

# Bennett Travel

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## DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Rob Abend – Director

**\*Proposed ITINERARY\***

[Prepared 9/17/17]

## NEW YORK CITY

March 29 – April 2, 2018

(4 hotel nights/3 motor coaches)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

4:30 AM Group will meet for roll check and packing of motor coaches at DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL, Macomb Township, MI. Meet your full time TOUR DIRECTOR(S) who will travel with you from the beginning of your trip until you return.  
{note to directors: TD's will need the two front seats directly behind the bus driver on Bus 1 & 3}

School Address: *Dakota HS, 21051 21 Mile Rd., Macomb Township, MI*  
*Drivers: Pick up at the west side of the school next to the Band Room – use far west drive*

Motor Coach Company: *Bianco, Taylor, MI*  
Phone: *734-946-7036*

### ***VERY IMPORTANT: BUS BAYS WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE UNTIL HOTEL CHECK IN***

5:00 AM ETD from Dakota High School to New York City with rest stops en route. We recommend that group pack snacks for the trip to New York City. It is also recommended that you eat a good breakfast prior to meeting at the school.

5:30 PM ETA at the **WILLOWBROOK MALL FOOD COURT for DINNER**  
**(\$10.00 CASH BACK #1 for DINNER)**  
*Address: 1400 Willowbrook Mall, Wayne, NJ*  
*Phone: 973-785-1655*

7:00 PM ETD for **HOTEL and CHECK IN**  
*Projected Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton Newark Airport, 128 Frontage Rd., Newark, NJ*  
*Phone: 973-690-5500*  
(curfew to be determined by directors)  
*[Security (2) will be provided for your group each night]*

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018**

- 6:00 AM **FULL BUFFET BREAKFAST at HOTEL** (provided)  
*[Note: Please dress accordingly as we will be going to a concert this evening]  
no jeans, no t-shirts, no tennis shoes - shirt with collar or sweater, (bring shoes to change into)*  
**(\$10.00 CASH BACK #2 for LUNCH at ROCKEFELLER PLAZA)**
- 6:45 AM ETD for **THE TODAY SHOW** (outdoors only) **Enjoy the area!**
- 7:45 AM ETA at **ROCKEFELLER PLAZA**  
**[Note: Have your signs ready for THE TODAY SHOW]**  
**After the show, enjoy Rockefeller Plaza and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.**
- 10:00 AM ETA at **RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL**
- 10:15 AM **RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL for TOUR**  
**[note: group is to be split up into groups of 30 every 15 minutes – tour is about one hour, 15 minutes – grab lunch during non-tour times]**
- 10:15 – Group 1 (33 participants)*  
*10:30 – Group 2 (33 participants)*  
*10:45 – Group 3 (33 participants)*  
*11:00 – Group 4 (33 participants)*  
*11:15 – Group 5 (33 participants)*
- 12:30 PM Final group finishes the **RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL TOUR**
- 1:30 PM **STEP ON GUIDED TOUR OF NEW YORK CITY.** You will be introduced to many of the major attractions in New York to get the true flavor of the City.  
**NOTE: Meet your THREE Tour Guides from HOLLON TOUR CONSULTANTS at the ROCKEFELLER PLAZA near the Entrance to ‘Top of the Rock’ on W. 50<sup>th</sup>**
- 4:00 PM **END GUIDED TOUR – Drop off near TIMES SQUARE**
- 4:30 PM ETA at **BIRDLAND**
- 5:00 PM **DINNER & THE BIRDLAND BIG BAND at BIRDLAND** (provided)  
**Note: One of the trumpet players is from GR – attended Forest Hills Schools!**
- 7:15 PM ETD for **NEW YORK METROPOLITAN OPERA** in the **LINCOLN CENTER**
- 8:30 PM **NEW YORK METROPOLITAN OPERA – Puccini’s TURANDOT!**
- 11:30 PM ETD for **HOTEL**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

