



# OWEN J. ROBERTS "WILDCAT" BANDS

*Todd R. Mengel, Director*

## 2018 OJR BAND SPRING TRIP

August 1, 2017

Dear "Wildcat" Marching Unit Member & Parent/Guardian:

Our marching band takes a major spring trip every other year and this coming school year is a trip year for the band. Our spring trip will be to Cleveland and Sandusky, Ohio. The trip proposal has been submitted to the administration and will be considered by our school board at their next meeting.

Here is some preliminary information for you to review so you can decide whether or not you would like to participate:

**DATES:** (Pending School Board Approval) We would leave on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 early in the morning and return on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> sometime late in the evening. No school days will be missed for this trip as the students already have off that Friday and Monday.

**COST PER PERSON:** The cost breakdown for both students and adults are as follows:

| <u>BAND MEMBERS:</u>  | <u>ADULTS:</u>      |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • 4/room - \$795.00   | 4/room - \$795.00   |
| • 3/room - \$820.00   | 3/room - \$820.00   |
| • 2/room - \$860.00   | 2/room - \$860.00   |
| • 1/room - \$1,010.00 | 1/room - \$1,010.00 |

**TRIP ITINERARY AND PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:** A *TENTATIVE* itinerary is attached for your review along with everything included in the package. A much more detailed itinerary will be distributed prior to the trip departure.

**PRACTICES:** We will have several evening practices in May to prepare for our performance at Cedar Point. All trip participants will be expected to attend each practice so that we will be prepared for our performance. You must be able to attend our rehearsals if you want to participate on the trip. A schedule will be distributed after New Year '18.

**PARENTS:** Parents are invited to come along on the trip as participants and band supporters. (Supervision of the students and/or chaperoning responsibilities will be handled by OJR marching band staff members and select adult chaperones.) Anyone traveling along with us must have the appropriate clearances and background checks in place prior to trip departure. Any parent coming along on the trip should follow the same payment schedule as the students.

**PAYMENTS:** A payment schedule is included with this letter and must be strictly adhered to. Parents, please give the payment schedule careful consideration when deciding whether or not your son/daughter will be permitted to go on the trip. Payments must be made on time according to the payment schedule.

**TRIP REFUNDS / CANCELLATIONS:** Please note that if you need to pull out of the trip for any reason and at any time, there is a cancellation policy in place which is set by our travel company. Anyone withdrawing from the trip at any time will be subject to the cancellation policy which is outlined on the payment schedule and on the permission slip.

**OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Optional trip insurance is available if you are interested. For a complete list of terms & conditions and to book the insurance, please visit [www.travelguard.com/wcv](http://www.travelguard.com/wcv) before **Nov 17, 2017**. The cost is approximately \$23 - \$37 per person coverage based on coverage chosen.

**PERMISSION SLIP:** Please sign and return the attached permission slip included with this packet to Mr. Mengel as soon as possible, but no later than October 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please indicate on the adult participation form whether you are interested in coming along and if you plan to bring along other family members.

Hopefully that should be all of the information you need. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. It's a fun trip and you're all going to love it! Thanks, everyone.

- *Mr. Mengel*  
(610) 469-5349  
tmengel@ojrsd.com

# OWEN J. ROBERTS “WILDCAT” MARCHING BAND

## 2018 SPRING TRIP ITINERARY / CLEVELAND, OHIO

**MAY 25 – 28, 2018**

### FRIDAY – MAY 25<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30AM Buses depart from Owen J. Roberts High School
- 11:30AM Lunch Stop at **Golden Corral** – Monroeville, PA
- 4:00PM Arrive at the **Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel**
- 6:15PM Buses depart for dinner cruise
- 7:00PM **Dinner Cruise aboard the Nautica Queen with DJ & Dance**
- 10:00PM Transfer back to hotel – Private Night Time Security for our group

### SATURDAY – MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

- 7:30AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30AM Buses depart for **Cedar Point Amusement Park**
- 10:30AM **OJR Marching Band Performance at Cedar Point**
- 5:00 PM Dinner – Meal Voucher Provided for Everyone
- 9:00 PM Transfer back to hotel – Private Night Time Security for our group
- 10:00PM Pizzas Delivered – One Per Room

