

BERKNER HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL – CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
April 20-April 23, 2018
INFORMATION PACKET

While on the trip, you may contact us at
Port Royal Ocean Resort, Port Aransas PHONE: **800-242-1034**

Enclosed you will find a general outline of our trip to Corpus Christi. If you need any additional information, contact Mr. Needham at school, 469.593.7028 or craig.needham@risd.org or Mr. Council at douglas.council@risd.org. The group will be chaperoned at all times during the trip. Student security while on the trip is a major concern of the chaperones. Adults attending the trip are:

Mr. and Mrs. Needham
Ms. Sabrsula
Mrs. Thornton
Mr. Council
Ms. Lied
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Mitchell
Mr. MacNeil
Mr. Gunter, BHS Assistant Principal

In case of *sudden illness or accident*, medical attention will be promptly obtained and parents will be immediately notified. Only a licensed NURSE or DOCTOR will administer treatment. Medical release forms must be on file before we board the bus.

Students will pay for their own meals on this trip. Students will be responsible for breakfast three days, lunch four days, and dinner three days (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). Please plan on a minimum of ***\$50 cash*** to defray food costs. Please plan your meals in advance; we will be stopping at a supermarket in Corpus Christi upon our arrival. If your appetites or culinary tastes are bigger than this allotment then you should plan to have extra money with you. Additional funds for entertainment and souvenirs will be optional; there will be little opportunity to spend money except for food while we are away. We suggest that students do not carry excessive amounts of cash. Lunch on both of our travel days will be at fast food restaurants.

Suggestions for clothing and packing are in this packet. Please help us keep luggage to a minimum. Take only what you know you will wear. Luggage is limited to one suitcase, one carry-on bag, one personal item (backpack or purse) and your instrument.

Prescription Medications: Please make sure that all meds are in the original bottle with the label attached. If you would like for chaperones to keep the meds and help the students administer them, please request this in writing. Please make sure that all current meds are on the medical release form.

Students who do not act in accordance with the regulations as stated for this trip will be subject to disciplinary action on the school level and sent home immediately. Any decisions necessary along these lines will be made by the orchestra director and school administration. If a student is sent home, he or she will bear the transportation cost and no refund for monies paid for the trip will be given. We plan to have a GREAT time and to conduct ourselves in a manner that will reflect well on our home, school, and community.

Trip Rules

The same rules that apply for the school also apply for this trip. We represent the school, the community, music department, and each family. **Violation of any school rule or trip rule will result in the loss of privileges on the trip. Severe infractions will result in the student's parent being called and notified that the student is being sent home at their expense.**

1. Be certain that you understand the itinerary and follow it at all times. Late arrival for bus departure could result in confinement to room or a chaperone designated area.
2. The chaperones are here to aid, assist and if necessary, discipline you. Treat them with respect, obedience, and courtesy. Any action to the contrary will be dealt with in a serious manner.
3. When the bus makes a stop, do not get off of the bus until instructed.
4. Stay with the group whenever we leave the resort. Do not leave the resort property unless we are leaving for a group function.
5. Nightly room check times are noted on the itinerary. **Do not leave your room for any reason after this time.** "Lights out" is also noted. We will tape room doors.
6. **There will be other guests in the condo. The noise level must be at a minimum.**
7. Always board your own bus and be seated for roll check. Do not change buses. There is a "headphones only" policy on the bus.
8. Boys and Girls may not visit each other's rooms. Anyone caught violating this rule will be sent home at their expense.
9. Any damage to rooms or property will be paid for by the person or persons involved.
10. Do not leave money or valuables in rooms or put them in a safe hiding place.
11. Smoking is not allowed on the trip, including E cigarettes.
12. Refrain from "overt-public-display-of-affection."
13. Drinking or possession of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug will constitute a most severe breach of discipline. The maximum penalty will result, and you will immediately be sent home.
14. Anyone out of their room after curfew for ANY reason will not participate in the next day's fun activities. Think before you decide to give up fun activities with your friends. **You most likely will get sent home for this offense!!!**
15. The directors reserve the right to inspect the student's rooms and luggage without warning if they deem it necessary, and may charge the chaperones to assist.
16. No visitors will be allowed that are not a part of our group. Do not associate with people that are not a part of our group. No visits to relatives etc. will be allowed unless the director has given permission prior to departure.
17. The gulf has a strong undertow. Go into water only in pairs and stay within the designated boundaries. Follow chaperone instructions!
18. Water balloons, shaving cream fights and silly string are not permitted in the hotel or on the beach as per local ordinances.
19. You may not incur any charges to your room.

In real life, people are many times "Guilty by Association" – While on this trip, you are under the direct supervision of the directors and designated chaperones. **ALL INFRACTIONS OF RULES WILL BE REPORTED TO A DIRECTOR** as the school representative. If you are aware of narcotics, alcohol, etc. and do not report it, those in the room shared with the guilty person risk being sent home also. Do not place yourself in a position to conceal or endorse illegal activity. All such activities hurt everyone, including your families back home. Don't ruin the trip for others or yourself.

We hope that you perform well, represent BHS and your family in an outstanding manner, and have a great time on our trip!

