

Overnight Travel Request

Scope

Travel with the Ida Price Middle School Percussion Ensemble to Temecula Ca. on February 24th through 27th to participate in the Winter Guard International Western Regional.

Expectations

- Provide new opportunities for the Ida Price Percussion Ensemble to be evaluated by nationally certified adjudicators.
- Provide new opportunities for the Ida Price Percussion Ensemble to watch other Middle, High School and College level ensembles perform.
- Provide a new venue for the Ida Price Percussion Ensemble to perform in order to expand their educational experience in performance excellence.
- Provide new opportunities for the Ida Price Percussion Ensemble to meet other like-minded music performers.

Schedule

- **2/24/22** Thursday - early morning depart to Madera / Madera HS to participate in a private clinic with their professional percussion staff. After the clinic we will depart for Santa Clarita to stay that evening. (*We expect to stay at the Hampton Inn, 25250 The Old Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91381*)
- **2/25/22** Friday - depart for Pasadena / Pasadena City College to participate in a private clinic with their percussion professor. After the clinic we will depart for Riverside / Riverside City College to observe RCC independent world percussion ensemble rehearse (two Ida Price graduates are in that ensemble). After the RCC rehearsal we will depart for Hemet to stay the next two nights (*we expect to stay at the Hampton Inn, 3700 West Florida Ave Hemet, CA 92545*)
- **2/26/22** Saturday - we will travel to Temecula, CA to compete in the Winter Guard International (WGI) Southern California Regional competition. (*Great Oak HS 32555 Deer Hollow Way, Temecula, CA 92592*) Prelims and finals will be held on Saturday at Great Oak HS. After the competition we will return to Hemet and stay at the same Hampton Inn as Friday night
- **2/27/22** Sunday, we will depart for San Jose, returning home at approximately 6 PM.

Logistics

Attendees: # of Students 13 # of Parents 7 # of Staff 3 Total attending 23

Medical releases: Medical releases are hand carried by the teacher during travel and are otherwise left with a parent in the group. (A second copy will be kept in the equipment trailer.)

- Medical/emergency information (*Temecula Valley Hospital 31700 Temecula Pkwy, Temecula, CA 92592*)
- Overnight chaperones: All overnight chaperones will be fingerprinted by the D.O.
- Funding: This trip is paid by fundraising efforts and parental contributions. Fundraisers scheduled for the students to raise the required funds to participate in the trip. Student participation in the fundraising activities is not required if the student's parents wish to pay for the cost of the trip. Families who require financial assistance are always aided by the Ida Price Music Boosters.
- Identify and reserve the most cost effective transportation and accommodations.

- Develop a detailed travel schedule, meals, and chaperones. Students with food allergies have been accommodated with parent approved snacks and meals. Initial interest level indicates a 2 student per chaperone ratio (excluding staff, if counted would create a 1.3 student per chaperone ratio).

Covid Protocols:

The ensemble will adhere to Ida Price Percussion Ensemble COVID protocols or the local area protocols, whichever is more stringent.

All students, chaperones and staff will wear masks at all times (including during the competition performances) including outside areas, inside buildings and inside vehicles except when eating meals or drinking water.

Hand sanitizer will be used regularly during rehearsals, meals, travel and other events.

Vehicles and musical instruments will be wiped down regularly with antiseptic clorox type wipes.

We will temperature check all personnel (students, chaperones and staff) every morning.

We will travel with multiple rapid nasal COVID test kits and will use them to test personnel in case of an abnormal temperature reading or if someone is not feeling well.

While staying overnight in the hotels all personnel will stay in their own bed (ie; only two people in a room with double beds).

No self service food options to be utilized by any personnel, chaperone servers will wear gloves as well as masks while serving meals.

If someone does become ill and tests positive for COVID we will immediately isolate them from the group and conduct contact tracing to determine the extent of the potential exposure to the group. We will determine the best way to transport the infected person back to San Jose. This action may require that the trip be cut short so that the entire ensemble can return to San Jose to minimize any additional exposures.

The key to succeeding on a trip such as this is for everyone to be aware of their surroundings at all times. By wearing masks, using hand sanitizer and staying away from people we don't know as much as possible (social distancing). This past summer I managed a 180 person drum corps marching band (including marching members, instructional staff, admin team, drivers and volunteers) for 7 weeks, we stayed in high schools schools (gyms), traveled through 17 states, traveled over 7,000 miles, prepared and served over 35,000 meals, performed at 12 events and, we did not have a single COVID exposure / illness. It takes a great deal of diligence and commitment to stay safe and COVID free and I believe that the Ida Price percussion ensemble has the ability to do that by strictly following the required protocols.