

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### BOA ST. LOUIS TRIP 2019

How often do the Chaperones count the students?

A count will occur every time they board the bus.

How do the Chaperones keep track of the students while on an excursion? The chaperones will have the cell phones of each of their students. The students are REQUIRED to remain in a group of at least 4. All of the students will be required to check in with the Chaperones at designated intervals.

How many bags can each student take for the trip? Student may take one carry on and a small piece of luggage.

How much money does each student needs to bring for lunch or dinner? Enough money for two fast food meals (at least \$20), plus money for any souvenirs/snacks.

My student takes a prescription medication each day (or several times a day) or regularly takes an over the counter medication. Who is in charge of the medicines? Tamara King is our nurse who will be in charge of keeping, monitoring and administering medications. A Medication form has been emailed, and uploaded to Cut-Time as well as available at [www.bixbybands.com](http://www.bixbybands.com). All forms and meds are due to Tamara King by Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in the band room. Instructions are on the form. If an over the counter medication is taken daily, please be sure to provide that OTC medication along with information on the form.

What if my student gets a headache, stomachache, has sinus problems, etc while on the trip? Will there be over the counter medicines for them to take? Yes, the nurse will also have a varied assortment of over the counter medicines that the students can request/receive per the Medical Release Form on file for each student for issues that arise during the trip. If a student takes an over the counter medication on a regular, daily basis, please provide that medication and complete the Medication Form.

My child has allergies (seasonal, food, medicinal, etc). Who do I tell? Each parent will be contacted by their student's Chaperone. This Chaperone will obtain from you contact phone numbers, contact emails, allergy information, prescription information or any other piece of information the parent deems important.

**How do you tell our kids apart from others?** The Bixby Band students, directors and Chaperones will have a specific **LANYARD** that they all **MUST WEAR EVERY DAY**.

**How much spending money does my child need to bring?** An estimate would be \$50 (two meals on bus ride to/from St. Louis, plus souvenirs, snacks). The student is responsible for their own personal spending money.

**In case we have a family emergency, how do we contact our child or a Chaperone?** When the Chaperone assigned to your student calls to obtain your cell phone and /or email addresses, they will provide TO YOU – THEIR personal cell phone number.

**Is this a sanctioned school event?**

**YES, this is a sanctioned Bixby High School event. ALL school rules, regulations and DRESS CODES WILL APPLY while the students are on this trip.** You must dress according to school rules.

**Is there any type of agreement to be signed?**

YES, both you and your student must read and sign the Pride of Bixby Marching Band Contract of Student Conduct. **EVERY PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST RETURN A SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR EACH STUDENT BEFORE THE TRIP – DUE TUESDAY 10/15 BY 7:30 PM TO MR. PARKER.**

**Where do we find the Contract of Student Conduct?**

**Please check these sources 1) Cut-time 2) email from your Class Vice President, or 3) paper copies will be available on the bulletin board in the band hallway. 4) [www.bixbybands.com](http://www.bixbybands.com)**

**Will the students be wearing their Pride of Bixby Uniform?**

Yes, the uniforms are being transported in our trailer that is accompanying the buses. It will also carry large instruments and other supplies.

All students will also need to bring their travel shirt (blue Nike polo) and Khakis, compression pants and shirt to wear under their uniform, multiple pairs of long white socks.

All marching shoes should be CLEANED before they are packed for the trip.

Guard members need to inspect their costumes and repair any damages prior to leaving for St Louis.

### What can my child bring to do on the bus?

A student can bring a pillow, blanket, lap top, IPod, iPad, game, or other handheld electronic devices to use on the bus trip. Cards Against Humanity is prohibited.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGED, STOLEN, BROKEN, OR MISPLACED ITEM. Neither Bixby High School, the Bixby Band Department, nor the Chaperones are responsible for any personal items belonging to a student.

If a student brings a movie to watch on the bus in or a hotel room or otherwise, **ONLY PG AND BELOW RATED MOVIES ARE ALLOWED. NO PG-13 OR R movies at all.**

This is in accordance with Bixby High School rules.

### Will there be snacks and/or drinks provided on the bus trip?

NO, there will not be any snacks, food or drinks provided on the bus. If the student desires to bring food items on the bus, they are also responsible for cleaning up the trash and/or mess they make.

### Do the buses have bathrooms?

The buses are equipped with bathrooms for those people who cannot wait until a rest stop.

### Are the Chaperones staying in the hotel rooms with the students?

The students are typically assigned 4 to a room of the same gender. The Chaperones are not staying inside the room, but will be monitoring the rooms during each night to make sure students are staying in their rooms.

### What is the dress for the dinner cruise?

Casual but nice. No t-shirts or shorts please.

### Can the students drink or eat the drinks or food items that are in the refrigerator of the hotel room?

**The rooms have refrigerators** but they are expected to be empty. However, if by chance that is not the case, please note that if the student does eat or drink any of the food/beverage items in the room refrigerator, they and their parents will be responsible for the extra charges added to the room cost. The items located in a Hotel Refrigerator are OVERPRICED (for example, a bottle of water can cost \$7.50, a candy bar \$5.00, etc).

Can students of the opposite sex be in the room at any time?

NO. Only those students assigned to that specific room should be in the room. No GIRLS IN BOYS ROOMS AND NO BOYS IN GIRLS ROOMS. Chaperones will be monitoring the rooms/hallways.

I have heard that a Police Drug Dog will be searching all the belongings before the trip? Is this true?

Yes, a police dog will search ("sniff") all pieces of luggage and equipment. This is a security measure to eliminate the possibility of any illegal drugs being brought on the trip.

Please remember your student is representing Bixby High School; the town of Bixby, and the state of Oklahoma. There will be NO: Alcohol, vapor, smoking, dip, chew, drugs, or any other item that is against the rules or regulations of Bixby High School.

Students are expected to obey all laws of Oklahoma and any other State that we may cross through or visit.

We are staying in St. Louis and returning on Sunday. Can I sign out my child on Sunday to stay with me the remainder of the weekend?

Yes, you may sign out your child with the Bus Chaperone for the bus your child was riding.

Do you know exactly when the buses will be arriving back to Bixby on October 20th? As you know, bus departure and arrival times are an estimate. There are any number of factors that can slow down or speed up the travel time. We encourage you to watch the Bixby Band Parent Facebook page/Remind Texts for estimated arrival times and other information during the trip. For those students with cell phones, you will be able to contact your student at any time that service is available.

I have other questions about the Chaperones, who should I contact?

Please contact Melonie Tanksley [mtanksley@bixbyps.org](mailto:mtanksley@bixbyps.org), Tracy Jackson [tracy.jackson@tulsacc.edu](mailto:tracy.jackson@tulsacc.edu), or Katheryn Plumlee [kplumlee@bixbyps.org](mailto:kplumlee@bixbyps.org) who are the Chaperone Chairs.

You may also contact the Bixby Band Parent Organization President, Mia Iden, email: [jjiden5@olp.net](mailto:jjiden5@olp.net)

REMINDER: If a student fails to comply with the Contract of Student Conduct, they will be sent home at the expense of the parent/guardian. Also understand that any unlawful actions will be punishable according to the laws of the land. Any infraction can and will be punished by Bixby Public Schools upon return home and could result in EXPULSION from the Bixby Band Program.