



SMS Orchestras

Exchange Trip 2017
June 13th - 24th

Agenda

- ❖ Welcome/Introduce Chaperones - Wiebe
- ❖ USA Rehearsals and Performances
- ❖ Itinerary Update - Wiebe and Lisa Cooper
- ❖ Current Cost of Trip - Wiebe
- ❖ Homestay Preferences - Wiebe
- ❖ Forms and Passport - John Morrill
- ❖ Health Insurance - Wiebe and Peggy Elscott
- ❖ Optional Trip Insurance - Wiebe
- ❖ Travel Tips and Suggestions - Wiebe
- ❖ Duolingo Challenge - Wiebe

Support Team - THANK YOU!!!

- ❖ Lisa Cooper - Itinerary
- ❖ Peggy Elscott - Special Requests
- ❖ Denise Richards - Treasurer
- ❖ John Morrill - Documents and communication
- ❖ Jonathan Wiebe - Director

Chaperones - THANK YOU!!!

- ❖ Jonathan Wiebe - SMS High School and IWMS
- ❖ Hope Ragan - SM South Area Elementary String Teacher and Assistant at SMS
- ❖ Kimberly Michaelis - Former SM South Area Elementary Strings Teacher
- ❖ Cynthia Hartwell - Spanish Teacher at SMS. Band assistant and amazing trumpet player!
- ❖ Emily Wiebe - Math Teacher at Trailridge Middle School.
- ❖ Carl Ozwarlzack - Former SMW German Teacher, Distance Coach and currently a Substitute for SMSD as well as Distance Coach.

USA Practice & Performance

- ❖ Students need to plan now so they are at all post-school practices and the performance.
- ❖ Students need to work on their performance music before the group rehearsals so they are prepared.
- ❖ We will have a performance polo for this event and we will wear and perform in this shirt in Germany and Ireland. This will be a little extra and parents can purchase one as well. About \$15.
- ❖ Pre-Trip Agenda (all at SMS)
 - ❖ Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 31st (10am-12pm)
 - ❖ Rehearsal: Thursday, May 31st (10am-12pm)
 - ❖ Rehearsal: Friday, June 1st (3pm-5pm)
 - ❖ Final Meeting and Potluck (Family's): Friday, June 1st (5pm-7pm)
 - ❖ USA Performance: Friday, June 1st (7pm)

Tuesday, June 13th

- Meet at MCI late morning
- KC to Charolette, NC - 2088N - 1:45 pm
- Charolette to Dublin - 724N - 6:10 pm
- sleep on plane for the night (really our afternoon/
evening time)

(bring \$ for 1 meal and snacks)



Wednesday, June 14th

- Arrive in Dublin 6:35 am
- Tour Dublin for the day - Possible stops at Trinity College, National Gallery of Ireland, Guinness Storehouse, Shopping in pedestrian districts.
- Stay at the Fitzpatrick Castle (2 meals included)

(bring \$ for 2 meals)



Fitzpatrick Castle



Thursday, June 15th

- Breakfast at the Fitzpatrick Castle
- Bus transfer to Belfast
- Titanic Museum
- Lunch
- Afternoon fiddle workshop and performance? This could happen at Queens College or possibly at Ballycastle or Corrymeela.
- If the fiddle workshop is another day, we would slow this day down and have more time for shopping and walking in the Belfast pedestrian district.
- Evening bus transfer to Corrymeela Community, located near Ballycastle in Northern Ireland.

(\$ for 1 meal)



Titanic Museum

Friday, June 16th

- Morning - Sessions of cultural background of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Corrymeela
- Afternoon - Explore Ballycastle and the beach. Time to be in a local, small village. About 5,000 live here.
- All meals at Corrymeela



View of Fairhead from Ballycastle



Corrymeela Community

Saturday, June 17th

- Most of the Day - Dunluce Castle, Giants Causeway, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
- Possibly fiddle performance at the Central (if we fit inside)



Giant's Causeway



Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge



Dunluce Castle

Sunday, June 18th

- Morning - Breakfast at Corrymeela, transfer to Dublin
- Flight from Dublin to Stuttgart
 - AerLingus #358 @ 12:50 pm
 - Arrive Stuttgart @ 4:00 pm
- 6 pm - Welcome in Germany and meeting host families. Sleep at host family home.

