

NEW ORLEANS

trip UPDATE

Cox Mill High School Bands

February 6, 2025



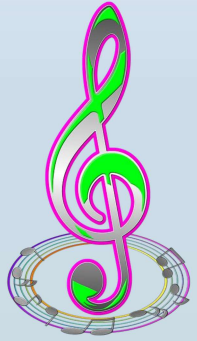
Hilton Riverside New Orleans Two Poydras Street, New Orleans

April 9 – 13, 2025
















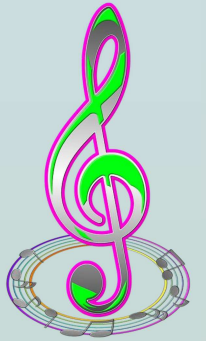
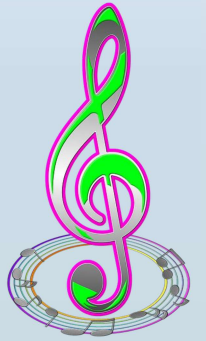
Trip Highlights





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FINAL TRIP FEE

4 person room (quad)	\$964
3 person room (triple)	\$1,072
2 person room (double)	\$1,294
1 person room (single)	\$1,957



All Band fees, concert fees, guard fees & trip fees must be paid in FULL to go on trip!

PAYMENT SCHEDULE



Initial Deposit - Due SEPTEMBER 1st	\$200
2nd Payment - Due October 1st	\$150
3rd Payment - Due November 1st	\$150
4th Payment - Due January 15, 2025	\$150
5th Payment - Due February 14, 2025	\$150

Remaining Balance Due – March 15, 2025

- Quad room final payment \$164
- Triple room final payment \$272
- Double room final payment \$494
- Single room final payment \$1,157

Above listed final payment is contingent upon participant remaining on schedule with payments



<https://charger-bands-cmhs.square.site/shop/2025-band-trip-new-orleans/24>

Folders



COMPLETE & LEAVE HERE **TODAY**:

- Medical Packets - (1) WorldStride & (2) School
- WorldStride Code of Conduct Form –signed/dated
- CMHS Band Information packet – signed/dated last page
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LUGGAGE



- Suitcase to check under bus
 - Deliver to School on April 8th by 7:15 am and place on auditorium stage (to be searched by admin)
- One backpack or small bag for on bus – to be placed under seat or in your lap (will be searched prior to loading bus)
- Instrument
- Can have a blanket on bus – BUT – only one person can use the blanket – no sharing!!

Be sure to have a name tag/luggage tag on each item (luggage, backpack/carryon & instrument case)!!!

Wednesday, April 9

3:45 A.M. Students/Chaperones Arrive at CMHS Band Room

Designated persons load luggage/instruments on buses

Chaperones check student's carry-on bags

4:00 A.M. Roll Call & Instructions

4:15 A.M. Load Buses

4:30 A.M. Depart for New Orleans, LA

8:15 A.M. Arrive Quick Trip, 4086 Pleasantdale Rd, Doraville, GA

bathroom stop and driver change – NO purchases to be made

8:35 A.M. Load Buses

8:45 A.M. Depart Quick Trip, Doraville, GA

11:30 A.M EST/10:30 AM CST Arrive Buc-ee's, Auburn, AL

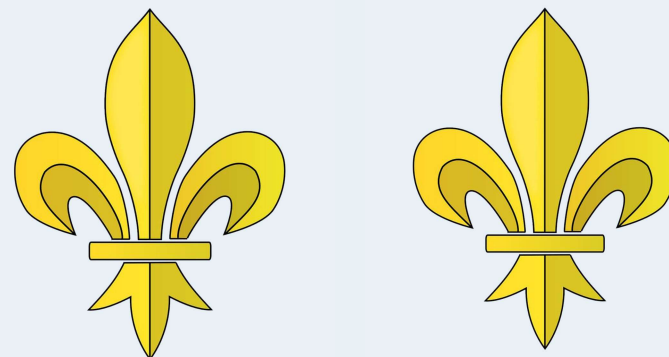
- **Grab & Go Breakfast bags provided most mornings**
- **Full tentative Itinerary in your folder**
- **Chaperones are responsible for assigned group. Assigned groups MUST stay together – no swapping. If your parent, other relative or friends show up , you cannot leave with them and the assigned chaperone is the authority in charge of the group.**

