

December, 2008

Dear Dixie Students and Parents,

Attached please find a trip outline for our very talented Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs to perform in the 37th Annual Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. We have been invited to perform as a youth band in this year's prestigious festival. The educational and performance opportunities are unsurpassed at any other United States jazz festival. Last year, 105,000 fans attended the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. There were 128 bands, including three international groups from Hungary, Canada and Japan. Up to sixteen youth bands are invited to perform in this traditional jazz festival each year.

Our student musicians will have the opportunity to see and hear some of the finest musicians in the world. They will also get to experience the music of many other youth bands from around the United States. There is also an opportunity for our students to perform as quest artists with some of the professional groups. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our students.

The Sacramento Jazz Jubilee has offered to pay our lodging, and part of our airfare throughout our stay. Since Graduation is on May 21, and our flight departs that afternoon, the five underclass students will need to reschedule just the final three May 22nd finals.

Thank you for your continued support of the Arapahoe Band program.

Sincerely,

Ed Cannava
Director of Bands

**ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL DRY CREEK DIXIE DAWGS
SACRAMENTO TRIP**

**MAY 21-25, 2009
Sacramento, California**

General Information

- Purpose:** The Arapahoe High School Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs have been invited as one of only a select number of U.S. youth bands to perform in the 37th Annual Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. Approximately 105,000 fans and over 125 bands will be in attendance at this festival. Our student musicians will have the opportunity to see and hear some of the finest musicians in the world. They will also get to experience the music of many other youth bands from around the United States. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and educational experience for all of our musicians in the Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs.
- Costs:** The cost of the trip has been set at \$337.00 per student. The price includes airfare, lodging, transportation, and all meals.
- Sponsor/Student Ratio:** There will be one adult sponsor, Dr. Ed Cannava (Arapahoe's Band Director) for the eight students going on the trip. Ms. Pat Cannava (LPS Teacher) will also accompany the group.
- Missed School:** Morning 3 Finals on Friday, May 22, 2008
- Student Grouping:** Students will be grouped in doubles, triples, and quads at the motel based on personal and family preferences. The students can choose to be with their friends.
- Student Selection:** Dr. Cannava reserves the right to deny student participation at any time during the trip if, in his opinion, the citizenship of medical condition of that student is not at a level necessary for participation. The agreement as spelled out in the Littleton Public Schools Parent Permission and Medical Card will be in force.

ITINERARY

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Depart AHS at 3:45 p.m.
Check-in-DIA Southwest Airlines at 4:45 p.m.
Fly to Sacramento, California, via Southwest Airlines Non-Stop Flight #1427 departing at 6:35 pm, arriving Sacramento at 8:05 pm.

Friday, May 22, 2009

Arrive Parade Staging Area at 10:30 a.m. Perform in 11:44 a.m. parade. Perform one or two additional times, and observe other outstanding youth and professional jazz groups throughout the day.

Saturday, May 23, 2009

Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs perform 1 or 2 times throughout the day and observe other outstanding groups. Student musicians will have the opportunity of performing with some of the professional bands today.

Sunday, May 24, 2009

Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs perform 1 or 2 times throughout the day and observe other outstanding groups. Student musicians will have the opportunity of performing with some of the professional bands today.

Monday, May 25, 2009

Our group will perform once or twice throughout the day. Depart Sacramento via Southwest Airlines Non-Stop Flight #3577 at 4:10 pm, arrive Denver at 7:30 pm. We should return to Arapahoe by 9:30 pm.

**SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA TRIP
ESTIMATED BUDGET
(Based on 8 Musicians)**

Air Transportation	Trip Price	Cost per Student
May 21 Southwest #1427 Lv. Den. 6:35 pm Arr. Sac. 8:05 pm	\$1,752.00	\$219.00
May 25 Southwest #3577 Lv. Sac. 4:10 pm Arr. Den: 7:30 pm		
Ground Transportation		
Provided free by festival	N/A	N/A
Lodging		
Hawthorn Suites	\$949.36	\$118.67
Meals		
12 Meals	\$960.00	\$120.00
Subtotal	\$3,661.36	\$457.67
Donations/Performance Earnings	(\$965.36)	(\$120.67)
Total	\$2696.00	\$337.00

Payment Schedule

Each student will need to pay for his or her non-refundable \$219.00 air ticket immediately. An additional \$68 is needed as a deposit, making a total of \$287.00. Then the final payment of \$50.00 will need to be paid by April 30, 2009.

