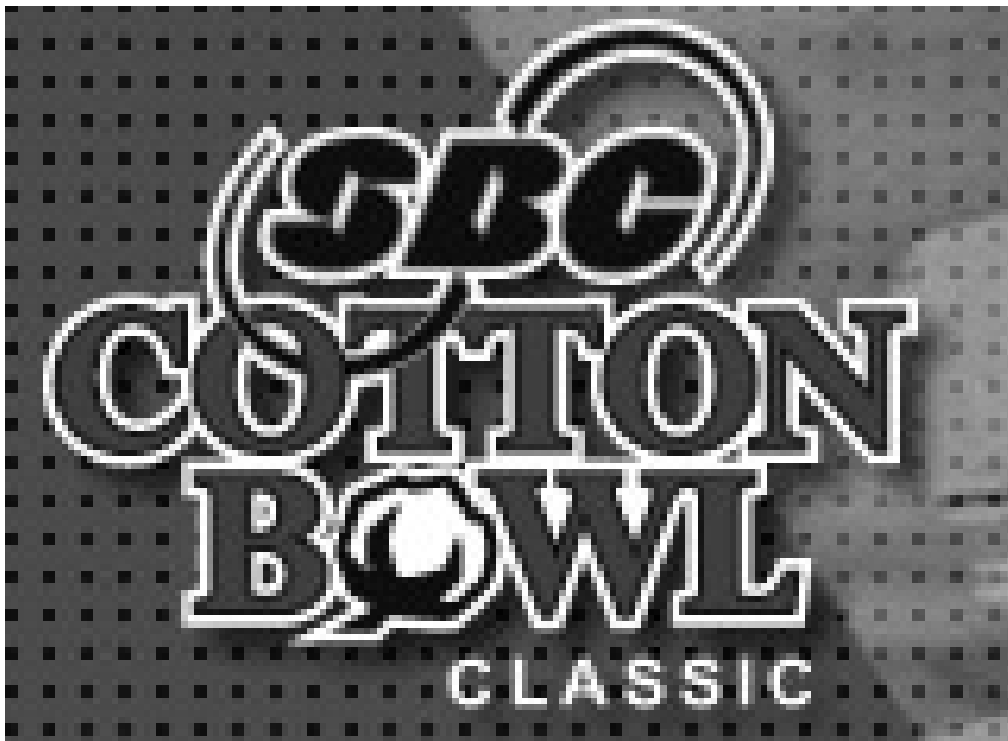


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Information Packet

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Trip Summary

I. Purpose of the Trip

Based upon recommendations from other band directors, the De Soto High School Wildcat Bands received an invitation to perform in the SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival in Dallas, Texas over the 2004 New Year's Holiday.

The performance opportunities include an adjudicated concert band and jazz band festival; the annual Cotton Bowl Parade; and the televised halftime show of the 2004 SBC Cotton Bowl. The Cotton Bowl halftime show includes 2000 high school musicians, the Kilgore Rangerettes, and two college marching bands. The music festival allows participating bands to perform for educational comments and ratings for a panel of nationally recognized judges. Participating bands are selected from across the SBC market, and this will allow our students the opportunity to see and hear performances from across the Central and Southern portions of the United States.

Dallas is a metropolitan center of culture and is home to numerous attractions, museums, and historical points. During the trip students will have the opportunity to visit the John F. Kennedy memorial and museum, the Hard Rock Café, Ripley's Believe it Or Not, and other points of interest. The SBC Music Festival also hosts a special New Year's Eve celebration at the famous Southfork Ranch where students will be able to meet students from other states.

II. Educational Objectives

As a result of participation in this trip, students will meet the following educational objectives:

1. Students will rehearse and perform three musical selections of moderate difficulty (Grade 3 – 4) including a march and an overture.
2. Students will identify, discuss, interpret, analyze, and perform musical concepts including (but not limited to) form, style, theory, and history.
3. Students will interpret and apply constructive criticism from a panel of nationally recognized experts in the field of music.
4. Students will demonstrate selected marching maneuvers on national television.
5. Students will rehearse and perform a choreographed musical show including 2000 participants.
6. Students will listen to and critique performances of other high school bands from different states.
7. Students will organize and raise funds, develop promotional materials for related performances, and assist in trip organization.
8. Students will observe geographical areas of the United States for their natural, historical, and cultural significance.

