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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.

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

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

*All Breakfast, Dinner and Transportation included.

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE FLORIDA TRIP INFORMATION
MEETING**

Sunday, August 21st, at 7:00 p.m., at the high school

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 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.

The cost of this trip will be \$3,300 per traveler, payable in a \$400 deposit and three payments of the balance on the 1st of September, October & November. (\$1,000 on 9/1/16, \$1,000 on 10/1/16, and \$900 on 11/1/16.)

Please fill out the attached reservation form and submit your payment as soon as possible to guarantee your seat for this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Trip To London 2016-17

- * The cost of this trip is \$3,300 payable in one deposit of \$400 and three payments of \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$900 due respectively by the 1st day of September, October & November 2016. Any decrease in cost will be reflected on the final payment in November.
- * Payments must be mailed to reach us on time at the address provided on the attached Registration and Payments form.
- * A refund is available - due to cancellation for any reason - before the 1st of September. Refunds are not available after September 1st, 2016. All travelers are responsible for the full payment of the trip at this date.
- * Credit card payments may be available for travelers. A 3% surcharge will be added to these payments.
- * All travelers MUST provide their own passport to participate in this trip. It must be valid for 6 months after January 3rd, 2017.
- * This trip is limited to student members of the band, their immediate families, A.I. duPont faculty members and others, solely by permission of the Director of Bands. Siblings of band members must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- * All student band members must submit a medical/permission form prior to the trip. The form will be issued in early December. All others should carry proof of medical insurance and make sure that your coverage includes out-of-state travel.
- * All of the arrangements for this trip, including ground transport to London, hotels, meals and tours, are the sole responsibility of Youth Music of the World. Neither the A.I. duPont Band, its staff, volunteers, parent chaperons, Alexis I. duPont High School, nor the Red Clay Consolidated School District, its Board of Education and Administrators are liable or responsible for any aspect of this trip.
- * While in London, any changes made in the schedule, venues and itinerary will be made solely at the discretion of the Director of Bands and Youth Music of the World.
- * Hotel rooming in London will be based on double, triple, or quad occupancy for students. All breakfast and dinner meals are included in the travel package.
- * All aspects of this trip are made under terms & conditions contained in the Red Clay Student Code of Conduct. [Rights & Responsibilities] The failure, by any student or students, to abide by those terms and conditions may result in immediate return home to be paid for within 30 days by the student's parent or guardian, and/or in disciplinary action following the trip, at the discretion of the Director of Bands.
- * If a student is suspended, excluded or facing expulsion at the date of departure, school and/or district administration will not permit the student to travel. There is no refund available in this situation.
- * In the unlikely event of an unexpected expense or a miscalculation of financial arrangements for this trip it is agreed that all travelers will be surcharged an additional fee not to exceed \$200 which must be paid within 30 days of notification of same. [In 25 years, this has happened only once]
- * A modest amount of financial aid may be available for families in need. Students must request a financial aid form during the first week of school and return the form not later than the specified date. Financial aid will be considered only for students whose \$400 deposit has been paid and who participate fully in at least two of the fall fundraisers. Financial aid and fundraising profits will only be applied to the third trip payment (Nov. 1st).
- * The participation of your child and/or yourself in this trip constitutes full and uncontested agreement with and consent to all of the items, terms and conditions contained in this document.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO “A.I. Bands”

PAYMENT STUB #3: Due on or before November 1st.

We have enclosed \$900 [minus any fund-raising profits] for each traveler in full payment for the London Trip. Enclosed is a check or cash in the amount of \$ _____.

Names of Travelers

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail this payment by November 1st, 2016 to:

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

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PAYMENT STUB #2: Due on or before October 1st.

We have enclosed \$1,000 for each traveler in this second of three payments for the London Trip. Enclosed is a check or cash in the amount \$ _____.

Names of Travelers

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail this payment by October 1st, 2016 to:

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

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PAYMENT STUB #1: Due on or before September 1st.

We have enclosed the first payment of \$1,000 for each traveler, for the London Trip. If you have not yet paid the \$400 deposit, please make a payment in the amount of \$1,400. [If your deposit is already paid, *do not* submit again!] Enclosed is a check or cash in the amount of \$ _____ for the following travelers: (circle type of traveler)

1. _____ Band Member – Chaperon

Type of Instrument/Squad:

2. _____ Band Member – Chaperon

Type of Instrument/Squad:

3. _____ Band Member – Chaperon

Type of Instrument/Squad:

4. _____ Band Member – Chaperon

Type of Instrument/Squad:

Your Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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