### SUNDAY – MAY 27<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00AM City **Historical Bus Tour of Cleveland** with Step-On Tour Guides
- 11:30AM Lunch at **Music Box Supper Club**
- 1:00PM Visit **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**
- 4:00PM Bus transfer to **Kalahari Indoor Water Park**
- 6:00PM Dinner at Kalahari – Meal Voucher Provided
- 9:00PM Transfer back to hotel – Private Night Time Security for our group

### MONDAY – MAY 28<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 AM Buffet breakfast at the hotel – pack and check out
- 7:30AM Buses depart hotel
- 10:30AM Arrive at **Kennywood Amusement Park**
- 12:00PM Meal voucher provided for lunch
- 3:00PM Buses depart for home
- 6:00PM Quick dinner stop at highway rest area
- 9:00PM Approx. arrival back at OJR

## **PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Deluxe transportation via lavatory equipped coaches with CB radios and video capabilities
  - Three nights lodging at the Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel
  - Three breakfasts at the hotel
  - Dinner cruise with musical entertainment
  - Lunch at Golden Corral
  - Lunch at Music Box Supper Club
  - Admission to Cedar Point Amusement Park with meal voucher
  - Admission to Kalahari Indoor Water Park with meal voucher
  - Admission to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
  - Admission to Kennywood Amusement Park with meal voucher
  - Historical Bus Tour of Cleveland
  - Private security guard for our group at the hotel each night
  - All applicable taxes and gratuities (including bus drivers)
  - Tour guide along on the trip
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# TRIP PERMISSION FORM

“WILDCAT” MARCHING UNIT

2018 SPRING TRIP - CLEVELAND, OHIO

(MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> through 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2018)

I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to participate in the marching band 2018 Spring trip to Cleveland, Ohio. I understand and will adhere to the payment schedule and realize that any refunds are subject to the travel company’s cancellation policy which is outlined on this form and on the payment schedule. I also understand that my son/daughter will be representing the Owen J. Roberts School District and Music Department and MUST abide by all guidelines and expectations which will be specified by Mr. Mengel in advance. I further understand that if my son/daughter is not behaving in a proper manner on the trip, I will be contacted by Mr. Mengel and may be asked to make arrangements to have them sent home.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**- First Deposit - \$265.00 - DUE OCT. 13<sup>TH</sup> -**  
*Checks payable to “OJR MPO”*

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** The following cancellation policy is set by the travel company and will apply to everyone (students/adults/family members) going on the trip:

- a. Any cancellations **after November 3, 2017 and before January 19, 2018** will be charged **\$50** per person penalty unless a substitute is found.
- b. Any cancellations after **January 19, 2018 and before February 16, 2018** will be charged **\$200.00** per person penalty unless a substitute is found.
- c. Any cancellations after **February 16, 2018** will receive **NO REFUND** unless a substitute can be found.

***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR  
\$265.00 PER-PERSON DEPOSIT TO MR. MENGEL BY  
OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

# 2018 MARCHING UNIT SPRING TRIP

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR STUDENTS AND ADULTS

(Based on a Band Member in a four-person room)

| <u>PAYMENT #</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u>   | <u>DUE DATE</u>   |
|------------------|---|-------------------|
| #1               | \$265.00  | October 13, 2017  |
| #2               | \$265.00  | January 2, 2018   |
| #3               | \$265.00 (or balance due depending on room situation) | February 23, 2018 |

**Please make all payments in checks and payable to:**

**“OJR MPO”**

Note: If you are in a room with less than four people, your trip will cost the following amount:

**BAND MEMBERS:**

- 4/room - \$795.00
- 3/room - \$820.00
- 2/room - \$860.00
- 1/room - \$1,010.00

**ADULTS:**

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# ADULT PARTICIPATION FORM

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All parents and family members are invited to come along on the trip as participants and band supporters. (Supervision of the students and/or chaperoning responsibilities will be handled by OJR marching band staff members and select adult chaperones.)

Any adult or family member who decides to come along on the trip must follow the group itinerary at all times and adhere to all trip guidelines and expectations. Adults coming along on the trip must also have the proper security clearances and background checks in place as required by the Owen J. Roberts School District.

All adults or family members coming on the trip should follow the same payment schedule as the students.

If you are interested in joining us, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return with your \$265.00 deposit to Mr. Mengel by October 13<sup>th</sup>:

*Please return bottom portion with the names of everyone interested in coming along on the trip along with a \$265.00 deposit per person:*

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ADULT NAME(S):

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OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS:

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