check-in at the hotel on Thursday evening after dinner.**

MONEY: Students will need additional money for lunch en route to Washington D.C. and lunch and dinner en route back to Harrison HS. All other meals have been included. There are optional shopping opportunities and you may bring additional spending money. You are the best judge on how much money you will need for incidental expenses: extra snacks/food and souvenirs. Room Charges are NOT permitted.

PHONE CALLS: No outside phone calls from the hotel room phones. Calls to home or relatives are to be made from mobile devices.

SAFETY ISSUES:

- 1.) Each student will be given Emergency Contacts with their chaperone names and numbers. They should keep this on their person for the entire time during the trip for emergency purposes.
- 2.) The following number of adults will be traveling with the students: 1 Director and 8 Chaperones. This is a 1:7 adult to student ratio.
- 3.) Bus seating will have same gender sign-ups. Students are asked to sit in the **SAME SEAT EACH TIME THE BUSES LOAD**. This will assist us in identifying any missing students quickly.
- 4.) For the duration of the trip, **ALWAYS HAVE ALL OF YOUR BELONGINGS IN YOUR POSSESSION! DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING LYING AROUND AND EXPECT IT TO BE THERE WHEN YOU RETURN!** Also, be sure your purses, backpacks, etc. are closed and close to your body. Wallets should be kept in front pockets to avoid pickpockets. There is a safe in each hotel room and we recommend students to leave their valuables in the safe.

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Packing List for Washington D.C.:

- **Uniform**
Khaki pants and Orchestra Trip Shirt
- **Rain Gear** – Ponchos, umbrella, rain jacket, etc.
- **Jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts**
- **PJs** – bring something appropriate for anyone to see, in case of emergency and you need to go out of your room – must meet school dress code.
- **Walking shoes/boots, socks** – VERY IMPORTANT. We will be walking a lot in Washington D.C.
- **Toiletries** (DEODORANT, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste)
- **Snacks for bus ride** – no peanuts, tree nuts, or cinnamon please.
- **Book Bag/Pillow/Blanket for bus** – the bus can get COLD!
- **Cell phone with charger** – Please borrow a cell phone if you don't have one.
- **Instrument**
- **Extra set of strings, rosin, rock stop-** have rosin, good bow hair! Strings that aren't old!
- **Medical Insurance Card**

Bring only **one (1) suitcase marked with your name in addition to your Harrison Orchestra luggage tag** and one (1) **carry-on marked with your name in addition to your instrument**. You are personally responsible for seeing that your instrument is loaded and **marked with your name**. Cellos and Basses will be assigned to individual students.

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HARRISON ORCHESTRA TRAVELING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This is a Cobb County field trip. All Cobb County Policies, Rules, and Regulations, as well as any and all additional Harrison High School rules apply. Students are expected to exemplify responsible behavior at all times. Trip participants represent their families, our community at Harrison, Cobb County, and the state of Georgia.
2. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or use of illegal non-prescription drugs and/or smoking/vaping of any kind will not be tolerated and will cause immediate dismissal from the orchestra and the trip. In addition, law enforcement will be involved in determining any and all additional consequences as deemed necessary by the law.
3. Smoking, vaping, or consuming chewing tobacco products will not be tolerated while on orchestra trips and will cause immediate dismissal from the orchestra and the trip.
4. Orchestra members will not be permitted in any other room than their own. No unauthorized persons will be allowed to visit at any time.
5. No boys are permitted on girls' floors or in girls' rooms. No girls are permitted on boys' floors or in boys' rooms.
6. Students are expected to behave at all times. You are representing Harrison High School, Kennesaw, Georgia, and your families. The Orchestra Director will deal with anyone deemed guilty of gross misbehavior or misconduct.
7. Young adults DO NOT roughhouse or damage property. As Harrison High School Orchestra members you are not only a reflection of Harrison High School, but the community as well. Students are expected to leave spaces better than they found them. Parents and students will be held responsible for paying for any property damage or lost room keys (where applicable).
8. **All** students are expected to participate in **all** orchestra activities at **all** times.
9. No food, glasses, silverware or dishes are to be taken from a meal service area at any time.
10. Shirts, shoes, and other appropriate apparel are to be worn at all times.
11. Rooms are to be locked at all times.
12. Windows are to be closed and locked at all times.
13. There will be **NO** breaking in line at any eating facility.
14. Courtesy to others is expected at all times.
15. All school rules will be strictly enforced. Any infraction of these rules will be dealt with by the director and the

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school authorities.

16. Extreme caution is advised with strangers. Do not leave our group. Never give out your room number. Do not go anywhere with strangers.
17. You must follow all instructions regarding activities. There will be **NO swimming** at any time.
18. All students should realize that for the duration of the trip, any personal desires, uniqueness of character, or other individualities must be considered secondary to the traits that facilitate large group control and management.
19. You are completely responsible for your belongings. Do not expect anyone else to unload or carry your baggage and/or equipment. Have all luggage and instruments clearly marked with your required baggage tag.
20. Under no circumstances will students be permitted to leave their designated area or bus except when with the entire group or at the discretion of the Director. Any students found leaving the premises without permission from the Director will be dealt with severely.
21. Profanity is NOT a part of the Harrison Orchestra Program. Make sure that your language is NEVER offensive at any time while in the orchestra.
- 22. ORCHESTRA MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE
AT THE RIGHT PLACE,
AT THE RIGHT TIME,
IN THE RIGHT UNIFORM,
WITH ALL OF THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT - READY TO GO!**
23. The Orchestra Director reserves (at their discretion) the right to dismiss and send home (at parent's expense) any student who violates the rules and/or whose general conduct and attitude towards the trip and its participants is determined to be detrimental to the rest of the group.
24. All rules of conduct were written with the individual safety of each student & group decorum in mind. Every precaution will be taken to ensure adequate supervision. Students are expected to comply with the requests of adult chaperones to ensure the safety and well being of everyone. Please stress this when discussing out-of-town trips with your son or daughter.

