

RICHARDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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2018 Spring Trip Info

The Richardson High School Band is excited to be traveling to San Antonio, Texas in April of 2018. This packet includes all the information you need to know before our Spring Trip Information Meeting on **Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM in the RHS Band Hall**. Our detailed itinerary will not be distributed until that meeting as it will be in flux until we receive our contest performance times.

Trip Overview

- Destination: San Antonio, TX
- Dates: April 20-23, 2018
- Method of travel: Roadrunner Charters (RISD Approved Charter Bus)
- Cost: \$500.00 per student (plus money for a few meals/souvenirs)

Trip Purpose

There is only one reason why the RHS Band students are being allowed to miss two days of school to travel to San Antonio: we are a highly respected competitive organization and we will be performing and competing in the nationally attended Choice Music Events. This means that ALL Band members are expected and needed to attend the Spring Trip. We fully understand that this may not be a financial possibility for some families. It is our hope that through the lengthened pay schedule that **every single band member who wants to travel** will be able to do so. As part of the program, color guard members are also highly encouraged to attend the trip (even though they will not be performing).

Eligibility

An important note about academic eligibility. As per RISD guidelines, a student must be UIL academically eligible in order to attend the Spring Trip. This means that every student attending the Spring Trip must have passed ALL non-exempt classes from the 3rd nine weeks that ends on Friday, March 9th. The easiest way to not worry about this is for students to pass each of their classes. Please note that some classes are exempt from the UIL No Pass/No Play rule. A list of those classes can be found in the second to last page of this handout.

How to Sign Up

Every student who will be traveling on the trip must have a Spring Trip Commitment Form along with the first \$100.00 payment by **Wednesday, November 8th**. This form, along with your initial deposit, simply tells us that you commit to traveling on the trip and that we can submit your name along to the travel agent. Please note - if you do not submit this form along with your first payment by **Wednesday, November 8th to the band safe**, you may not be allowed to sign up for the trip at a later date. Once you are signed up, the cost of the trip will be added to your band account and you will be bound to pay for the trip unless you formally cancel your trip (see below).

Payments

Trip payments can be submitted in two ways via the RABC safe located near the Directors' offices with cash or check. Checks should be made out to the Richardson Area Band Club. All monies deposited into the RABC safe must be enclosed in a payment envelope. Envelopes are located in a cubby directly above the safe.

Please note: If your Band Registration/Operation fees are not yet paid in full, any payment you make will go toward that balance before it is applied to the Spring Trip. For questions about your balances, contact RABC Band Treasurer sharon.nagele@gmail.com.

Important Spring Trip Related Dates

DATE	ITEM
11/08/2017	Payment No. 1 Due (\$100.00) along with Trip Commitment Form to Band Safe
12/08/2017	Payment No. 2 Due (\$100.00)
01/08/2018	Payment No. 3 Due (\$100.00)
02/08/2018	Payment No. 4 Due (\$100.00)
03/08/2018	Payment No. 5 Due (\$100.00)
03/09/2018	End of the 3rd Nine Weeks. Any student who fails a class for the 3rd Nine weeks will be ineligible to attend the Spring Trip. Students - PASS ALL CLASSES!
03/21/2018	Refunds can't be issued after this date. See Refund Schedule for more details.
04/03/2018	Spring Trip Information Meeting. All students attending the spring trip must attend this meeting along with <i>at least</i> one parent or guardian. You will receive a final trip itinerary in addition to very important logistical and rules information
4/20/2018	Departure date
4/23/2018	Return date

Refunds/Cancelations

The directors understand that circumstances may arise that causes a student to have to cancel their attendance on the trip. Please understand that the RABC does not wish to keep your trip money if your student doesn't attend. That being said, part of our getting such a great deal on this trip was our willingness to adhere to a strict payment schedule with our travel agency. Therefore, any requests for refunds on cancelled trips will be handled according to the schedule below.

Should you have to cancel your trip, please print, fill out and return the Cancellation Form to Mr. Marquez in person.

Refund/Cancelation Schedule

DUE DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
11/08/2017	\$100.00	Payment #1/Trip Commitment Form due – NON REFUNDABLE
12/08/2017	\$100.00	Payment #2 Should you cancel after this payment = \$100.00 penalty. \$100.00 refund to you.
01/08/2018	\$100.00	Payment #3 Should you cancel after this payment = \$150.00 penalty. \$150.00 refund to you.
02/08/2018	\$100.00	Payment #4 Should you cancel after this payment = \$200.00 penalty. \$200.00 refund to you.
03/08/2018	\$100.00	Payment #5 Should you cancel after this payment = \$250.00 penalty. \$250.00 refund to you.
03/21/2018	Refund Deadline	NO REFUNDS can be issued after this date for any reason.

