

## TRAVEL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Introductions
  - a. Travel committee members: Suzi Ericksen, Sharon Felser, Heidi Martin, Laurie Ivey, & Lisa Bassow-Scheve (along with Alenka Han & Terrie Tyree)
- II. Trip Details
  - a. Traveling by Coach Bus
  - b. Hotel: Doubletree in Albuquerque
  - c. Dates: Departing Denver Wednesday, March 6; Returning Sunday, March 10 (which, unfortunately, is the start of Daylight Savings Time)
  - d. Travel times and departure/return location: expected 8 hour drive; leaving from DSA; kids need to bring sack lunch to eat on bus ride down; we will order sack lunches for return trip.
  - e. No students are permitted to drive themselves to Albuquerque. We are looking into the possibility of students traveling down with their parents, but because the bus fee is fixed, we will not be able to deduct the bus cost from a student's total trip cost for those students who ride down with parents.
  - f. Conference location: Albuquerque Convention Center
  - g. Hotel is within walking distance of convention center
- III. Cost/Budget
  - a. Estimated cost per student is \$1023 + ~\$125 for food for HS; \$1020 + ~\$125 for food for MS
  - b. Budget breakdown
  - c. Cost is per student for quad room; we are looking into possibility of giving kids option of paying more for a triple or double room instead. Costs then would be roughly \$205 more per student for a double room; \$70 more per student for a triple room. But, we would need commitment to room occupancy by end of October to ensure we can secure sufficient # of rooms.
- IV. Performance Schedule
  - a. HS: Performing on Thursday afternoon at 3. Practice at 2; Clinic at 4.
  - b. MS: Performing on Friday afternoon at 2. Practice at 1; Clinic at 3.
  - c. MS will be practicing at the Doubletree on Thursday morning. BRING STANDS!
- V. Activities
  - a. Not included in current cost estimates
  - b. Time is limited, but we hope to be able to do some activities in the mornings
  - c. Options: Albuquerque zoo and aquarium; Sandia Tramway; Old Town and Rattlesnake Museum; and (my personal favorite) The National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. Note: None of these activities cost more than \$25, and most are closer to \$15
  - d. New Mexican dinner – probably Friday night
- VI. Trip Rules
  - a. Go over rules from last year
  - b. These are NOT the final rules. Rules will be amended and updated as needed as trip approaches, and will not be finalized until they are approved by DPS. Final rules will be shared in weeks before trip. *All* students traveling with us and their parents *must* then sign and return trip rules.

- c. Violations of rules will result in consequences, up to your student being immediately sent home at your expense. DPS personnel traveling with us will have final authority on punishing rule infractions.
- VII. Additional Chaperone Needs
- a. Estimate need 1 chaperone for every 8 middle schoolers
  - b. Estimate need 1 chaperone for every 10 high schoolers
  - c. We'd like the chaperones to represent a balance of grade levels, experience, and gender (we had 3 dads with us last year, and it was very helpful!)
  - d. Chaperones pay ½ the cost charged per student. So, about \$562 + food costs
  - e. Please send an email to Terrie or Alenka if you're interested. We'll forward to the rest of the travel committee.
- VIII. Non-chaperone ASTA attendees
- a. Because ASTA is in Albuquerque, we recognize some parents and family may choose to drive down to see the kids perform
  - b. Attending students will each receive 2 complimentary National Orchestra Festival passes with which parents can gain admission to the MS or HS performance, the award ceremony, and the winner's concert. The passes do not include admission to the ASTA exhibit hall.
  - c. If want to take your child out for dinner, etc. (assuming the activity doesn't not interfere with rehearsal or performance time), you **MUST** sign out your child *in person* with Terrie Tyree. Terrie will let your child's chaperone know that your child is with you.