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LONDON, ENGLAND!
London's New Year's Day Parade
January 1st, 2017



An Invitation from
Youth Music of the World and the Lord
Mayor of Westminster – City of London!

Dear Parents & Band Members:

This remarkable invitation is the result of the national and international reputation which our kids have earned as members of The Tiger Marching Band and a great honor! This notice contains brief, tentative information about the band's visit to London, England; a trip which every band member should experience along with moms, dads and our band families! Once our student leaders return from a site-inspection tour in late June, and a detailed trip packet based on their choices will be created.

In the meantime, and in order to lock-in airline seats and hotel accommodations at current pricing, it's important that a **\$400 deposit for each traveler be submitted as soon as possible, but not later than June 1st, 2016**. We expect the trip to cost approximately \$3,200-\$3,300. The remaining balance after the deposit will be split across three payments, due by the 1st of September, October, and November. All fundraising and financial aid will be applied to the final payment in November.

Please look over the enclosed itinerary and make sure to send in your deposit promptly! Read on!

Visit www.aibands.com and click on the London link for more details.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY & DATES: London Performance

27 December 2016: Depart for transatlantic flight to London.

28 December: Arrive in London. Board deluxe motor coach for travel to our hotel. Our tour assistant will provide an orientation meeting and distribute Oyster Cards (transit cards) and MP3 players. We will tour the parade route, which features The Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, and Parliament Square.

29 December: A Blue Badge guide will provide a spectacular tour of London's famous landmarks, including the Palace of Westminster, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Tower of London. There will also be time for shopping and sight-seeing. The tour will take us past Big Ben and Buckingham Palace.

30 December: Today will include two half-day tours. The morning will take us to either Hampton Court Palace or Oxford – with its surrounding universities. In the afternoon, we will visit the town of Windsor. There will be time to shop and eat after touring the famous Windsor Castle.

31 December: Board a boat on the Thames River to Greenwich, home of the Prime Meridian. We will visit the Royal Observatory and the Royal Naval College. After heading back to London, we will tour the Tower of London which houses the Crown Jewels.

1 January 2017: The Big Day! Assembly for London's New Year's Day Parade. An estimated audience of half a million people will be lining the streets of Westminster. This evening, we will use vouchers for dinner at various restaurants and there will be time for shopping and sight-seeing in Bond Street and Covent Garden.

2 January: We will have time to complete one of the remaining audio tours. There will also be the opportunity to visit the British Museum and National Gallery. Some travelers may also wish to visit the inside of St. Paul's Cathedral or Westminster Abbey. We will perform at a professional football (soccer) match this evening (or a previous day based on availability).

3 January: Transfer to the Heathrow airport for the return flight home.

Estimated cost will be around \$3,300 per traveler, payable in a \$400 deposit and three equal payments of the balance on the 1st of September, October & November. (Exact cost will be provided once the itinerary is confirmed during our summer site inspection.)

Please fill out the attached reservation form and submit your deposit as soon as possible!

If you have questions, contact Mr. Weaver at 302-598-4114 or richard.weaver@redclay.k12.de.us

LONDON TRIP REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT

We enclose \$400 for each student and/or adult traveling with the band to the 2016-17 New Year's Day Parade in London!

Please make your check payable to "A.I. Bands" and mail it to the following address – along with this page – ASAP, but not later than Wednesday, June 1st:

Yvonne Mitten (Band Trip)
417 West Summit Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19804

Deposits may be refundable before September 1st, 2016, at the discretion of our travel company. Names should be written exactly as they appear on the Passport that will be used for travel. (All travelers will need to provide their own passport as they are required for international travel.)

Name: _____ Student or Adult

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Instrument: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: Male or Female

Parent Name: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

[Please provide the same information for any additional travelers and send with this form. You may also make multiple copies of this page if you prefer.]