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****Tentative Itinerary****

Date	December 29, 2003	December 30, 2003	December 31, 2003	January 1, 2004	January 2, 2004	January 3, 2004
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning		6:00 AM Leave DHS	Music Festival?	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Rehearsal at Stadium	Hotel check-out and prepare for game	5:30 AM Arrive DHS
Afternoon	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Rehearsal at DHS	12:00 PM – Lunch stop in OKC 3:30 PM Arrive in Dallas – tour Plaza / JFK Memorial	Music Festival? Lunch at Dallas Galleria Tour alternate Ripley’s Believe it Or Not and Wax Museum	3:00 PM SBC Parade of Bands	12:00 PM Pre- Game 1:00 PM SBC Cotton Bowl	
Evening	Finish packing!	5:00 PM Check-in Hotel 7:00 PM Dinner at Hard Rock Café	7:30 PM – 12:00 AM Dinner and Awards at South Fork Ranch	5:30 PM Hotel Free time 7:00 PM Dinner TBD	7:00 PM Dinner	
Night		Curfew TBA		Curfew TBA	8:30 PM Leave	

Please note that this is a tentative itinerary. A full schedule of events and activities will be made available in the weeks prior to our departure. Updates may also be viewed on our band website at www.geocities.com/dhswildcatbands. All events and times are subject to change throughout the trip planning process and during the actual trip.

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General Information

III. Trip Eligibility

An invitation for a high school band to perform is a great honor. As with any special opportunity there comes a special level of responsibility.

In order to be eligible for trip participation, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled as a full-year member of the DHS Band or a Dazzler Flag Team Member.
2. Maintain a B average in all band courses with NO unexcused performance absences.
3. Maintain a passing grade in ALL other classes in the semester of the trip. *Note: Should a student receive a failing grade after the first quarter they will be placed on a probationary plan. A failure to improve their grade will result in removal from the trip. During the month of December, participant eligibility will be checked weekly.*
4. Have no serious discipline problems in or out of school. *Note: Serious discipline problems shall generally mean events resulting in suspension or extended detentions. This area shall be left to the discretion of the Director of Bands and the Principal of De Soto High School.*
5. Be a student “in good standing” at De Soto High School.
6. Maintain a satisfactory attendance record during the semester of the trip. *Note: Excessive absences – both excused or unexcused may result in removal from the trip.*
7. Agree to follow all trip rules and responsibilities.

IV. Chaperones

In order to provide a safe, fun, and educational trip a team of parent chaperones will accompany the students. Chaperones will be selected by the director from a group of parent and faculty volunteers. Chaperones will be responsible for enforcing trip rules and providing for the needs of students. The basic ratio will be 1 chaperone for every 7 – 10 students.

The breakdown of students by gender is as follows:

V. Liability and Health Records

All parents will be asked to sign a district permission to travel form and insurance liability waiver. All students will be required to provide pertinent emergency medical information. Included with this packet is a medical release form that can allow students to be treated in the event of a medical emergency. This form is to be notarized and will be due December 1, 2003. No student will be permitted to leave on the trip without this form.

VI. Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency every effort will be made to notify parents in a timely manner. All communication will be handled through local authorities and the De Soto High School Administration. Each bus in the traveling party will have a cell phone. Before our departure that number will be given to all Band Parents to contact in the event of an emergency at home.

VII. Room Assignments

Students will be allowed to choose their roommates (OF THE SAME GENDER!) and bus seatmates for the trip. Rooms will be filled to quad occupancy.

VIII. Safety

By taking a few simple precautions students can avoid any unfortunate incidents that could detract from their trip experience.

- Pack appropriate clothing for the environmental conditions we will experience (bring a coat!)
- Do not bring valuable items that you can not replace.
- Always pack valuables in your suitcase and keep them in a secured place in your hotel room.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash on your person. Traveler's checks or debit cards are a great way to go.
- Cell phone service can be un-reliable. Purchase a phone card and keep a list of important numbers with you. All students will be given the chaperone emergency numbers.
- When we are sight-seeing or visiting public areas (the Mall) stay with other members of our group.
- Always know when and where to meet chaperones and the bus!
- Do not give personal information to unknown people.
- If you are not feeling well be sure to tell a chaperone.
- In the event of an emergency listen for instructions from the chaperones and follow them. If you are separated from our group try to contact local authorities.

