

# Initial London Meeting

## September 12, 2016

### Welcome

### Intro Video (Video Presentation of Past Parade Footage)

### Introductions

Bill Thomas

Jennifer Silverstein, Tom Howell

Committee Members: Brian Hattaway, Kathy Webb, Mindy Linton, Re'ne Skelton,  
Tonya Tuma, Nathan Bailey

Treasurers: Matt Silverstein, Amy Jo Compton, Marcellus Chase

*ALL these people are volunteers! Be nice please.*

### What is London Trip:

History & Views: - PowerPoint presentation of hotel, London sites...etc.

9<sup>th</sup> time!!!! – More than any other visiting band.

Dates: At this time not confirmed: Usually leave 1-2 days after Christmas, so tentatively Dec 26-Jan 2 or Dec 27-Jan 3

### Inclusions:

Airfare – Leave KC in the afternoon, Arrive at Layover City (Atlanta?)-Leave for London in the evening and then arrive around 9-11am London time.

Transportation to large group events – Travel by Coach as a group

Shipping of large instruments –For sure flutes and clarinets will have to be backed in students' own suitcase, but negotiating for all other instruments to be shipped.

Each traveler allowed one suitcase and one carry-on

6 nights in 5 Star business class hotel – Either double or triple rooms. Chaperones traveling with a non-spouse will need to share a room.

6 buffet breakfasts, meats and cheese, bread, fruit, cereal, juices – ALL you can eat.

3 dinners in hotel or restaurant

3 sets of meal vouchers (14 pounds each-\$22) for meals when sightseeing – Basically each traveler is given a coupon book to eat at over 4,000 participating restaurants in London. Includes: fast food chains and restaurants similar to our Applebee's.

Half-day tour of London's West End

Full day tour to Tower of London (Crown Jewels) and Greenwich (London 2012 Olympic Park) and the Prime Meridian –quite a climb to the Prime Meridian but WELL worth the effort.

Cruise down the River Thames

Full day tour to the town of Windsor & Windsor Castle PLUS Oxford OR Hampton Court

Oyster Card Loaded with funds for group travel by underground or bus –this card can be used for the City busses and the Tube (subway) – travelers can add more \$ to this card if they use more than their allotted amount.  
(Probably 50% of sightseeing is done in small groups)

Personal (to Keep) MP3 player with 8 personal guided tours (Harry Potter, Dungeons of London, Princes and Palaces, WWI and WWII.... Etc.)

Tour for chaperones to watch the parade from Grandstand seats!

Private New Year's Eve Party in hotel

Full Time resident Tour Assistant

**NOT INCLUDED:** Food at the airport, maybe a meal or two in London, and souvenirs.

Some parents investigate sending a prepaid credit card or a debit card with their students rather than all cash. Just make sure to visit with your banking institution to alert them this is for travel outside of the United States.

### Prices:

Cost of the Trip \$3,400

First payment must be cash or check – no fundraising money here.

All other payments can be fundraised. Account balance must be equal amount noted on Statement of Understanding at each Payment Date.

PayPal? Mr. Thomas took a poll to see who would be interested in using PayPal. The understanding is that if BAW sets up a business account with PayPal, each transaction has a FEE of 2.7%... what that means is that over the span of deposits made to your London account using PayPal, one would be charged an additional \$60 or so to cover the transaction fee.

About 10 people or so indicated they might be interested in this option.

One member suggested BAW look into the DWOLLA bank transfer company....

Basically both parties (BAW and Individuals) create accounts with DWOLLA and the transfers can be done through the bank with maybe \$0.25 fee per transaction – not the same as using a credit card, but maybe simpler than having to come to a meeting to write a check.)

A London Trip Treasurer will be at every BAW meeting to accept payments. Also payments may be placed in labeled envelopes and given to Mr. Thomas to be put in the safe before treasurer's deposit them.

**Chaperones:** Any adult going is a chaperone

Families: Welcome

NOT a vacation. You will have responsibilities: Hallway duty, party planning, uniforms..Etc as well as sightseeing with your group.

Most sightseeing is in chaperone groups

All chaperones – Need an SMSD background check. More Information LATER.

### Why London:

One of the largest and most cosmopolitan cities in the world

Our Mother country – HISTORY

Gain a "world view" that you cant get in the classroom

The thrill of performing in front of millions of people – REALLY – 21/2-mile march

Harry Potter

Shopping

Seeing some of the most iconic sights in the world

Memories that will last a lifetime!

## Fundraising:

Car Wash – this year's total is about \$7,000 (one person raised over \$600!) This was a 70/30% split, with 70% raised going to London accounts and 30% going towards an overall band fundraiser. **If your student WORKED they will receive about a \$15 share of what the drive thru locations earned as well as 70% of their personal collections.** This year 64% of our band students worked at the car wash, 28% turned in individual pledge sheets).

Red Wheel a 70/30% split **coming up after spaghetti dinner**

Grocery Coupon Books – **COMING SOON – This is a 100% of profit for each individual into London account**

Flower Sale – Coming in the - 100% of profit for individual sales goes into London **Committee Chair needed for this fundraiser**

Mattress – October 1, SATURDAY – 100% of profit into individual London account

Others.... If you have a fundraising idea we are open to the input. Share your idea/plan with the London Committee. Individual or group with the idea must be willing to step up to lead the fundraiser though. ☺

## Other Thoughts:

Passport Needed – **audience member shared that a 5yr passport for students 15yr and younger is \$80 with a \$25 processing fee. A 10yr passport for 16yr or older students is \$110 with a \$25 processing fee. Families should get them NOW to avoid last minute penalties for expedited shipping. Also, not every Post Office offers this service. The Post Office in Stillwell still allows for walk in passport processing. Other Post Offices you need to make an appointment. You can fill out the forms online and print them to bring to the Post Office to save time. Also, both parents need to be present to apply for a passport or they need to bring a notarized affidavit allowing only one parent to be present.**

**We will NOT be leaving the UK as a group so a VISA is not necessary.**

**There is a LAND ONLY package option if someone is interested in going early to Europe or staying later and therefore planning your own airfare....**

## HANDOUTS

- **Statement of Understanding** – Must be completed and submitted WITH initial cash/check payment for EACH individual traveling to London.... First submission deadline is October 14, 2016.
- **Fundraising Policy** – Must be completed by each student

Any questions please feel free to contact London committee or Mr. Thomas with questions.