

# CHICAGO TOUR 2010

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## COSTS

Trip Package: \$400 - ALL TRIP COSTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MARCH 9.

Includes: AMTRAK round trip ticket, local transportation in Chicago, Medieval Times ticket (including supper), Blue Man Group ticket, Hotel costs, two full breakfast buffets.

Add \$27 for triple hotel occupancy

Add \$45 for double hotel occupancy

Add \$117 for single hotel occupancy.

## ITINERARY

### Thursday, March 25

11:30p Meet at Band Room/Load Buses/Depart

### Friday, March 26

1:41a AMTRAK Departs from Walnut Ridge

*Note: Meals en route are on your own. We are unsure at this point if there is a dining car, or if the train will stop at a station at meal time (or both).*

1:52p Arrival Union Station (Chicago)/Transfer to Crowne Plaza Metro Hotel/Check In

4:30p Depart Hotel

5:30p MEDIEVAL TIMES Tournament and Dinner

*Note #1: We may change to the 8:30 performance/meal.*

*Note #2: This will be a Friday meal during Lent. If your religious situation requires you not to eat meat, we need to order you the vegetarian meal. We must do this before March 9.*

TBA Return to Hotel/Room Check/Lights Out

Saturday, March 27

- TBA Wake Up Calls/Breakfast at Hotel
- TBA Transfer to Harper College for DIXIE CLASSIC MUSIC FESTIVAL.
- TBA Transfer to Michigan Avenue for Shopping/Sightseeing (supper on your own)
- 8:30p Load Buses/Transfer to Briar Street Theater
- 9:30p Seating begins
- 10:00p Performance of THE BLUE MAN GROUP

Sunday, March 28

- 12:00m Return to Hotel/Room Check/Lights Out
- TBA Wake Up Calls/Breakfast at Hotel
- 12:00n Load Buses/Transfer to Union Station
- 1:45p Depart Chicago via AMTRAK

Monday, March 29

- 12:37a Arrive Walnut Ridge/Load Buses/Depart Walnut Ridge
- 1:30a Arrive Band Room
- 8:00a First Period – *School will NOT be excused. If you can afford the absence, that's fine. If not, be in class. Anyone missing school will be responsible for work missed.*

### **LUGGAGE INFORMATION**

The following is required by AMTRAK:

1. All luggage (including carry-on items) must have identification securely attached.
2. There is no checked baggage at Walnut Ridge!
3. Carry-on luggage is limited to two pieces per customer.
4. Carry-on luggage must be no larger than 28"x22"x14", and may not weigh more than 50 pounds.
5. The following are exceptions to the carry-on rules: briefcases, purses, laptop computers, camera bags, books, necessary medical equipment.
6. Our instruments will be handled differently, but flute and clarinet players may need to carry their instruments in their carry-on luggage so they won't count as a piece of luggage.

### **THE BLUE MAN GROUP**

The following is in our sales contract with the Blue Man Group:

1. The show begins promptly. Latecomers will not be seated.
2. Strobe lights will be used during the performance.
3. Disorderly patrons, or individuals who put any audience member or performer at risk will be removed from the theater.
4. The show is recommended for persons 8 years old and above; children under 5 are not permitted.
5. No photography of any kind may be taken inside the theater. Still photos may be taken in the lobby area. Video and Audio recording devices are not allowed. Laser pointers are not permitted.
6. You may be asked to check camera equipment when entering the theater. Cell phones MUST be turned off and put away while inside the theater.
7. No party favors or props of any kind are permitted.

### **CANDY SALE INFORMATION**

Because of the delay in receiving our second order, candy deadlines have been extended. The candy sale will end on March 5. Unsold candy must be turned in by March 4.

*Candy money that is to be used for Chicago must be turned in by March 3.*

**PARENT RESPONSE FORM**

I have received the Chicago Tour information packet. I understand the payment deadlines, as well as the information regarding luggage, meal responsibility, and that absences from school on the Monday following the trip are not excused.

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Parent Signature

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Child's Name

*THIS FORM IS DUE BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, AND IS WORTH 75 POINTS TOWARDS YOUR CHILD'S GRADE.*