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2018 Spring Trip Commitment Form

*This form is due to the band safe no later than November 8th.
After November 8th, no one may be added to the trip roster.*

I, _____, commit for my son/daughter, _____, to participate in the 2018 RHS Band Spring Trip to San Antonio, TX. I understand the following:

- This trip is not required, though due to the competitive nature of the trip, it is expected that all students attend if financially possible. The directors would very much like for all four bands to compete, and this is only possible if enough members attend.
- The student cost of this trip is \$500.00. In addition to this amount, students will need to bring additional money for a few meals and any souvenirs they wish to purchase.
- If I have to cancel my son/daughter's participation in this trip for any reason (personal, academic ineligibility, loss of trip privileges according to band handbook), refunds will be issued according to the Refund/Cancellation Schedule below.
- If I cancel my son/daughter's participation in this trip after March 21, 2018, I will not receive any refund.
- The full trip itinerary will not be publicly available until the mandatory trip meeting on April 3, 2018.
- My son/daughter must be academically eligible according to the "No Pass/No Play" rule in order to attend this trip. In order to be academically eligible, my son/daughter must pass all classes for the 3rd 9 weeks.
- The only way to cancel my trip is to personally submit a Trip Cancellation Form to Mr. Marquez.

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Student Name

Parent Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

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2018 Spring Trip Cancellation / Refund Request

Student Name _____ Date _____

Circumstances will not permit my child _____ to attend the spring trip. I understand the refund rules as stated below.

_____ Please issue a refund check payable to _____ or
(Please print)

_____ Leave refundable balance in student account.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Please send receipt confirmation to _____ @ _____
Please print e-mail address

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Refund Restrictions: Due to federal guidelines of being a 501(c)3 organization the RABC is unable to give monetary refunds for payments credited to the account by fundraising. The amount of a monetary refund will be based on actual cash, check or credit payments made to the account.

******* Important: The refund date is based on the date Mr. Marquez receives and signs the notice. *******

Received by _____ Date: _____
(Notice must be signed by Mr. Marquez to be valid)

Treasurer Notes:

UIL Exempt Courses

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate (in All Disciplines)	Dual Credit (ELA, Math, Sci., Soc. Studies, Econ. LOTE)	Honors (ELA, Math, Sci., Soc. Studies, Econ. LOTE)	Dual Enrollment (OnRamps University of Texas at Austin)
AP English 3 AP English 4 AP Seminar (Capstone) AP Research (Capstone)	Composition I and II (English 4) World Lit 2332 (English 4) World Lit 2333 (English 4) British Lit 2322 (English 4)	Language Arts 7 Pre-AP Language Arts 8 Pre-AP English 1 Pre-AP English 2 Pre-AP	Research and Writing (English III or IV)
AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science AP Computer Science Principles	College Algebra Calculus I and II	PreCalculus PreCalculus - Pre-AP Math 7 Pre-AP Math 8 Pre-AP (Algebra 1) Algebra 1 Pre-AP Algebra 2 Pre-AP Geometry Pre-AP	Discovery PreCalculus (PreCalculus) Statistics (Statistics) Thriving in Digital World (Computer Science)
AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C AP Environmental Science	Fundamentals of Astronomy General Introductory Astronomy College Physics I	Science 7 Pre-AP Science 8 Pre-AP Biology Pre-AP Chemistry Pre-AP Physics Pre-AP Anatomy & Physiology (Honors)	Introduction to Geoscience (Earth and Space Science) Mechanics, Heat and Sound (Physics)
AP Human Geography AP World History Studies AP U.S. History AP U.S. Government & Politics AP Macroeconomics AP European History AP Psychology	Federal Government (American Government) Intro. To Psychology Intro. To Sociology Principles of Economics I History US Western Civilization (European History) Macroeconomics	Social Studies 7 Pre-AP Social Studies 8 Pre-AP	
AP Spanish Language – 8th AP Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature AP French Language AP German Language AP Japanese Language and Culture AP Latin - Vergil	Beginning Spanish Conversation Beginning Spanish I and II Intermediate Spanish I and II Beginning French I and II Intermediate French I and II Beginning Japanese I and II Intermediate Japanese I and II Beginning German I and II Intermediate German I and II	Spanish 3 Pre-AP (7-8) Spanish 2 and 3 – Pre-AP (9-12) Spanish 4 Spanish, French, German and Japanese - Language Enrichment (Honors) French 2 and 3 – Pre-AP German 3 – Pre-AP Japanese 3 – Pre-AP Latin 3 – Pre-AP	
AP Art Drawing AP Art History AP Two-Dimensional Design Portfolio AP Three Dimensional Design Portfolio AP Music Theory			