WINTER PARK HIGH SCHOOL BAND, WINTER PARK, FL
TRIP TO CHICAGO – March 27 – 31, 2025
Itinerary Subject to Change
UPDATED 3.21.25

Thursday, March 27, 2025 – Comfortable Business Casual clothing & WP Band jacket

4:45 AM:	Arrive at the Orlando Airport (MCO) **Terminal B Departures** United Airlines 23 Jeff Fuqua Blvd. Orlando, FL 32827 and check-in
7:20 AM:	Depart on your UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT #2673 to Chicago O'Hare (ORD) (97 seats confirmed)
9:36 AM:	**CENTRAL TIME-** Arrive in Chicago and meet your TOUR MANAGER at the baggage claim area.
10:15 AM:	Board your LOCAL MOTORCOACHES and depart by coach for Chicago
11:30 AM:	Enjoy a panoramic tour of Chicago and see the Chicago Fine Arts Building, McCormick Place, Millennium Park, AT&T Plaza, Cloud Gate ("The Bean"), the Birthplace of Ernest Hemingway, Crown Fountain, Lurie Garden, the Chicago Picasso, the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, drive by Soldier Field (Home of the Chicago Bears), the Chicago Water Tower, the Riverwalk and the United Center with the famous Michael Jordan statue (Home of the Chicago Bulls, and Blackhawks)
	Lunch on your own
2:30 PM:	Depart by LOCAL MOTORCOACHES for the hotel
3:00 PM:	Arrive at the FESTIVAL HOTEL **Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel: Downtown Chicago,** 17 E Monroe St, Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 726-7500 and check-in
	Meet an MCI staff member who will provide room keys to the group leader and check in to your rooms. Festival materials will be distributed to the group leader.
4:00 PM:	Free Time to sightsee in the area around the hotel
5:45 PM:	Meet in hotel lobby
6:00 PM:	Depart by LOCAL MOTORCOACHES for dinner
6:30 PM:	Dinner included at Geno's East of Chicago.
8:00 PM:	Evening tour of the John Hancock Building, including a visit to 360 Chicago (includes TILT admission)
9:30 PM:	Depart by LOCAL MOTORCOACHES for the hotel
10:30 PM:	Room Checks

11:00 PM: Lights Out

PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY

Friday, March 28, 2025 – Concert Uniform morning, comfortable business casual for clinic and evening

6:30 AM: Breakfast at the hotel.

8:30 AM: Meet in the lobby in performance attire with instruments and load your LOCAL MOTORCOACHES.

9:00 AM: Depart for Field Museum.

9:30 AM: Arrive at Field Museum 1400 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr. and unload.

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM: Warm up.

10:30 AM: ***Winter Park High School Trip Band Performance at the Field Museum***

11:00 AM: Afterwards, load instruments onto the LOCAL MOTORCOACHES and return to the hotel to drop off instruments and change clothes.

Lunch on your own around the Palmer House Hotel. *The Berghoff Restaurant and Miller's Pub are very short walks from the Palmer House.*

1:15 PM: Meet in hotel lobby.

1:45 PM: Arrive at Symphony Center and make our way to Buntrock Hall

2:00 PM: ***Wind Symphony participates in a clinic with Jason Fettig, Director of Bands at the University of Michigan and Former Director of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band (1hr 15 min)***

3:15 PM: Clear Buntrock Hall and depart.

3:30 PM: Return to the Palmer House to drop-off instruments.

4:50 PM: Meet in hotel lobby and load buses.

5:00 PM: Depart for Andy's Jazz Club.

5:30 PM: Dinner and live music show at *ANDY'S JAZZ CLUB*

7:30 PM: After dinner, walk to Navy Pier and enjoy free time at the attractions.