Grocery Coupons/Script Share Accounts: Each student will have a share account set up in their name of the purpose of reducing the cost of the trip. A total of 5% or more of the total grocery coupon/script sales each month will lower the trip payment for participating families.

Additional Fundraisers: Any band fundraisers will help lower the cost of each participating student's trip (such as Butter Braid Sales). The Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs will perform for donations over the course of the school year. It's possible the trip cost will be lowered as a result of these performances.

Refund Policy: The trip payments are non-refundable.

**PLEASE MAIL PAYMENTS TO:
A.B.B.
P.O. BOX 2612
Littleton, CO 80161-2612**

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DRY CREEK DIXIE DAWGS
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TRIP CONSENT FORM

_____ has my permission to
Student's name-please print
participate in the band trip to Sacramento, California. I have read the terms and conditions on the attached document concerning the Sacramento trip. After reading the letter, I have agreed to the terms and conditions stated.

Parents Signature

Date

Students Signature

Date

It will be up to you as a parent of the student named above to make the trip payments. The \$219.00 air ticket payment is due immediately, along with an additional \$68.00 deposit. The remaining, final \$50.00 trip payment is due by April 30, 2009. A \$5.00 late fee will be added to your account if a trip payment is past due. You can obtain monthly information about your student account by calling the trip treasurer.

Please mail consent form along with your \$287.00 deposit to:

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TRIP RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All students need to follow the schedule of events sheet that will be handed out in the advance of the trip. **NO STUDENT IS TO BE AWAY FROM THE TOTAL GROUP AT ANY TIME.**
2. All students must be in their bedroom by midnight. Lights Must be out and all students in bed by 12:30 a.m. A bed check will be conducted at that time. Students will be held accountable to this schedule
3. Students must follow the room sign-up sheet provided by Dr. Cannava.
4. Any student found destroying or tampering with hotel property will have to pay for the damage and may be subject to legal proceedings. Violators will be sent home at parents' expense. He or she will also be subject to school disciplinary action upon return to Arapahoe.
5. Each student is responsible for his or her personal property at all times. The school will not be responsible for any lost or damaged personal articles. **DO NOT CARRY PURSES, IF POSSIBLE. FANNY PACKS AND/OR MONEY BELTS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**
6. No tobacco products, alcohol or drugs are permitted. Violation of this rule will result in school suspension.
7. No disruptive objects, including cigarette lighters, are to be brought on the trip or purchased.
8. All phone calls will be billed to the responsible individual.
9. Any behavior deemed inappropriate by Dr. Cannava or an administrator will result in notification of the student's parents, and return of the student to Littleton at the parents' expense. Additional penalties may be imposed as deemed appropriate by the school administration.
10. Students may use credit cards only with written authority from their parents.

**2009 DIXIE DAWGS SACRAMENTO TRIP
REQUIRED ITEMS TO BE PACKED**

Instrument

Folding Music Stand

Music and Pencils

At least 2 pairs of black socks

At least 4 pairs of low cut white socks (for shorts uniform)

Dinkles Shoes

Tennis Shoes (white preferable)

Eddie Bauer Shorts (uniform)

2 Dixie Dawgs Golf Shirts (uniform)

White Tux Shirt

Red Suspenders and Bow Tie

Garter Belt

Swim Suit (optional)

Jacket

Personal Toiletries

Night robe or jogging suit (optional)

Hair Dryer (optional)

I Pod/Radio/Camera (Optional)

1 Dressy Casual Outfit for Nice Dinner

Additional Casual Clothes

Money (approximately \$50 suggested—you will get a minimum of \$120 for food throughout the trip)

Drummer Needs: Sticks, brushes, cymbals, throne and any auxiliary equipment.

Also bring the hi-hat clutch, just in case.