- **TIMELINESS IS IMPORTANT FOR ENTIRE TRIP**

Partial TENTATIVE ITINERARY

(revised 2/17/25)

See Full Itinerary in Packet



Sunday, April 13

****Each person is responsible for their own luggage being loaded on buses**

6:00 A.M. CST WAKE UP!

6:45 A.M. CST – Load buses in front of hotel

Breakfast Grab & Go Bags distributed on bus

7:00 A.M. Depart Hotel/New Orleans, LA

Items NOT covered by Trip Fees:

- Meals enroute to & from New Orleans (Wednesday & Sunday – lunch & dinner)
- Lunch on Thursday & Friday
- Breakfast (Café du Monde) & LSU Dinner on Friday
- Souvenirs, personal incidentals, etc
- Ghost Tour gratuity
- Landry's Dinner gratuity
- Creole Queen Jazz Cruise meal or gratuity (Wed)



Trip Identification:

- Purple SOCM Shirt
- Marching Band Show Shirt (teal)

*shirts will be provided to students

If there are not enough shirts available, student can pack/wear a shirt of same color on designated day

Adults – please try to wear similar colors on designated days

CREOLE QUEEN JAZZ CRUISE

Wednesday (4/9) evening



Private Anonymous Donation covered the cost of the jazz cruise (not meal)!

Each person responsible for own meal – \$10 - \$12 per ala carte item + tax + gratuity– this is your dinner opportunity!! Be prepared for cash & card payments.

Possible Ala Carte Menu:

- House Salad
 - Chicken & Andouille Sausage Gumbo (D,S,W)
 - Louisiana Creole Jambalaya (S,W,D)
 - Cajun Baked Chicken (W,D)
 - Beef Brisket
 - Garlic Mashed Potatoes (D)
 - Shrimp Alfredo Pasta
 - Red Beans & Rice (S)
 - Cajun Green Beans
 - Paddlewheeler Bread Pudding - Best in New Orleans!(D,E,S,W)
 - Dinner Rolls (W,D)
- Allergens: Dairy(D), Wheat (W), Soy (S), Eggs (E), Fish/Shellfish (F)

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SEAFOOD HOUSE

Thursday (4/10) evening

Buffet Style Dinner

Buffet is restricted to our group only

Menu:

- Fried Shrimp
- Pasta Primavera
- Grilled Chicken
- Salad

Meal cost included in trip.

**Each person responsible for own gratuity—
cash!**



GHOST TOUR AFTER DINNER





Friday (4/11) Dinner @ LSU Student Union

Be prepared to use Credit/Debit Card for Payment



Signup
posted in
Band
Room for
Students

2025 New Orleans Saturday, April 12th LUNCH



Menu Selection:

- **Salad** (mixed greens, shred cheese, cranberries, pecans & croutons)
 - Dressings: creamy thousand island, ranch, honey mustard, Italian
 - Add: grilled chicken, grilled shrimp, grilled salmon
 - Grilled salmon served w/pepper jelly vinaigrette dressing
- **Hamburger & Po-boys** (comes dressed w/mayo, lettuce, tomato, pickles) - must request to add cheese; includes fries
 - Hamburger
 - Veggie Burger
 - House Burger - hamburger patty, hot sausage patty, cheese & grilled shrimp on bun
 - Shrimp Po-boy
 - Fish Po-boy
 - Dat Po-boy – combo of fried fish & fried shrimp
- **Wings** - 10 piece (Flavors: golden fried, BBQ, BBQ Spicy, lemon pepper, sweet chili, sweet heat, hot lemon pepper, ghost pepper)
- **Chicken tenders** (4 pieces w/fries)
- **Seafood Platter** (comes w/fries & bread)
 - Fried Fish
 - Fried Shrimp
 - Combo - fried fish & fried shrimp

Everyone will receive a bottle of water with their meal!