9:50 PM: Meet at Polk Brothers Fountain

10:00 PM: Load LOCAL MOTORCOACHES and return to the Hotel

10:30 PM: Room Checks

11:00 PM: Lights Out

PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY

Saturday, March 29, 2025 – Blue tour t-shirt morning, Concert Uniform for WS, Business casual for everyone

6:30 AM: Breakfast at the hotel

7:45 AM: Meet in hotel lobby wearing your Tour T-Shirt.

8:00 AM: Enjoy a walking tour of Millennium Park, including stops at AT&T Plaza, Cloud Gate ("The Bean"), Crown Fountain, Lurie Garden, and the Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

10:00 AM: Return to the hotel and WS change into Concert Uniform/all others Business Casual

11:00 AM: Meet in the lobby of the hotel with instruments then walk to Symphony Center.

11:10 AM: Arrive at Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center.

11:40 AM: ***Winter Park High School Wind Symphony participate in a sound check and rehearsal in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center. (30 minutes)***

12:10 PM Clear stage and store instruments in Buntrock Hall.

Lunch on your own near Symphony Center. Chaperones help coordinate lunch since our timing is tight.

12:30 PM: Return to Symphony Center and retrieve instruments from Buntrock Hall.

12:45 PM: Wind Symphony: Standby in the Rotunda.
Non-Wind Symphony students and chaperones: Enter seating in Orchestra Hall with tickets.

1:15 PM: WPHS Wind Symphony on stage.

1:30 PM: ***Winter Park High School Wind Symphony Percy Grainger Wind Band Festival Performance in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center.***
Non-performers and chaperones use their tickets to enter Symphony Center as a group and are seated together.

2:00 PM: Wind Symphony returns to seats to enjoy the remainder of the concert.

4:30 PM: Optional time for photos before returning to the hotel on foot to change clothes for the evening.

5:15 PM: Meet in Hotel Lobby to walk to dinner.

5:30 PM: Dinner at Levy Restaurant at Chicago Symphony Center

7:00 PM: Find reserved seating in Orchestra Hall

7:30 PM: Attend a performance of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Program includes:
Violin Concerto No.1 – Max Bruch

Livre pour cordes – Pierre Boulez
Symphony No. 3 (Rhenish) – Robert Schumann

9:30 PM: Walk back to the hotel

10:30 PM: Room Checks

11:00 PM: Lights Out

PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY

Sunday, March 30, 2025 – Grey WPHS Chicago t-shirt and jacket.

7:30 AM: Breakfast at the hotel

9:00 AM: Check-out of hotel rooms and load luggage on coach buses

9:30 AM: Depart on LOCAL MOTORCOACHES for Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

10:00 AM: Educational excursion to the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

11:50 AM: Meet at main entrance of museum.

12:00 PM: Depart on LOCAL MOTORCOACHES for Water Tower Place. Time for Shopping and sightseeing.

Lunch on your own

1:50 PM: Meet buses and load.

2:00 PM: Depart for Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW) for evening departure for Orlando (MCO) via scheduled airline service

2:45 PM: Arrive at MDW and check in. Dinner on your own at airport.

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RETURN FLIGHT A (10 pax) – Deane (1), Cambridge (3), Kest (2), Lippert (2), Ramdial (2),

5:10 PM: Depart on your SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #1010 to Nashville (BNA) (10 seats confirmed)

6:40 PM: Arrive in Nashville (BNA)

9:45 PM: Depart on your SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #4041 to Orlando (MCO) (10 seats confirmed)

Monday, March 31, 2025

12:35 AM: **EASTERN TIME** Arrive in Orlando (MCO)

Students picked up by parents/guardians from MCO

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RETURN FLIGHT B (87 pax)

6:40 PM: Depart on your SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #3022 to St. Louis (STL) (87 seats confirmed)

7:50 PM: Arrive in St. Louis (STL)

8:45 PM: Depart on your SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #4491 to Orlando (MCO) (88 seats confirmed)

Monday, March 31, 2025

12:05 AM: **EASTERN TIME** Arrive in Orlando (MCO)

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