



## Ankeny High School Vocal Music

### Chicago Tour 2022

### Preliminary Information

#### **Purpose:**

Trip opportunities in the Ankeny High School Vocal Music Department offer “once-in-a-lifetime” tour opportunities for all of our students. Trips offer AHS choir members the opportunity to learn from other conductors, interact with and perform for other students, and share their music with different audiences in settings outside of the Ankeny Community. Additionally, there are many “sight-seeing” and cultural opportunities, and the chance to travel with your friends! *Even if you’ve been to Chicago before, you’ve never traveled with your choir family!*

#### **Dates:**

April 7-10, 2022

#### **Trip Highlights\*:**

Navy Pier

Millennium Park

Magnificent Mile Shopping

Museum of Science & Industry

Chicago Cubs game

Skydeck Chicago

Shedd Aquarium

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

Performance Exchange

Master Class/Clinic at area college

Broadway Musical Performance

Seven meals included in cost

Three nights in hotel

*\*Itinerary is subject to change.*

#### **COVID Requirements**

Individual venues/attractions will likely have different requirements in place that we will be required to follow. This may include mask mandates, proof of vaccination/proof of negative COVID test, etc. It is five months until the trip so it is impossible to know what the conditions and requirements will be like in April, but you should be aware that these will likely be in place at some destinations and are out of our control. Our travel company will keep us up to date as requirements change and as the departure date approaches.

### **Transportation:**

We will utilize *charter bus* transportation for this trip.

### **Cost Information:**

Cost per student: \$700.00

\*Cost of the trip may fluctuate (up or down) based on: number of participants, changes in prices of itinerary items (i.e. theatre tickets), fundraising efforts, etc.

\*\*If you have individual financial concerns, *we want to work with you*. Please contact us. Our desire is for *every student* to participate in this amazing trip!

\*\*\*Pandemic Cancellation Policy: If the tour is affected by a Federal or State mandate concerning COVID-19, disease, or a pandemic, Group Travel Planners will refund the tour in full up to the day of travel less any overhead expenses, prepaid attraction payments and cancellation charges issued by hotels, transportation companies, and other retailers or businesses.

### **Payment Information:**

All payments will be made online directly to our travel company, Group Travel Planners.

Information about how to register with the company's payment system and make payments will be shared soon with those who commit to the trip.

Deposit: \$100.00 (DUE December 6)

Payment 1: \$200.00 (DUE January 14)

Payment 2: \$200.00 (DUE February 25)

Payment 3: \$200.00/Balance (based on final trip costs, results of fundraising efforts, etc.) (DUE March 28)

### **Next Steps:**

1. In order to obtain an accurate count so that our tour company can begin booking key itinerary items, securing tickets, finalize overall cost, etc., please complete the **STATEMENT OF INTENT** form and return it to your vocal music director by Monday, November 29. We will assume that you are not participating in the trip if you do not return a form. ***Reminder: If you have individual financial concerns, please communicate with us! We would love to see 100% participation!***
2. Once intent forms are turned in...Make the \$100.00 deposit online (Info forthcoming to those who commit to the trip.)
3. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:00PM** for a trip meeting. All students traveling are required to attend this meeting; parents are strongly encouraged to attend.





## STATEMENT OF INTENT

### AHS VOCAL MUSIC CHICAGO TOUR 2022

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Ensemble (please check one):     Concert Choir     Cantorei     Ankeny Singers

*Please check:*

Our student is planning to travel to Chicago with the Ankeny High School Choirs. We have read the preliminary information, and both understand and commit to the payment schedule.

Our student is planning to travel to Chicago. We have read the preliminary information and would like to discuss an individual financial concern.

I am interested in being a chaperone for this trip. (Note that chaperone cost is slightly higher due to hotel room configurations.) (Depending on the amount of interest, chaperones will be selected using a lottery system.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date