(\$ for 1 meal)



Pedestrian Square in Beitingheim

Monday, June 19th

- Morning Tour of Bietigheim
- Lunch at Local Restaurant (provided)
- Town Hall reception with Mayor.
- Evening time with host families
- USA vs. Germany Soccer (futbol) match? (show of hands)



Bietigheim Town Hall

Tuesday, June 20th

- Heidelberg Touring Day
- Visit famous castle
- This is a college town with fabulous shops and a mix of the old and new. (\$ for 1 meal and shopping)



Heidelberg

Wednesday, June 21st

- Morning Tour of Stuttgart
- Mercedes Benz Museum Tour
- 2 pm Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Exchange Concert



Benz Museum

Thursday, June 22nd

- Excursion Black Forest, full day, farmers' museum, Wildbad treetop trail, Kloster Hirsau
- Evening with companions?



Wildbad Trail



Black Forest

Friday, June 23rd

- Visit Local Schools
- Visit the Local Swimming Pool
- Possible Benefit Concert for Nicaragua? (Options and show of support?)
- Evening Sendoff Party



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Saturday, June 24th

- Depart Stuttgart on British Airways #919G @ 11:20 am
- Arrive back to Kansas City on June 24th at 9:11 pm

(\$ for 2 meals)

Trip Costs:

American Airlines: \$1,350

Aerlingus: \$152

Bus in Ireland: \$250

Fitzpatrick: \$102

Tickets in Dublin: \$100

Corrymeela: \$268

Tickets in Northern Ireland: \$100

Workshop fees: \$20

Hall rental: \$35

Instrument rental: \$50

Group Insurance: \$42

Shirt: \$20

Main Cost \$2,399

Chaperone cost: \$250

Total Cost: \$2,649 / SMS Student

- Bring Money for 8 meals

- Spending Money as well

Homestay Preferences

- ❖ There is another form to fill out. This one is for us to send to the German Hosts. They will then match you with a family.
- ❖ I prefer for you to stay alone with a family. This is by far the best experience we can have. If you decide to deviate from this, please email me and I will communicate this to the Germans.

Forms and Passport Update

- ❖ Here are the forms needed for the trip. All forms must be fully completed and appropriately signed. Notary Public's will be on stage afterwards for anyone who needs to get something signed.
 1. Form 1 – Code of Conduct – due February 1st
 - Student and Parent must sign
 2. Form 2 – Release Parents and Student– NOTARIZE – due February 1st
 - Student and Parent both sign separate pages
 3. Form 3 – Medical – NOTARIZE – due February 1st
 - Group travel medical insurance being purchased
 4. Google Form – due February 1st
 - Student and parent should fill this out together
 5. Copy of Passport – due January 15
 - A color copy of your actual passport (not the application). Needed early for group rates. Required for international travel
 6. Student Information for German Host Families – due March 3
 - A document that needs to have a photo attached to it.

Health Insurance

- ❖ Group coverage being purchased through IMG Global, Patriot Group Exchange Program.
- ❖ Cost is \$42. This is being purchased as a group. Not optional.
- ❖ \$100,000 medical insurance coverage.
- ❖ Most likely, treatment would be low cost or free anyway.
- ❖ Please check your health insurance cards and send a PDF copy of the card in to us. This is our secondary line of defense if needed. It is great information to have on hand.

Optional Trip Insurance

- ❖ This is a personal option for anyone who wants that security if our trip is cancelled for some reason.
- ❖ Many companies available. Here is one option:
Allianz Travel Insurance

Travel Tips and Suggestions

- ❖ Keep your passport and money in a safe place such as on the front of you under your clothes.
- ❖ We will have cello /bass buddy as violin /viola players will need to have their instruments as their carry-on. A buddy will save space for you in their carry-on.
- ❖ We recommend getting a safe travel bag. Here is an example from REI:



Packsafe Neck Wallet (\$24)

Duolingo Challenge

- ❖ Duolingo can be a fun way to learn a little German before you go. If you want to join me in doing so, create a duolingo account and add me as a friend. My username is “sowiebe”.
- ❖ This is free and NOT a requirement to go on the trip.
- ❖ This site will allow us to see who is learning the fastest and we can have some friendly competition along the way.
- ❖ www.duolingo.com