Email will be
sent to
chaperones
for meal
selection

Selections
due by
March 5th!

Cost
included in
trip fee



Masquerade Ball theme Awards Banquet @ Mardis Gras World on Saturday, April 12 Food, Dancing, Awards, Fun!

BUFFET-STYLE DINNER MENU:

- Salad Bar
- Pasta Primavera
- Pasta w/Marinara
- Red Beans & Rice
- Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya
- Chicken Strips
- Dinner Rolls
- New Orleans Style Bread
Pudding
- Unlimited Soft Drinks

Dressy casual – no jeans or athletic wear
formal attire optional; masks optional



All Food Allergies or Dietary Restrictions to be reported on your WorldStrides Medical Release Form under “Allergies” or “Other medical conditions.” These allergies & restrictions will be shared with the Mardi Gras World team prior to our departure for the trip.

Cost included in trip fee¹⁶

Sunday, April 13th

Trip Back to CMHS

LUNCH – at Buc-ee’s in Auburn, AL



DINNER – will stop at Pelham 85 Shopping Center in Greenville, SC

- **Suggest Order Online about 30 minutes out from location**
- **Restaurant Selections are Limited due to Time– Selections are:**
 - **McDonalds 864-297-9774**
 - **Viva Chicken 864-987-8183**
 - **Taziki’s Mediterranean Café 864-501-0450**
 - **Moe’s Southwest Grill 864-297-5210**
 - **Jimmy John’s 864-234-0835**
 - **Tropical Smoothie 864-520-8550**
 - **Across Street from Pelham 85 Shopping Center – will need to coordinate a Chaperone walk for pick up**
 - **Panera Bread 864-448-7576**
 - **Taco Bell 864-987-9114**



Make sure you have money for these meals! These are NOT included in trip fees.

Trip & all band fees must be paid in full to load bus!!!

Other Items of Interest:

- Alcohol & Illegal drugs will not to be consumed by ANYONE (that includes Chaperones)
- NO Vapes
- If you leave the band group to visit family/friends in the area, you cannot rejoin the band group (to include the return trip home) – YOU MUST REMAIN WITH THE BAND GROUP (students & chaperones) at all times!!
- NO visits to City Park!
- NO engaging street hustlers!
- No shopping at the Riverwalk Mall unless it is on the itinerary
- NO use of Hotel Pool
- No purchasing or wearing of clothing that is not in keeping with school dress code

CANCELLATION POLICY:

NO REFUNDS at this point.

- Ensemble considerations for Festival have been submitted
- Final payment to the Worldstrides travel company made
- Final payment to Sunway Bus company is due soon
- Contracts for other activities have been entered



THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Follow the schedule... **BE ON TIME!**
2. Be positive and enjoy the activities.
3. Keep your wallet or purse close at hand at all times. Do not rely on others to watch your belongings.
4. Always have a photo ID with you.
5. Stay with your chaperone.
6. If you are on medication, you **MUST** register it with the appropriate chaperone and it **MUST** be designated on the medical forms.



Stay tuned to your emails leading up to the trip for any updates or required actions!



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NOLA Charger Bands REMIND

Text @4ak288

to 810-10

Only for participants going on trip

QUESTIONS?????????



Email: Andrew.Carter@cabarrus.k12.nc.us

OR

Email: communications@chargerbands.org



Documents In Folders

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KEEP: 1 WorldStride Code of Conduct form

WorldStride Respiratory Virus Guidelines

WorldStride Travel Smart Travel Safe Form

New Orleans Trip Restaurant Listing and Things to See

