



Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Chicago Trip March 22-25, 2018 Information

Mission Viejo High School's Choral Music Program is a hard-working and successful organization that brings pride to the community. Recognizing the strong work ethics and high level of talent our kids have to offer, Worldstrides Heritage Performance Programs has once again invited the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Program to participate in their nationwide choral music competitions in Chicago, Illinois! Exposing them to superb music programs in a competitive competition, while exploring one of the top destinations in the nation, will further provide a unique experience to grow both musically and expand the comradery within our MVHS Choral community making the Chicago 2018 trip one that cannot be missed!

Cost and Payment Schedule

In an effort to maximize our program's trip we will combine musical experiences with the sights of Chicago thus allowing our students a once-in-a-lifetime trip they will never forget. To make this happen, we have decided to partner with Worldstrides Heritage, who is known for providing high school music programs like us amazing travel opportunities nationwide.

The estimated cost of the Chicago trip is **\$1050**. This includes Airfare, transportation (CA & IL), sleeping accommodations, an exchange/clinic with Roosevelt University, sight-seeing of major Chicago attractions (Chicago 360, Architecture cruise, the Navy Pier, Chicago Marquee Theatre, Millennium Park, etc), all breakfasts & Dinners, a dinner, dance, show and awards ceremony at Medieval Times, performance/rehearsal space, competition registration, and all taxes associated with the travel.

This trip is only possible through continued support of the music program. If the choir cannot meet their donation/fundraising goals, it may not be feasible to participate in this choir trip and future tour events in general. Therefore, the cost of this trip is in addition to the student voluntary contributions that are needed annually for the sustainability of the music program.

Payments should be made by check to: Mission Viejo High School Choir. Please include your student's name and on the memo line. Early payment for returners **due Friday, May 19, 2017**. This payment will reserve your spot on this trip and allow us to secure airfare. Payments do not include souvenirs, some meals, spending money or extra (non-itinerary) activities that may be available during down time.

Should a student decide he/she would like to participate and the period of adding additional students to the trip list has passed, a waitlist will be offered. In the event that a previously committed student must

drop out, a student on the waitlist would be offered to take their place. All payments would be required to be caught up to the standard pay schedule at the time of commitment. An accelerated payment schedule for new students or new school year trip additions will be collected in the fall 2017.

In the event of an absence of Mrs. Norris, a locked deposit box and envelopes is located at the front of the choir room for students to fill out and deposit in. Mrs. Norris will collect deposits to turn in for contributions for the trip.

Who's Eligible?

Although everyone in the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Program is eligible to go, each student must audition due to skill level that such an event requires. Because both the Chamber Singers and Treble Choir are auditioned choirs, students in them automatically are able to attend this tour without a separate audition. All other MVHS Choral Music members must schedule an audition prior to turning in the first trip payment. To do this, please contact Mrs. Norris at norriss@svusd.org.

Chaperones

While we could not go on this trip without them, chaperones are responsible for the same payments and payment schedule as the students. The school requires one (1) chaperone per seven (7) students. There will be one Mission Viejo High School staff member going to Chicago. Please note: parent chaperones will not necessarily be their own student's chaperone.

There will be a mandatory chaperone meeting two (2) weeks prior to the trip as well as additional information at our trip parent meetings throughout the school year. If you are interested in being a Chicago chaperone, please contact Sarah Norris at norriss@svusd.org or our webmaster at missionviejochoir@gmail.com

Fundraising

We will be offering several opportunities for our students to raise funds to help offset the cost of this trip. So far, we have our MVHS program advertisements, where a portion of a company's donations will go towards the student's trip, The new Irvine Amphitheater individual fundraiser in conjunction with MVHS Instrumental Department, and our annual Sweethearts' Dinner (February, 2018). In addition, we will help each student work up trip donation letters that can be used to ask friends and family to help sponsor their trip Chicago. Please see Mrs. Norris or the choir website (www.missionviejochoir.com) for more details.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO FUND THE ENTIRE COST OF THE TRIP THROUGH FUNDRAISING.