- 8:00 AM **BUFFET BREAKFAST at HOTEL (provided)**  
**(\$10 CASH BACK #3 for LUNCH in one of their several cafes)**
- 9:00 AM **ETD for the METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART**
- 10:00 AM **METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART**  
**There is a terrific exhibit of Musical Instruments here**
- 12:00 PM **ETD for AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**
- 2:30 PM **Enjoy FIFTH AVENUE & CENTRAL PARK areas for small group TOURING & SHOPPING**
- 5:30 PM **Drop off at John's Pizza or nearby – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue possibly**
- 6:00 PM **DINNER at JOHN'S PIZZA (provided)**
- 7:00 PM **ETD for BROADWAY SHOW – 'SCHOOL OF ROCK'**
- 8:00 PM **'SCHOOL OF ROCK'**
- 11:00 PM **ETD for HOTEL**

## SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

- 7:30 AM **BUFFET BREAKFAST at HOTEL (provided)**  
**(\$10 CASH BACK #4 for LUNCH)**
- 8:30 AM **ETD for 911 MEMORIAL & MEMORIAL**
- 9:30 PM **ETA at 911 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM**  
**(This is a reserved timed event – self guided)**
- 10:00 AM **911 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM**
- 12:30 PM **ETA at ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY**
- 1:00 PM **ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY**  
**(This is a reserved timed event)**
- 2:30 PM **ETD for TIMES SQUARE, FIFTH AVENUE, CENTRAL PARK areas for small group TOURING & SHOPPING**  
**(other options include: Chinatown, Greenwich Village near NYU, Grand Central Station)**
- 4:45 PM **ETD for PIER 62 – location of DINNER CRUISE (provided)**

- 5:30 PM     **BOARDING for DINNER CRUISE**  
[Note: arriving early avoids lines – we will try for 5:15 arrival if possible]
- 6:00 PM     **DINNER CRUISE on the SPIRIT OF NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK**  
[Note: If you want more time in Times Square, we can go there after the cruise]
- 9:00 PM     ETD for **HOTEL**

### **MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018**

- 8:00 AM     **BUFFET BREAKFAST at HOTEL (provided). After BREAKFAST, check out of Hotel and pack motor coaches with luggage, etc.**  
**(\$10 CASH BACK #5 for LUNCH en ROUTE)**
- 9:00 AM     ETD for **MICHIGAN**
- 9:00 PM     ETA at **DAKOTA HS, MACOMB TOWNSHIP, MI**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THIS TRIP:  
DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL BANDS TO NEW YORK - 2018**

**Payment/Amount Due Dates - \$950 Total based on QUAD/TRIPLE/DOUBLE Rooms**

Payment 1: \$200 – Due OCTOBER 6, 2017 [note: this is a non-refundable deposit]

Payment 2: \$250 – Due NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Payment 3: \$250 – Due DECEMBER 1, 2017

Payment 4: \$250 – Due JANUARY 26, 2018

*[Note: The 4<sup>th</sup> and final payment may be adjusted due to enrollment numbers  
and room configurations]*

**\*IMPORTANT ROOM LIST DEADLINE: JANUARY 12, 2018\***

**Payment/Amount Due Dates - \$1340 Total based on SINGLE Room**

Payment 1: \$200 – Due OCTOBER 6, 2017 [note: this is a non-refundable deposit]

Payment 2: \$380 – Due NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Payment 3: \$380 – Due DECEMBER 1, 2017

Payment 4: \$380 – Due JANUARY 26, 2018

*[Note: The 4<sup>th</sup> and final payment may be adjusted due to enrollment numbers  
and room configurations]*

**TO REGISTER & MAKE A PAYMENT:**

(Important – we do not accept checks. Please use credit card, debit card or prepaid credit card)

Step 1: Go to the website: [bennett-travel.com](http://bennett-travel.com)

Step 2: Click the 'Online Payment' tab at the top of the home page

Step 3: Carefully fill out the required boxes choosing DAKOTA HS BAND as your school

Step 4: Click 'SUBMIT FORM' and you will be directed to our

PayPal secured payment page – you do not need to have a PayPal account to make a payment.

Step 5: Upon completion of your payment, PRINT YOUR RECEIPT, then exit.

[PayPal and our office keeps detailed records of all transactions should there be any questions or concerns.]

*\*Please put all the payment dates in your calendar\**

*If you have any questions about your payments, please email Patti in our office:  
[patti@bennett-travel.com](mailto:patti@bennett-travel.com) OR call her at 231-758-6266*

**NOTE:** Your Directors and/or Booster representative will have shared access to the balance folder 24/7. They will always have payment information for you if needed.