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April 13-16, 2023

Thursday April 13, 2023 (TRAVEL DAY)

Plan on having comfortable clothes with you on the bus. You won't see your suit case until you get to your hotel room in the evening after dinner. Bring your own breakfast that can be consumed on the bus. We will not stop for food until lunch.

4:30 am	Report time to Orchestra Room and Check-In
5:00 am	Load Buses
5:30 am	Depart Harrison HS for Washington D.C.
12:30 pm	Lunch Stop in Durham, NC
1:30 pm	Depart for Washington D.C.
5:00 pm	Arrive in D.C. at Hard Rock Café for Dinner
7:00 pm	Illuminated Memorials Bus Tour
10:00 pm	Depart for Hotel
10:30 pm	Arrive at: Holiday Inn Express 10327 Fairfax Blvd Fairfax, VA 22030
11:30 pm	Room Check & LIGHTS OUT

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Friday, April 14, 2023 (Performance at Jefferson Memorial)

Dress in casual clothing and pack your performance clothes on the bus and bring a change of clothes if you'd like to change.

6:30 am	Chaperones Wake Up Rooms
7:00 am	Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 am	Load Bus with Instruments and Depart for Jefferson Memorial
9:00 am	Arrive at the Jefferson Memorial
10:00 am	Performance at the Jefferson Memorial
11:00 am	Depart for Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum Eat Boxed Lunch on Bus en route
11:30 am	Arrive at Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum
2:00 pm	Load Bus and Depart for Arlington Cemetery
5:00 pm	Load Bus and Depart for The Magic Gourd Restaurant
5:30 pm	Dinner at the Magic Gourd Chinese & Asian Cuisine
7:15 pm	Depart for Kennedy Center
8:00 pm	Observe the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center
10:00 pm	Load Bus and Depart for Hotel
10:30 pm	Arrive at Hotel
11:00 pm	Room Check & LIGHTS OUT

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Saturday April 15, 2023 (Tour Day)

6:30 am	Chaperones Wake Up Rooms
7:00 am	Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 am	Load Bus and Depart for the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Band Building
8:30 am	Arrive and go through Base Security Check
9:00 am	Performance by the U.S. Air Force Strolling Strings' Trio
10:00 am	Load Bus and Depart for U.S. Capitol
10:15 am	Arrive and walk from Peace Circle to U.S. Visitors Center
10:45 am	Line up for Security Check
11:20 am	Timed Admission to U.S. Capitol Tour
1:00 pm	Lunch in Capitol Visitor Center Café w/meal voucher
1:45 pm	Group Photo at steps. Walk to U.S. Supreme Court building.
2:00 pm	Explore Smithsonian Museums
4:45 pm	Load Coaches and Depart for Buca Di Beppo
5:15 pm	Dinner at Buca Di Beppo
7:00 pm	Load Bus and Depart for Kennedy Center
7:30 pm	Performance by Terje Isungset Ice Quartet
10:15 pm	Load Bus and Depart for Hotel
10:45 pm	Arrive at Hotel
11:30 pm	Room Check & LIGHTS OUT

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Sunday April 16, 2023 (TRAVEL DAY)

Plan on having comfortable clothes with you on the bus. You won't see your suit case until you get to your hotel room in the evening after dinner. Bring your own breakfast that can be consumed on the bus. We will not stop for food until lunch.

6:30 am	Chaperones Wake Up Rooms
7:00 am	Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 am	Depart for Harrison HS
	Lunch en route (Not included)
	Dinner en route (Not included)
11:30 pm	Approximate Arrival back at Harrison HS

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Student/ Parent Consent Form

I have read the trip packet for the 2023 Washington D.C. Trip. I understand the trip requirements, expectations, rules regarding behavior, and have read over the Cobb County School District Overnight IFCB-6 Permission Form. I am aware that should an incident occur deemed by the orchestra director severe enough that it warrants sending my child home, I am responsible for all transportation (including air fare) for my child and an accompanying chaperone. I am also aware that **NO REFUND** will be given if my child is removed due to a Cobb County School District policy being broken. In addition, if any student becomes ill with a contagious virus on the trip, the student's parents will be contacted and may be asked to meet us in order to take the student home immediately in order to keep the health and well-being of the group. Any student enrolled in the full-year of orchestra class is eligible. Students must be currently active in the program when the trip occurs and must be in good standing with the school and organization. Students must maintain exemplary grades and conduct throughout the school year to be permitted to participate in this event.

ALL SCHOOL RULES ARE IN EFFECT FROM THE TIME YOUR CHILD LEAVES HARRISON UNTIL THEY RETURN FROM THE TRIP.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____