THE CONDOS HAVE AVAILABLE: A POOL, JACUZZIS, SUN DECKS, COOKING GRILLS, TENNIS AND VOLLEYBALL COURT (you may check out balls at the front desk)

LABEL ALL INSTRUMENT CASES, SUITCASES, CLOTHING BAGS WITH: YOUR NAME, YOUR ADDRESS, YOUR HOME PHONE, BERKNER HIGH SCHOOL, RICHARDSON, TEXAS

WHAT TO WEAR AND WHEN

On buses: jeans or shorts

At Port Royal: any casual wear

Restaurant meals: same as on buses

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:

Casual wear and windbreaker for evenings, swimsuit and beach wear, sunscreen SPF 20 or greater

UNIFORM, INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ BLACK SHOES AND BLACK SOCKS, TUX SHIRT, BOW TIE, AND CUMMERBUND FOR GUYS;
- ✓ FORMAL DRESS, BLACK SHOES (no flip-flops)

SUGGESTIONS FOR MEALS

1. Kitchens are fully equipped with utensils, pots, pans, silverware, dishes, etc.
2. To save money, take salt and pepper, sugar, flour and other staples that you can put in a suitcase.
3. We will stop at a supermarket for shopping. Get with your roommates, plan your meals and make your lists.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SWIMMING AND SUNBURN PREVENTION

- ◆ DO NOT SWIM ALONE. USE THE "BUDDY SYSTEM" AND STAY WITHIN DESIGNATED BOUNDARIES. THE GULF CAN HAVE A STRONG UNDERTOW. IF THERE IS AN UNDERTOW WARNING, STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE WATER.
- ◆ DON'T STAY IN THE SUN OVER TWO HOURS AT A TIME, AND DRINK PLENTY OF LIQUIDS - USE SPF20 OR GREATER SUNSCREEN
- ◆ BRING A SOFT COTTON SWEATSHIRT OR PULLOVER IN CASE YOU BEGIN TO BURN TOO SEVERLY. THIS WILL ENABLE YOU TO STAY OUT LONGER WITHOUT SERIOUS CONCERN FOR YOUR WELL BEING.
- ◆ IF YOU BURN EASILY, TAKE SOLARCAINE OR OTHER SUNBURN OINTMENT
- ◆ BE CAREFUL OF THE JELLYFISH AND PORTUGUESE MAN-O-WAR. IF YOU STEP ON SUCH CREATURES, BE SURE TO GET IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION. THE STING CAN BE DANGEROUS AS WELL AS PAINFUL.
- ◆ REMOVE ALL TAR FROM FEET BEFORE ENTERING CONDOMINIUMS. THERE WILL BE A PENALTY TO PAY FOR TAR ON CARPET.

OTHER BUS INFORMATION

- ◆ CELLOS and BASSES WILL BE THE FIRST ITEMS LOADED ON THE BUS.

Corpus Christi Itinerary 2018

Friday, April 20

8:30 a.m. Two buses spot. Loading crew arrives.
8:45am Arrive at BHS by this time. Drop off luggage and cello/bass by your bus (violins/violas – instruments go on the bus with you). Do not get on the bus! Go to the Orchestra room and wait for further instructions. Lunch stop en route: Waco
5:30pm Approximate arrival in Corpus Christi – make a grocery store stop before proceeding to condominiums for check-in.
7:00pm Approximate arrival at condos, unload (CHECK ROOM, report problems to a director in writing) No beach time today!
8:00pm Unpack, eat dinner, enjoy the pool, and relax!
10:00 pm Pool closes. Quiet hours begins
11:00 pm Room check. No room departures after this point.
12:00 am **Lights Out!**

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Saturday, April 21

8:00 am **Load buses for performances. Don't be late! Music, instrument, uniform?**
9:00 am Philharmonic enters warm-up.
9:30 am Philharmonic performs
10:30 am Symphony performs
After our performances we will return to the condos for an afternoon at the beach! Sunscreen is required!
7:00 pm Beach closes
7:30 pm Dinner in your room. After dinner, enjoy the pool!
8:00-10:00pm Pool time
10:00pm Quiet hours begin
11:00 pm Room check

Sunday, April 22

Breakfast, Lunch on your own. Beach, pool, volleyball, condo time all day!

9:30 am Optional Souvenir Shopping. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m sharp! Meet Mrs. Thornton on the bus on time if you plan to go.
6:00 pm Room check. Beach closes!
7:00 pm Dinner at Funtrackers
8:00-10:00 p.m. The place is ours! Unlimited use of...
Go karts, bumper boats, bumper cars, miniature golf, and video arcade.
10:00 Depart for Condos. Immediate curfew upon arrival. Start packing!
11:00 p.m. **Room check. Chaperones will check each room to see that rooms are prepared for departure.**
12:00 Lights out.

Monday, April 23

7:00 am Rise and shine! Eat, pack, and get ready for room inspections!
8:30 am Room inspections.
9:00am Load buses at condominiums and depart for home. Lunch stop en route: New Braunfels
5:30 pm Approximate arrival back at Berkner High School

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RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE LEAVING ON THE TRIP

WE HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THIS TRIP,

WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL SCHOOL RULES & REGULATIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT
THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TRIP,

WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN A
STUDENT BEING SENT HOME AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS/HER PARENTS.

_____ STUDENT SIGNATURE

_____ PARENT SIGNATURE