IX. Packing

Each student may bring one full-sized suitcase and a small backpack or "carry-on" piece of luggage. Special instructions will be given for packing instruments, music, and uniforms. Try to remember these tips when packing:

- Bring a change of clothes for different types of weather. Although Texas is mild in the winter temperatures can range to extremes of cold and hot even in December.
- Leave room in your suitcase for souvenirs and other items.
- Purchase film or disposable cameras before you leave.
- Be sure to pack special medications or health care items.

X. Parents

Parents are welcome to join us in Dallas for this special performance! Details as to parent participation have not been finalized, but will be shared as soon as possible. As our hotel and Cotton Bowl Game Tickets are included in a package we cannot guarantee that parents will be able to stay in the same location as the students. When we know our exact hotel and other details parents may begin making their plans should they choose to travel "with" the band. Anyone may order tickets to the Cotton Bowl. They go on sale in June. Tickets are \$35.00 for Reserved Seating and \$60.00 for VIP. Tickets may be ordered by calling 1-888-792-BOWL. Additional information is available at www.sbccottonbowl.com.

XI. Other

This information only covers many basic aspects of a trip. If you have any questions please ask Mr. Love!

De Soto High School Wildcat Bands Trip Rules

With a special trip come special responsibilities. In order to ensure the safety of every band member and to retain the privilege of traveling for future band members, all trip participants must agree to the following rules:

The Supreme Rule: You have been chosen to represent the Wildcat Bands, De Soto High School, USD 232, the City of De Soto, and the State of Kansas. Be a positive role model and ambassador by making positive choices about your actions.

1. All applicable DHS rules and dress code policies will be followed at all times.
2. Students are prohibited from carrying, consuming, or using any alcohol, narcotics, tobacco, fireworks, or firearms during the duration of the trip. Any student found in possession of the aforementioned substances will be sent home immediately, **at their parent's expense**. Students sent home for such violations will also be prohibited from participating in ANY DHS Band organizations or activities for the remainder of his / her high school career. This is in addition to any other school imposed punishments or legal penalties.
3. Students will listen to and follow any instructions or requests given by any trip chaperone or by the director at any time.
4. Students will have an assigned room in the hotel. This is where students are to store all luggage and to sleep. Students may not change rooms. Students are not permitted to enter the rooms of members of the opposite sex **for any reason**. Violations of this rule may result in the suspension of trip privileges, or the student being sent home as in rule #2 above.
5. Every night there will be an enforced curfew. The exact time will be announced in the final itinerary, but it may change each night due to activities. After curfew, all students must remain in their hotel rooms unless there is an emergency. Trip chaperones will be monitoring the hallways to ensure that students are following the curfew.
6. While traveling on the bus, it is important to remember that we are sharing a "communal" living space. Students will refrain from using inappropriate language at all times. The use of large boom boxes or portable stereos will be prohibited. Individual Discman or Walkman players are acceptable as long as headphones are used. The busses are equipped with video monitors and VCR's. Movies and/or videos must first be approved by the chaperone or director.
7. **ALL** students will be expected to follow all applicable school rules and policies regarding contact and displays of affection (see rule #1). Repeated violation of this rule may result in students being separated and monitored by chaperones for the remainder of the trip.
8. Dress for all performances will be the official DHS Band Concert or Marching Uniform. At all other times, students will wear clothing appropriate for school (see rule #1).
9. Remember at all times that you are a guest of the music festival, the hotel, and the bus company, etc. Treat all equipment, furnishings, and employees with respect. **THIS INCLUDES PICKING UP ALL TRASH**. Students will be held financially responsible for any damages or charges that occur as a result of their actions. All pay-per-view movie services and premium movie channel access will be turned off in student hotel rooms.
10. Students may not leave for any side trip or special excursion without the express written consent of the student's parent / guardian, the Director of Bands, and the Principal of De Soto High School.
11. This list of rules cannot cover every conceivable situation that may be encountered. In any case, the director reserves the right to change or add special rules or policies as necessary to ensure the safety of all students.

