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Itinerary

**March 30th – April 6th,
2012**



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KAMIAK HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

PARIS PERFORMANCE TOUR

8 Days / 6 Nights
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Friday, March 30

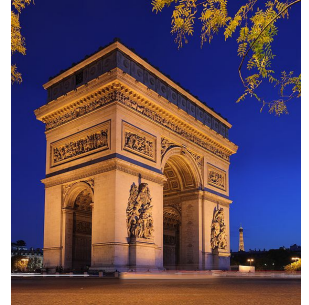
Depart the USA

Later today we'll be departing on our international flight from Seattle International Airport to Paris.

Saturday, March 31

Arrival Paris

Morning arrival into Paris Charles DeGaulle International Airport. After customs formalities meet our professional guide and transfer into central Paris where you'll have time to purchase lunch in the Rue Cler area. This afternoon en route to the hotel, we include a panoramic tour of some of the most famous Paris sights including: The **Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, The Champs Elysees,** and the **Church of Notre Dame.** Check-in to the hotel followed by our welcome dinner. (D)



Sunday, April 1

Paris – Louvre and Montmartre

Breakfast at hotel. At 8:15 we depart for a **guided tour** through the **Louvre** lasting until 11:00 a.m. You will be given until noon to enjoy the museum or adjoining shopping before we depart for Notre Dame Cathedral. Upon arrival at Notre Dame, you will be given information regarding the Cathedral and surrounding areas, a brief description of your performance area (which will be later in the week) and instructions on visiting Notre Dame.



Next, you will have free time for sightseeing and lunch in the Latin Quarter across the river – a large area full of shops, street food, café's and restaurants. A 2:30 p.m. departure for the The Basilica of the Sacré-Cœur and shopping area will begin with a brief description and instructions on the church and viewing area. The area of Montmartre sits up on a hill and is a wonderful opportunity for views of Paris. A short amount of free time follows allowing for a visit to the church if you would like or shopping from street vendors.

This evening will be a **group dinner** in one of the restaurants next to the shopping area complete with musical entertainment while dining. At 7:30 we depart the Montmartre area and had to the Eiffel tower area of the Seine River for an **end-of-the-day cruise** offering panoramic views of Paris from the river's perspective. The sunset and lights of Paris are breathtaking and there is a chance that you will see the Eiffel Tower begin its nightly light show before returning to the hotel. (B, D)



Monday, April 2

Paris – Eiffel Performance and Opera House



After breakfast we depart in uniform for our **first performance**. At 10:00 a.m. our group will arrive for a scheduled performance outside the Eiffel Tower! Although this is a scheduled performance the Tower does not publicize the performance – but no worries. Traditionally by the time a marching band reaches the tower it has hundreds (or thousands!) of spectators. Following the 30-minute performance, we parade back to the coaches and travel to the Paris Opera House designed by Charles Garnier for a **group photo**.

The afternoon brings free time for lunch in the Lafayette Shopping Mall just a few blocks from the Opera House. This is a very upscale mall that not only offers the opportunity to shop for expensive perfumes or some Paris fashion or head up to the higher floor for cheaper gifts as well as lunch, snacks, and coffee. While here, you are encouraged to head up the free public viewing area for another incredible view of Paris if you would like.



Meeting back at the **Opera House**, we will have a 1-hour **guided tour** of this amazing building. Returning back to the hotel for a much needed break and to refresh for dinner. Then we head off to the Latin Quarter for a 7 p.m. group dinner before returning back to the hotel. (B, D)

Tuesday, April 3

Versailles and Paris Performance



Breakfast at hotel. This morning we'll transfer to the **Palace of Versailles**, residence of the Sun King Louis XIV. Here you will discover the famous "A La Francaise" gardens, the grand and petit Trianon, the hall of Mirrors, the great apartments and the Queen's apartments. Later today we'll return to Paris where you'll have some free time for shopping (location tba).

