

Dear BHS Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our great excitement and gratitude for the opportunity to work with the wonderful students here at Brainerd High School. We would like to publicly thank all of the students, parents and community members who have made such a commitment to the success of the band program here at BHS. It has been a true pleasure to get to know the students of the BHS Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band during our time here and we have been overwhelmed by the courtesy, respect and willingness to work hard shown to us by these outstanding students. They truly are *amazing*. (But then again, this is not news to you!) Our continued successes as a band are a testament to that hard work and dedication. Because of this support and dedication we are able to offer our students the life-changing educational experience detailed below.

We are very pleased to be able to continue a great tradition of the Brainerd High School Band by offering the BHS Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band the opportunity to perform in Los Angeles, CA! We are very excited about the educational opportunities that this tour will allow your son or daughter. The main purpose of this tour is to broaden our knowledge and experience of band performance through private clinics with nationally renowned band adjudicators, performances in the Los Angeles area and attendance at concerts including the Los Angeles Philharmonic. We believe that these opportunities will greatly benefit each student who participates and serve as a unifying experience for the members of the band. As music educators we are proud to offer this opportunity to the students because we feel it is first and foremost a great educational experience and a wonderful way to come together as a band community.

As a parent, you must know that this tour is **NOT** required as part of your student's participation in Wind Symphony or Symphonic Band. No student will be penalized in anyway for electing to not go on the tour. However, in order for the tour to be musically and educationally successful it is important that we take a full band that has the ability to perform well. This means that if student commitment to the tour leaves us with a band too small to perform, then the tour cannot happen. Please discuss this tour carefully with your family and determine if you are able to commit to the dates and monetary amount in the attached contract. Every effort will be made to make quality fundraising opportunities available to students who would like to offset the cost of the tour. Many a band tour has been paid for by a hard-working fundraiser. We will have an informational meeting on **Tuesday June 10th at 7:00p.m.** in the BHS Band room. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns that are not addressed in this letter or at the meeting, please don't hesitate to call the band office at 218-454-6253 or e-mail at chris.fogderud@isd181.org and christopher.brandt@isd181.org. Thank you so much for your continued support and I look forward to making this year a positive experience for our students!

Sincerely,

Christopher Fogderud
Christopher Brandt
Brainerd High School Bands

Brainerd H.S. Band Tour – Mar 6-14, 2015 (LA, CA)

Band Practices and Procedures

General Conduct:

1. Everyone associated with this tour must always remember that he/she represents Brainerd Senior High School and should act accordingly. Being a member of this tour is a privilege.
2. There shall be no smoking, drinking, drugs, etc. while on this tour. You will be responsible for any Federal, State, local law or ordinance violated.
3. Everyone shall obey all curfews and room restrictions.
4. **Always be with two other people - never be alone!** No one is to leave the hotel or the group at any time without first checking with the chaperones and Mr. Fogderud.
5. Do not tell anyone you meet which hotel you are staying at or your room number.
6. Understand that rules and restrictions may be made during the course of the trip for student safety and wellbeing. Everyone must be willing to make adjustments in order for the tour to be successful.

INFRACTIONS OF THE ABOVE MAY RESULT IN THE STUDENT BEING SENT HOME AT HIS/HER OWN EXPENSE - THIS CAN GET VERY EXPENSIVE!

BE A MUSICIAN - Perform the best you know how at all times. You represent your school and your music program. TAKE PRIDE!

BE FLEXIBLE AND SMILE - we have to live together for several days.

Luggage: Each person is allowed to bring **one suitcase, one carry-on** and is responsible for their luggage.

Punctuality: All personnel should be at the leaving point 10 minutes early to facilitate the loading of luggage and instruments.

- Dress:** 1. FORMAL CONCERTS Men = Black dress shoes, black socks,
black dress shirt, black tie, black dress pants
Women = Black shoes, black concert pants, black dress blouse
2. Dress for non-performance days – school dress code applies

Meals: You will need money for the meals that are not included in the price of the tour. The itinerary lists which meals are covered for each day.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS - The BHS office and Mr. Willert will have a complete itinerary with telephone numbers to reach us during the day. A Tour Itinerary is also enclosed and was given to your son/daughter for you to keep. Remember to ask them for the itinerary. A medical form needs to be filled out online at brainerdmusic.org - select the "BAND" tab and select "BAND TOUR 2015"

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I hereby give _____ the permission to travel with the Brainerd High School Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band on their Los Angeles area tour.

In consideration of the opportunity for the student listed above to participate and fully recognizing that such an undertaking involves an element of risk, I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation and do hereby release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless Brainerd High School, its agents, employees and officers, the chaperones, the director and/or leader. Neither Brainerd High School, nor any of said persons shall be held financially responsible for any stolen personal property, injury, illness, or death incurred as a direct or indirect result of this activity.

I, the undersigned, have read this release and understand all its terms and execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

I have read and agree to the above practices and procedures for my son/daughter.

(date) _____
(parent signature) _____
(student signature) _____

Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Tour Contract
Denver, CO; Los Angeles, CA
March 6-14, 2015

This contract is an agreement to participate in the Brainerd High School Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Tour to Los Angeles, that will take place between the dates: March 6, 2015 and March 14, 2015. The tour may not comprise these dates completely but it will not exceed this time frame. Final tour dates will be decided based on availability of housing, performances and student commitment.

I. By entering this agreement, the signer is promising to pay the entire cost of the tour, either through fundraising with the Brainerd School Band or by personal means. Signer agrees to bring payments on or before each deadline, unless written arrangements are agreed upon by the signer and the Brainerd Band's agent, Christopher C. Fogderud.

II. Signer agrees to abide by all policies set forth by Brainerd High School and the Brainerd Band for the entire tour. Signer also understands that the Brainerd Band's agent may adjust policies or terminate the tour if Signer is unable or unwilling to uphold his/her responsibilities as described in this contract.

III. The Brainerd High School Band will arrange for transportation, lodging, entertainment and administrate this tour.

Costs: This tour has an approximate cost of \$1200 - \$1300. Every effort will be made to keep costs at a minimum. Final costs will be defined before final payment is made, as dictated by group activity reservations in Los Angeles. Spending money is left to the discretion of signer. Most dinners will be covered in the cost of the tour; however additional money may need to be sent with the student for lunch and any other food purchases.

Payment Schedule:

Payment 1: \$75 (non-refundable down-payment), with this contract, by Tuesday, June 17, 2015. (Checks made payable to BHS Band)

The only circumstance for a refund of the down payment is the cancellation of the tour due to low student commitment.

Future payments will be scheduled when down payment is completed.

All payments must be turned in to Shelly Lomen, BHS Activities Account Cashier

By signing this contract, you are obligating yourself to all of the aforementioned. This contract is binding.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date ____/____/____