

Chicago Spring Trip '25



Blue Man Group



VanderCook
College of Music



Chicago
Symphony



Museum of Science
& Industry



Wendella Boat
Tour



Six Flags Great
America

APRIL 16-21, 2025

The Nation Ford High School Band will be visiting the exciting city of CHICAGO this SPRING!!! We invite all parents, alumni, and friends of the band to travel with us and share in this wonderful experience during spring break 2025. This trip packed full of fun events that you will find to be both exciting and an exceptional value! We will depart Charlotte on Wednesday, April 16th and return on Monday, April 21st. The best part is you still have 6 MORE DAYS of SPRING BREAK!

This trip includes:

- Round-trip Air from Charlotte, NC to Chicago, IL
- Ticket to CHICAGO SYMPHONY Performance of Mahler's 7th Symphony
- Tour of ORCHESTRA HALL SYMPHONY CENTER
- Pre-Concert Presentation about Mahler's 7th Symphony
- Clinic/Workshop at Vandercook School of Music (subject to scheduling availability)
- Visit Navy Pier and Group Dinner at a Nearby Restaurant
- Ticket to BLUE MAN GROUP Spectacle Theater Production
- Tickets to SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA
- Wendella Boat Tour of Chicago
- Museum of Science & Industry
- Dinner at Vito's Vault (Speakeasy Dinner Theater)
- Deluxe Air-Conditioned Transportation
- Full-Time Local Tour Director with 24/7 Local Emergency Support
- Hotel Portage & Baggage Handling
- Tips to Drivers, Servers and Activity Guides (those that are Included in the package)
- \$1,000,000 Liability Insurance Coverage
- Five (5) Nights in the Hilton Towers Chicago or similar
- Five (5) Breakfasts, Five (5) Dinners

TRIP PACKAGE OPTIONS

QUAD ROOM (student package): \$1995
TRIPLE ROOM (maximum of 2 adults in room): \$2148
DOUBLE ROOM: \$2567
SINGLE ROOM: \$2998

TO SECURE THIS
LOW PRICING,
SUBMIT YOUR
DEPOSIT AND FORM
BY MONDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2024!!!



Nation Ford Band Chicago Spring Trip '2025 Commitment Form

The Nation Ford High School Band will visit the city of CHICAGO!

We invite parents, alumni, and friends of the band to travel with our students and staff to share in this wonderful experience. The price of the trip includes all group travel, activities, most meals, and accommodations—an exceptional value! We depart Wednesday, April 16th and return Monday, April 21st, which leaves students with 6 days of Spring Break remaining after the trip! Read on to see the exciting places and events we'll be visiting during our stay. Pricing is based on the hotel room occupancy you choose. Please join us!

ITENERARY INFORMATION

Our itinerary includes a variety of exciting and enriching experiences Included in the cost of your trip:

- CHICAGO SYMPHONY performance of Mahler's 7th Symphony
 - Pre-concert Presentation about Mahler's 7th Symphony
 - ORCHESTRA HALL SYMPHONY CENTER Tour
- Clinic/Workshop at VANDERCOOK SCHOOL OF MUSIC (STUDENT ACTIVITY subject to scheduling)
- NAVY PIER visit and group dinner at nearby restaurant
- BLUE MAN GROUP Spectacle Theater Production
- SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA
- WENDELLA BOAT TOUR of Chicago
- MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY
- Dinner at VITO'S VAULT (Speakeasy Dinner Theater)
- Round-trip air travel from Charlotte Douglas International Airport to Chicago
- Deluxe air-conditioned transportation in Chicago
- Five (5) nights in the Hilton Towers Chicago or similar
- Five (5) breakfasts and Five (5) dinners
- Full-time local tour director with 24/7 local emergency support
- Hotel portage and baggage handling
- All tips to drivers, servers, and guides for activities included in the trip package
- \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage

The following are NOT included in the cost of your trip and would be at the trip participant's own cost:

- Money for Shopping and Free Time Activities
- Luggage/ Baggage Fees from the Airlines
- Additional Meals and Drinks
- Hometown Transportation to your Departure Airport