**Optional:** Trip Insurance is available through Travel Guard.

To access: Go to [www.bennett-travel.com](http://www.bennett-travel.com)

1. Click the 'Travel Insurance' tab
2. Click your 'state of residence' from the pull-down menu
3. Go to the 'Gold Plan'.
4. Questions: Call 800-454-7107
5. Emergency: Call 715-345-0505

Please feel free to navigate through our web site to learn more about Bennett Travel, LLC

*'Thank you for the opportunity to serve you'*

**Dakota Bands NYC Trip 2018**

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in going on the New York City trip with the Dakota High School Band from March 29-April 2, 2018. Enclosed are the proper forms and our first payment will be made online.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial here) If we want to withdraw from the trip after the initial payment and forms are submitted, I understand that my payments may not be refundable unless someone is found to take my child's place on the trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in being a chaperone for this trip. Please contact me to give me more information if I am selected.

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Contact info: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit forms to Mr. Abend **AFTER** making your online payment by Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2018. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

\*\*\*If students are not up to date on other band fees then they are not able to register for this trip until those fees are paid.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Keep in mind that seats are reserved on a first come, first serve basis based on the order that the forms AND payments are turned in. If you are waitlisted there is still a chance you will be able to attend. If you are not able to go because of being waitlisted then you would receive a full refund.\*\*\*

## Student Travel - Parent Consent Form

This form communicates to the parents the particulars of this school sponsored activity and affords the teacher/coach trip leader(s) the information necessary to act reasonably in the case of an accident, emergency, or other situation that could arise during this activity.

I permit my child (please print name) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the planned

Student Travel to New York City (see detail in the attached itinerary).

Teacher/Coach Trip Leader(s) Abend, Robert Travel dates March 29-April 2, 2018  
 Cost to each student \$950

**Phone numbers:**

	Name	Home Phone #	Work Phone #	Cell Phone #
Parent				
Parent				
Emergency Contact				

Parent's street address \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Emergency Medical Information:**

When my child is involved in this school activity and I am otherwise unable to provide authorization directly, I grant the school Trip Leader(s) the authority to act for me and to provide any required consents and authorization for the delivery of medical care, diagnosis, and treatment, including surgical intervention, if necessary, on behalf of my minor child named above, and do all other necessary things as I might or could do to provide for the child's health and safety, if I were present. (This authorization is valid for the current school year or until such time as I withdraw the authorization.)

Child's birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Current treatments or medications \_\_\_\_\_

Name of family doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Chippewa Valley Schools has a limited health insurance rider that is secondary to the parent's policy coverage.

I give my permission for my child to participate in the above named activity, medical authorization to act in my child's best interests in the event I'm not available to do so, and do hereby relieve Chippewa Valley Schools of all responsibility beyond that of normal care and supervision.

Student behavior in this activity is regulated by and subject to the Parent-Student Code of Conduct.

All students must travel according to the mode indicated unless a special arrangement is made between a parent and the trip leader.

This form must be completed and in the possession of the principal and the trip leader prior to the activity departure and taken by the trip leader on the travel trip.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

## Responsibility Contract for Student Travel & Parent Approval

It is a privilege for you to participate in this District sponsored travel trip. Inherent in this privilege is the responsibility to be governed by the Student Code of Conduct from the time of departure and until the time of return.

I agree to:

- a. refrain at all times from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs unless said drugs are prescribed by a physician and dispensed by school personnel or self-medication and/or possession are properly authorized;
- b. sleep in my assigned room and not entertain members of the opposite sex in my room, unless my room door is fully opened and an adult chaperone is notified;
- c. keep my assigned chaperone advised of my whereabouts at all times;
- d. attend all mandatory activities and meal functions;
- e. adhere to all established curfews;
- f. conduct myself in such a manner as to bring pride to myself, my family, my school, and my community;
- g. adhere to an established dress code;
- h. comply, throughout the trip, with any and all instructions directed to me and/or the group by a chaperone or staff member;
- i. be responsible and accountable for my actions;
- j. pay for damages to property or furnishings or theft of property.

If a problem arises that is serious enough in nature to warrant the below named student's removal from the travel group, we (the student and parent/guardian) agree to bear any additional costs to return the student home. NOTE: the accompanying professional staff member will make this removal decision after a student has been provided the opportunity to respond to any allegations. The student may be subject to discipline upon return home in accordance with general district policies.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date