

**Klein Collins High School Band & Orchestra Spring Trip
NEW YORK CITY, April 1-5, 2015**

Estimated total cost: \$1,600

Deposit to secure trip package: \$300 due by Sept. 19, 2014 via online pay system on the KC High School website (deposit fully refundable.)

Trip Package Includes

Round-trip flight
Motor coach transportation
One subway ride card
Dedicated tour managers
Four nights lodging in interior corridor hotel in New Jersey
9/11 Memorial and Museum
Brooklyn Bridge
Blue Man Group
Les Miserables on Broadway with Broadway Q&A
Performance on the plaza at Lincoln Center
Rockefeller Center and Fabulous 5th Avenue
Times Square
Chinatown and SOHO
Staten Island Ferry
Central Park
Empire State Building
Madame Tussaud's
The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Breakfast daily at the hotel
Dinner at Mama Sbarro
Dinner at Heartland Brewery
Dinner at Hard Rock Café
Two million dollar liability insurance policy
Name badges with emergency phone numbers
Basic traveler's insurance to cover medical expenses and trip delays
Night-time hotel security

In order for the performance to be viable in our travel time frame, Wind Ensemble members and parents must sign and return the trip agreement form. The band performance will consist primarily of the Wind Ensemble alone, with one selection that includes all band members combined.



Printed Student Name _____ Grade _____

Circle Band: Wind Ensemble Symphonic Concert Varsity Battery Front Ensemble

Because of the timing of the trip, each of the bands will be preparing UIL competition programs and it will not be practical to prepare additional music and rehearsal time for a concert in New York. This means the Wind Ensemble will be performing their UIL program for the primary portion of the concert and there will be one selection from the Concert Band that every band member will perform on stage. Wind Ensemble, Symphonic and Varsity Band members will learn one additional piece of music and we will have one rehearsal prior to the trip. We also plan to have the full orchestra perform on the concert.

The trip will not be possible unless the Wind Ensemble has almost 100% participation. We had 100% Wind Ensemble in 2007 and 2010 when we performed in New York and Chicago and I hope we can do that again to make this trip workable for the band and full orchestra. Percussionists won't know band placement for the spring semester until December / January. However, if you have been a member of the Wind Ensemble at any time in the past, you should consider the possibility you will be in the Wind Ensemble in spring 2015.

The really good news is that since we will not be missing any days of school, there will be no eligibility requirements! Whether or not the students are passing will have no bearing on travel to New York. However, everyone needs to understand we will be in New York over Easter weekend. We will make arrangements for church attendance on Easter, but we will not be able to get every student to their regular denomination service. We will give you more specific information regarding church services prior to financial deadlines.

You will be able to pay the entire trip with credit or debit card at <http://kleincollins.kleinisd.net> . The \$300.00 deposit must be made with credit / debit card by September 19. The remainder of the trip may be paid with fund raising money, with credit in all one payment or in 4 payments online, or you may make one cash / check payment or 4 cash / check payments. After the deposit online payment, we will ask how you plan to pay (so you don't get "bills" from KCHS if you are not paying online or made a single payment.)

We have the following fund raisers coming up: Flags for Labor Day (we only have 35 routes, so this fund raiser is limited); scarf sale beginning the first week of school (unlimited sales) and Express Industries food + sales in October (unlimited – catalogue has gifts items appropriate for the winter holidays.) If we find additional fund raising possibilities, I will let you know how to participate.

Please discuss the trip with your family and take time to determine carefully the feasibility of this opportunity to perform in New York and experience the city in a safe travel group. All band students are allowed to travel to New York, but **Wind Ensemble members must turn in this form by September 5; all other band members by Sept. 19.** In addition, we will need parents willing to chaperone at the rate of one chaperone to no more than 8 students. The cost for chaperones is the same as for students – we do all of the same things and will have all of the same costs.

Our family has discussed the New York trip and are choosing for our son or daughter:

_____ Travel to New York, April 1-5, 2015 and will make arrangements to pay the full amount.

_____ Not able to travel to New York.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

_____ Parent possibly interested in traveling as a chaperone to New York.