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

	QUAD (student package)	TRIPLE (2 adult max)	DOUBLE	SINGLE
Monday, October 21 24	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Monday, November 18 24	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$700
Monday December 9 24	\$450	\$450	\$600	\$700
Monday, January 13 25	\$450	\$450	\$600	\$700
Monday, February 3 25	\$345	\$448	\$467	\$598
TOTAL	\$1995	\$2148	\$2567	\$2998

DATES OF TRIP:
Wednesday, April 16th, 2025
through
Monday, April 21, 2025

***OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE MAY BE PURCHASED WHEN YOU REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH *TripMate Travel Protection Plans*.** Details for the online portal will be distributed after your commitment form and deposit payment are processed.

***IMPORTANT: Please understand that the deposit is non-refundable.** This \$300 deposit insures your participation, and will be forwarded to the travel company. A student using credits must be sure there are adequate points in their account each month. Package prices may increase if deposits are received after October 21st due to changes in market prices.

RESERVING YOUR SPACE

To reserve space on the trip for your student and any tagalongs connected to your student, **complete and return the Commitment Form with your non-refundable deposit of \$300 per participant by October 21, 2024.** The deposit is non-refundable regardless of payment method—PayPal, check, or fee credits; this is necessary to ensure your participation and will be forwarded to the travel company managing our trip.

To keep your reservation, you must make all installment payments by the given due dates. Delinquent accounts may be closed without out refund; money already committed to various agencies will not be refunded, and money not committed to others may also not be refunded. This situation is governed by the strict guidelines of the travel company and is beyond the control of the Fort Mill District Band Booster Club, the Fort Mill School District #4, or the band directors.

While applications to participate in the trip may be accepted after October 21, these may be subject to a higher price for the trip if market prices change for the elements of the trip. **To secure your trip at the rates listed on this form, your completed form and non-refundable deposit of \$300 per participant must be received by October 21, 2024.**

COMMITMENT FORM:

Your commitment form and initial payment is required for participation in the trip. Your commitment form must include your band student(s) and any tagalongs associated with your band student(s). Sibling band students are listed as students; siblings who are not band students are considered tagalongs and must be accompanied by an adult. If paying your deposit via PayPal or fee credit, seal your form in an envelope with your student's name on it and place it in the wooden payment box in Mr. Krieger's office in the band room., or mailed to the PO Box address below. **TO LOCK IN CURRENT PRICING, SUBMIT YOUR DEPOSIT BY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st!!!**

DEPOSIT PAYMENT OPTIONS:

PAYPAL: Go to nationfordband.com and select the **Spring Trip** drop down under the Fees/Payments tab. Enter the student participant's name and click the Buy Now button to continue to PayPal. Make your payment for your student(s) and include all tag-a-longs deposits in the same payment; enter the names of all participants in the notes field.

CHECK: Checks must be made **payable to FMDBBC (NF Chicago Trip in the memo line)** and submitted in one of the following ways:

- 1) Seal in an envelope with your completed commitment form. Write your band student's name on the outside of the envelope and place in the wooden payment box in Mr. Krieger's office in the band room.
- 2) Mail (also sealed in envelope with completed commitment form) to:

NF BAND – CHICAGO TRIP
PO Box 611, Fort Mill, SC 29716

STUDENT ACCOUNT CREDITS:

To use fee credits in your student's CutTime account, please email Beth Wagner at nafocharms@gmail.com. Be sure to provide your student's name in the email and specify the amount of credit to apply to your payment. Please note that you may only use credits that are in your account at the time you wish to make payment. PARENTS/FAMILIES CAN USE FEE CREDITS TOWARDS PACKAGE COST.

ONLINE PORTAL for FOLLOW-UP INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS:

Your deposit is the only payment you will make through the band boosters.* Once your deposit has been received and we have verified that there are no outstanding band fees due, you will receive instructions to register in the travel company's online portal. You'll use the portal to make future installment payments, provide your student's dietary needs/restrictions for included meals. The portal is also where you may purchase the (optional) travel insurance to provide coverage if a participant cannot go on the trip due to injury, illness, or other circumstances specified in the policy.