Students who violate any of the trip rules (with the exception of punishments listed under #2) will receive a verbal warning and / or suspension of trip privileges. Students suspended from trip privileges will be confined to their room and have a chaperone monitor during all activities. Any student who becomes a nuisance through repeated violations of trip rules will also face punishments upon returning home. These might include detentions, suspension from school activities, and expulsion from the band program.

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Trip Cost and Payment Information

XII. Trip Cost and Payment

The estimated trip cost per student is **\$450.00**. This includes the cost of all transportation, lodging, festival fees, sightseeing and activity fees, and special meals. The only costs to students above that would be any souvenirs, regular meals, or snack food.

XIII. Individual Accounts and Payment Schedule

Payment	Date	Min. Amount Due	Min. Acct. Balance
<i>Initial Deposit</i>	<i>June 1, 2003</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
Monthly Payment	July 1, 2003	\$65.00	\$125.00
Monthly Payment	August 1, 2003	\$65.00	\$190.00
Monthly Payment	September 1, 2003	\$65.00	\$255.00
Monthly Payment	October 1, 2003	\$65.00	\$320.00
Monthly Payment	November 1, 2003	\$65.00	\$385.00
Final Payment	December 1, 2003	\$65.00	\$450.00
	Total	\$450.00	

Each band member will have an individual payment account to which all payments and fundraising proceeds are deposited. The above schedule will allow all expenses to be paid prior to the trip. All expenses related to the SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival are due by November 1.

- Initial Deposit: All trip participants must pay the \$60.00 initial deposit by June 1, 2003. Fundraising may not be applied to the initial deposit, however, students who earn more than \$450 in fundraising will have their deposit refunded in January.
- Monthly payments: Each month the minimum amount due must be credited to each student's account. That credit can either be a payment or fundraising proceeds.
- Minimum Account Balance: After funds are credited each month this is the minimum balance that each student's account needs to hold. The next month's minimum amount due will be decreased by any overage.
- All trip participants will receive a monthly balance statement prior to the payment due date.
- Checks may be made payable to **De Soto High School Band**.
- Fundraising proceeds remain the property of the Wildcat Bands. Any earnings above the cost of the trip will remain in a student's individual account for future events until their graduation or exit from the band program. At that time funds will be transferred to the band's general account.

XIV. Cancellation

In the event the trip is cancelled all payments will be refunded minus fees charged by the music festival. Cancellation fees for the music festival are as follows:

- Before October 31 - \$50 per person plus hotel fees (if any)
- Before November 30 - \$100 per person plus hotel fees (if any)
- Before December 1 - \$150 per person plus hotel fees (if any)
- After December 15 - \$266 per person

If for any reason a student must withdraw from participating in the trip payments will be refunded less any unrecoverable fees, provided notice is given before November 1, 2003. After November 1 refunds will be reduced by the amount of fees (if any) charged by the music festival, bus company, or other entities.

XV. Fundraising

During the course of the summer and school year, there will be several organized fundraisers in which students may participate. No student shall be required to participate in any fundraising activity, and all fundraisers will comply with USD 232 Board of Education policy. **There is no guarantee that students can earn the full cost of their trip, but it is a possibility.**

XVI. Fundraising Options

There are countless ideas for fundraising. In the past the DHS Bands have distributed newspapers, run a carnival, sold caramel apples, and organized a bake sale. A committee of parents and students will be formed to investigate, organize, and implement fundraising ideas. Additionally, this can be used as a savings opportunity for students. Many students will be working over the summer. Encourage them to set aside \$5, \$10, or \$15 from each week's pay to help pay for their trip.