Trip Overview / Q&A Meeting

There will be a Parent/student meeting on **Wednesday, May 10th, 2017 at 6PM** to discuss the Chicago trip so that everyone has a full understanding before the initial trip deposit is due. An additional meeting will be schedule in fall 2017 for others new to the program. For any questions, please contact Sarah Norris by e-mail at norriss@svusd.org or our Trip Coordinator at missionviejochoir@gmail.com.



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Basic Package Includes:

- Airfare from LAX to Chicago
- Transportation Bussing from MVHS to LAX & the duration in Chicago
- 3 nights' accommodations in Oak Brook, Illinois
- Several meals for the duration of the trip (most Breakfasts & all Dinners)
- Competition, Adjudication & Registration for the Worldstrides Heritage Competition
- Entrance fee and expenses for Chicago 360, Chicago Boat tours, Soldier Field Tour, Chicago Marquee Theatre tour, Medieval Times, Holy Name Cathedral Tour, etc.
- Holy Name Catholic Church Tour donation fee's
- All taxes associated with the trip
- Fuel , parking & Tolls for the our transportation

Not included:

- Souvenir spending money
- Snacks, food and drinks not provided during meal times
- meals not identified as being included of the trip
- Any additional individual charges incurred on the trip
- \$5 cash tip for our bus drivers

Cost per person: *(Chaperones and students priced the same)*

Pricing: **\$1050** *(4 students to a room. Chaperones to be 2 to a room)*

Although, we'd like as many chaperons to join us as possible, we must stick to a 1 to 7 ratio based on room pricing and Alcatraz student requirements. Should there be additional spots that won't affect trip pricing; we'd more than welcome the additional travelers.

To stay up to date with all Chicago dates, please visit our website (www.missionviejochoir.com) and clicking on the calendar tab.

(TENTATIVE SCHEDULE TBD)

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Standard Payment Schedule (Current Choir Members):

Deposit date:	May 26, 2017	\$100.00 per person
	September 22, 2017	\$100.00 per person
	October 20, 2017	\$250.00 per person
	November 17, 2017	\$200.00 per person
	December 8, 2017	\$200.00 per person
	January 12, 2018	\$100.00 per person
Final Payment:	February 2, 2018	\$100.00 per person

Accelerated Payment Schedule (New Choir Members):

Deposit date:	September 22, 2017	\$200.00 per person
	October 20, 2017	\$250.00 per person
	November 17, 2017	\$200.00 per person
	December 8, 2017	\$200.00 per person
	January 12, 2018	\$100.00 per person
Final Payment:	February 2, 2018	\$100.00 per person

NOTE: A \$5 cash tip request will be asked at the start of the trip and will be collected by the trip Coordinator. This will be used for our bus drivers.

Should a spot open up, an additional student may be added from the waitlist. At that time, he/she would be required to catch up with any and all trip payments based on the above pay schedule.

Cancellations

Should something happen and your student is unable to attend after an initial commitment was made, you will be liable for the following amounts due to booking non-refundable trip requirements:

Date Range	Commitment
May 26, 2017 – October 20, 2017	\$100.00 per person
October 21, 2017– December 8, 2017	\$350.00 per person
December 9, 2017–January 12, 2018	\$650.00 per person
January 13, 2018 – departure	No refund, 100% penalty

***Cancellation due dates and penalties subject to change based on reservation commitments.*

Payments received after the due date may be subject to late charges due to an inability for the choir to obtain the group discount pricing at the time of booking. Any unpaid reservations are subject to the same cancellation penalties.

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Must be turned in with first payment

I, _____ (name of parent or guardian), give permission for my student, _____ (name of student) to participate in the Mission Viejo High School Choral Chicago Trip on March 22-25, 2018. I understand that I am financially responsible for the Initial deposit on May 26, 2017 of \$100 as well as all payments based on the payment schedule. I understand that any subsequent trip payment maybe be paid outright or fundraised through the opportunities presented throughout the year by the MVHS Choral Music Program. I realize that this trip takes place during a normal school week and it will require my child to miss several days of normal class instruction. I understand that this trip is in no way required as part of the MVHS Choral music class grade. I also understand the payment schedule and cancellation policy and agree to abide by them.

I, _____ (name of parent or guardian), **do not** give my student, _____ (name of student) permission to participate in the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Chicago Trip on March 22-25, 2018.

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Contact Information (please print):

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____