*Exception: if paying future installments using fee credits, follow the same procedure as with your deposit payment. You will still need to sign up for the online portal after paying the deposit.

STUDENTS *Chicago Spring Trip '2025* RESERVATION FORM

*If you are not registering a student, please proceed to the Tag-A-Long section below.

SELECT STUDENT OCCUPANCY NUMBER

PLEASE SIGN →

- 1 BAND STUDENT OCCUPANT (\$1995 each) QUAD
 2 BAND STUDENT OCCUPANTS - SIBLING (\$1995 each) QUAD 3 BAND STUDENT OCCUPANTS - SIBLING (\$1995 each) QUAD

BAND STUDENT Participant #1 _____ Instrument/Section _____

BAND STUDENT Participant #2 _____ Instrument/Section _____

contact phone #: _____ contact email: _____

BAND STUDENT Participant #3 _____ Instrument/Section _____

contact phone #: _____ contact email: _____

Parent/Adult financially responsible for listed student(s) trip:

(please print) _____

signature: _____ date: _____

TAG-A-LONGS

SELECT TAG-A-LONG OCCUPANCY NUMBER

- 4 OCCUPANTS (\$1995 each) QUAD
 3 OCCUPANTS (\$2148 each) TRIPLE *2 adults minimum
 2 OCCUPANTS (\$2567 each) DOUBLE
 1 OCCUPANT (\$2998 each) SINGLE

AS AN ADULT TAG-A-LONG ON THIS TRIP, I am also the parent or guardian who is financial responsible for paying the band fees of a band student(s) on this trip

- YES NO

IF YES, PRINT THE NAMES OF THE ADULT TAG-A-LONG RESPONSIBLE AND THE NAME(S) OF THE STUDENT(S) ON THE LINES BELOW:

TAG-A-LONG ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR BAND FEES: _____

STUDENT 1 _____

STUDENT 2 _____

STUDENT 3 _____

TAG-A-LONG Participant #1

contact phone #: _____ contact email: _____

TAG-A-LONG Participant #2

contact phone #: _____ contact email: _____

TAG-A-LONG Participant #3

contact phone #: _____ contact email: _____

TAG-A-LONG Participant #4

contact phone #: _____ contact email: _____

ENCLOSED NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

*ALL INITIAL DEPOSITS CANNOT BE PROCESSED SEPARATELY AND MUST BE SUBMITTED AS ONE COMBINED PAYMENT. ALL FUTURE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS MAY BE PAID BY SEPARATE PARTIES THROUGH SEPARATE ONLINE PORTAL ACCOUNTS ONCE DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED IF DESIRED.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS & TAG-A-LONGS x \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT PER PERSON

TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT:

*Total number of Student AND Tag-A-Long deposits on this form.

\$300 \$600 \$900 \$1200 \$1500 \$1800 \$2100

AGREEMENT

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the details listed on the form and acknowledge that I will be financially responsible for all payments. I understand that the first payment is non-refundable and ensures my participation at the listed rates and will be forwarded to the travel company. A parent/student using band booster CREDITS must be sure there is adequate credit value in their account each month. Please check your CutTime Account or contact Beth Wagner @ nafocharms@gmail.com for your current balance. I also understand that my \$300 deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY PAYMENTS SUBMITTED FOR THIS TRIP WILL FIRST BE APPLIED TO OUTSTANDING BAND FEES AND DUES THAT ARE PAST DUE. ALL BAND FEES AND MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO PARTICIPATE ON THIS TRIP. This trip is not a curricular requirement of the Nation Ford Band. Any TAG-A-LONGS who choose to make installment payments via a separate account through the online payment portal will take responsibility for maintaining current account balances separately from the person who signs this form to reserve a spot on this trip.

PAYMENT METHOD

- PAY WITH CREDITS FROM STUDENT ACCOUNT
 \$ _____ AMOUNT OF CREDITS TO BE USED
 PAID WITH CHECK
 enclosed mailed to PO Box address
 PAID WITH PAYPAL
 (nationfordband.com under fees/payments tab)

PRINTED NAME OF PERSONA REGISTERING TRIP: _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