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Estimated Per Student Cost

Bus Company	<i>Kincaid</i>		47	2980	54	3110
Bus Type	47	54	47	54	47	54
Participation Estimate	70	70	80	80	90	90
Transportation	\$85.14	\$88.86	\$74.50	\$77.75	\$66.22	\$69.11
Festival Fees	\$266.00	\$266.00	\$266.00	\$266.00	\$266.00	\$266.00
Special Meals						
Hard Rock Café	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Sight-seeing						
Palace of Wax / Ripley's	\$15.95	\$15.95	\$15.95	\$15.95	\$15.95	\$15.95
Conspiracy Museum / 6th Floor	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Chaperone Fees						
Chaperones	\$39.40	\$39.40	\$39.40	\$39.40	\$39.40	\$39.40
Total Cost per Student:	\$438.49	\$442.21	\$427.85	\$431.10	\$419.57	\$422.46
Total Cost of Trip:	\$30,694.50	\$30,954.50	\$34,228.00	\$34,488.00	\$37,761.50	\$38,021.50
Out of Pocket Extras						
Meals						
Breakfast 0 \$4.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lunch 4 \$6.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00
Dinner 2 \$9.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Souvenirs	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Snacks, misc.	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

Costs are based on initial fess provided by L. Johnson and Associates, LC (Travel Host), Kincaid Bus Lines, and vendors on the Dallas Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The trip itinerary and fees are subject to change and may contribute to a change in the trip cost.

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Important Dates and Helpful Info

June 1, 2003 - Participation form and Deposit Due

July 1, 2003 – Payment Due

August 1, 2003 – Payment Due

September 1, 2003 – Payment Due

October 1, 2003 – Payment Due

November 1, 2003 – Payment Due (last day to cancel)

December 1, 2003 – Final Payment Due

Medical Release form Due

Trip Dates: December 30, 2003 – January 43, 2004

Places to Surf

www.geocities.com/dhswildcatbands - our very own site!

www.sbccottonbowl.com – official site of the Cotton Bowl

www.dallascvb.com – Dallas Convention and Visitor's Bureau

www.southfork.com – South Fork Ranch

Notes

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Medical Release Form

MEDICAL TREATMENT : Any adult of the activity has my permission to obtain emergency medical treatment for this child _____ should such treatment be deemed by them to be necessary, at my expense. (Please attach copy of insurance card, if possible)

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Certificate Number _____ Group Number _____ Other ID _____

In case of emergency you may contact me at (____) _____ (Home), (____) _____ (Work),
(____) _____ (Cell Phone), (____) _____ (Other)

Family Physician _____ Phone Number (____) _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION (if needed - continue on back)

Allergies _____

Medical Restrictions _____

Medications _____

Instructions _____

MEDICATIONS : Please indicate if these may be given to your child from the First Aid Kit:

Tylenol (Y) (N) Ibuprofen (Y) (N) Aspirin (Y) (N) Benadryl Tablets (Y) (N) Pepto Bismal (Y) (N)
Rolaids (Y) (N) Neosporin Ointment (Y) (N) Cortisone Cream (Y) (N) Generic Cold Tablets (Y) (N)

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

(Parent/Grandparent/Guardian/Caregiver)

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the licensed health-care practitioner selected by the adult in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injection of medication for my child _____.

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Witness _____

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Trip Participation Form

Please print

Student Name: _____

Grade (03-04): 09 10 11 12

I have read and understand the trip summary, itinerary, general information, and trip rules. I agree to the conditions outlined in the information packet and will allow my son / daughter to participate in the performance trip.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

I have read and understand the trip summary, itinerary, general information, and trip rules. I agree to the conditions and understand what I must do to be eligible for this opportunity.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this form with your initial deposit of \$60.00 on or before June 1, 2003. Checks are payable to the De Soto High School Band.

Parent Information

I am also interested in traveling to Dallas and watching the performances. The following members of my family would like to attend. Please provide us with information on hotels, transportation, and other events.

Name _____

Age: Adult (18+) Student (0 – 18)

Name _____

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Parent Contact Update

Student Name: _____

Grade (03-04): 09 10 11 12

Student Name: _____

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Parent / Guardian 1 Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent / Guardian 2 Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

The fastest and easiest means of communicating is email. Over the past year we have had much success with our email list at DHS. If you are not receiving this information and you have an active email address, please include that information!

**2004 SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival
Chaperone Interest Form**

If you would be interested in volunteering as a chaperone for our performance trip, please complete the following questions. The number of chaperones will be chosen based upon the number of students participating and the ability to provide the safest experience possible for our students.

Chaperone Volunteer Name: _____

Do you have any special medical training? YES NO If so, please list specific qualifications (R.N., M.D., etc.)

Please list any other special skills or training that might be a benefit to our trip. _____

Chaperone Volunteer Name: _____

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