

Jasper Orchestra San Antonio Trip April 21– 23, 2023

Every two years, the Jasper Orchestra travels out of town for an overnight spring trip. This spring is our year, and we will be going to San Antonio, TX. We will leave the morning of April 21, and return Sunday afternoon on the 23rd. Students will miss one day of school (April 21). On our trip, students will take a tour of the state capitol. We will also visit Six Flags Fiesta Texas, experience some of San Antonio's history, have dinner at some of the local restaurants reserved just for us, visit Natural Bridge Caverns and much more! This will be a very fun and educational event, and one that I am certain will be a lifelong memory for all who attend.

Participation in the trip does not affect a student's grade in orchestra. However, students report that our overnight orchestra trip is one of their favorite memories from Jasper, so I hope you will all carefully consider attending!

Cost: The total cost of the trip will be about \$450.00 dollars, with a small variance higher or lower depending on the number of students who attend. This may be paid in a single payment or in installments. A deposit of \$100 dollars will be due October 17 for those who wish to attend. Subsequent installment payments are shown below, but you may make payments quicker if desired.

OCTOBER 17 - \$100 non-refundable trip deposit
NOVEMBER 14 - \$100
DECEMBER 6 – \$100
JANUARY 9 - \$100
FEBRUARY 6 - ~\$50.00 *May be slightly lower depending on final trip numbers.

What is Included? Tour of the State Capitol, hotel accommodations, charter buses and drivers, dinners and festivities on the Riverwalk, Six Flags Fiesta Texas admission, Fiesta Texas Meal Voucher, Natural Bridge Caverns, breakfasts while at hotel, and a spring trip T Shirt.

What is not included? Breakfast the morning we leave, lunch during both bus rides, and souvenir or spending money. To cover the two lunches on the bus, students will need about \$20 - \$25 total. Souvenir money is at each family's discretion.

Eligibility: Students must be passing all their classes in accordance with the State UIL No Pass / No Play rule. This means that it is possible that you pay for the trip and your child does not get to go. They must be passing the 3rd 9 weeks. Refund policies are on the next page.

Students must also have fulfilled or be fulfilling their financial obligation to the orchestra. Students must have either paid their orchestra fees, or be making regular scheduled payments towards their orchestra fees, to be eligible to sign up for or attend the spring trip.

Security: Per district policy, we will have 1 chaperone for every 12 students. Security and conduct will be of the utmost importance during this trip. Students will be under very strict rules regarding conduct in public and in the hotel. Chaperones, teachers, and administration will be closely monitoring student activity at all times, and students found to be in violation of major rules may risk immediate expulsion from the trip group at the parents' expense, discipline at school, and referral to the justice system. A security guard will be hired to patrol our hotel room blocks each night.

Cancellation Policy: Your \$100.00 deposit is non-refundable, regardless of why you may need to cancel your participation in the trip. This includes a student who becomes academically ineligible. Cancellation charges are used to offset the increased per-person costs that result from the removal of an attendee and are figured against the full price as shown below.

Until 1/21/23: 25% of full price (\$110.50)

1/21/23 to 2/18/23: 50% of full price (\$221.00)

2/18/23 to 3/10/23: 75% of full price (\$331.50)

After March 10, 2023: No refunds will be given.

Details: This information page is not comprehensive. If your child attends the spring trip, you will be receiving a highly detailed information packet with all the information you will want to know. All students and families will also be required to attend a trip meeting at 6:30pm on April 12. Until that time, you are welcome to contact me with any questions you may have at matthew.moreno@pisd.edu.

Payment Methods

Trip payments can be made online at CheddarUp
(see Mr. Moreno's email for link)

OR

by check written to "Jasper Orchestra Boosters"

Please sign the attached contract, attach your deposit, and return to Mr. Moreno on or before October 17. Trip payments should be met either through individual payments unless other arrangements are being made with Mr. Moreno.

Feel free to make a copy of the contract before turning it in. Thank you for your support of the Jasper High School Orchestra program this year. We appreciate the important role our orchestra parents play in the success of our music students.

Sincerely,

Matthew Moreno
Jasper Orchestra Director
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Spring Trip Contract

I intend to allow my child, _____, to participate in the 2023 orchestra spring trip to San Antonio. By declaring my intent, I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to those facts outlined in the information sheet and re-stated below:

- 1) I will adhere to the payment schedule, or I will pay off the trip faster. A current trip balance will be made available to each student. If I have questions about my child's balance, I will contact the booster club treasurer. The total trip costs is approximately \$450.00.
- 2) I understand that once a payment is made, refunds may only be made as outlined above. I also understand that the initial deposit is entirely non-refundable.
- 3) I understand my child cannot attend the trip if they are academically ineligible.
- 4) I understand my child cannot attend the trip if their orchestra fee is not paid or is not being paid off in some sort of regular payment plan.
- 5) I understand that if my child is involved in a serious enough infraction, they may be sent home early from the trip at the child's family's expense, or they may be subject to additional discipline at school or in the justice system.

Student Name _____ Class Period _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name Printed _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Chaperones: This trip is only possible if we have enough parents to join us! If interested, you will be sent additional information to review, including pricing details and a general outline of chaperone responsibilities. Please circle one.

YES, send me details

NO thank you