After returning to the hotel to change into performance attire, we will depart for our **second performance**. Exact location is being determined. The options include an exchange concert with another school. If this cannot be arranged, the performance will be near Notre Dame where similar to the Eiffel tower the parade in uniform draws attention. Converging in an arc on the park side of Notre Dame you will perform for a large crowd. For this performance, some jazz band members will sit out so that they can set the stage for the jazz band concert. The jazz band performance should last 30 minutes and will immediately follow the Show Band. The entire experience should last from about 4:30-6:00 p.m. including tear down and uniform changing (on bus).

The evening brings a group dinner from 6:30-8:30 at a location near the Pantheon before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Wednesday, April 4

Disneyland

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast we transfer to **Disneyland Paris** to enjoy a day at the theme park. Here the *Kamiak High School Marching Band & Dance Team* will have the opportunity to perform as part of the **Disney Magic Music Days** program. Meal voucher will be provided to use for dinner. (B,D)

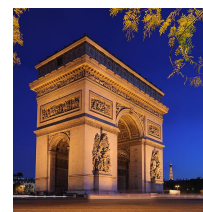


Thursday, April 5 Visit

Paris – Pompidou Centre, Arc de triumph, Eiffel Tower



Breakfast at hotel. A fun-filled day filled with Paris highlights via the **Metro!** You will have the chance to move through the very safe and easy subway system of Paris in chaperoned groups to the Centre. Upon arrival you will receive a **guided tour** of **Pompidou** famous for its unique design and modern art galleries from 9:30-11:30. Then free time to buy lunch and experience the fabulous plaza and shops. This is also a great opportunity to see a wide variety of street performers as well as to just relax and soak in the Parisian atmosphere. Street performers are encouraged here as long as not heard inside the Centre – perhaps a small jazz combo from Kamiak to draw a crowd?!



At 2:00 p.m., once again move through the Metro system to the **Arc de Triumph** for a brief visit. Students may visit the grounds for free where they can see the tomb of the unknown soldier or they may climb the Arc steps to the top for a minimal fee. Next we head back to the hotel to freshen up for our farewell dinner. Departing at 4:00 p.m. via bus for the Eiffel Tower, the students will have time to travel up the Tower to see the city from the **2nd level** (best view). If time allows, students can purchase a ride to the 3rd level for approx. 5 Euro. (2nd level included their fee but not the 3rd) At 6:00 p.m., we will enjoy a fabulous farewell dinner in the **Eiffel Tower restaurant** on level 1 before returning to the hotel for final packing and departure preparations. (B, D).

Friday, April 6

Departure

Breakfast at hotel followed by check-out and transfer to Paris' Charles de Gaulle International Airport for our flight home to the United States. (B)

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TRANSPORTATION

- Roundtrip coach airfare from Seattle to Paris
- Luxury heated/air-conditioned motor coach transportation during the duration of the tour
- Separate vehicle for transport of instruments.

ACCOMMODATION – 6 NTS

- 6 nights accommodations in a Paris area hotel
(All hotels are 3-4 star tourist class hotel based on twin/double occupancy)

ADMISSIONS/VISITS

- Paris-Panoramic and guided tour to include Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, The Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral
 - Admission to Eiffel Tower 2nd level
 - Admission to The Louvre
 - Admission to Versailles Palace
- Disneyland Paris- One Day Admission
- Opera House Tour, Pompidou Tour
- Dinner cruise on the River Seine
(English-speaking tour guides for all sightseeing tours).

BREAKFAST/DINNERS

- Breakfast at hotel each morning (6)
- Dinner provided each evening (6)

PERFORMANCES

- Public performance outside Notre Dame Cathedral
- Public performance at the Eiffel Tower
- Public performance in Disneyland as part of Disney Magic Music Days
- Possibly replace Notre Dame performance with one at a local school

OTHER

- Official Director's Guide notebook
- A full-time MUSIC FESTIVALS Tour Escort will be with Kamiak High School Marching Band from arrival in Paris to departure .
- Engraved commemorative plaque from MUSIC FESTIVALS
- Baggage tags for each participant
- All taxes and gratuities for package plan inclusions

CURRENCY FLUCTUATION

Currency Fluctuation – a drastic change in currency exchange rates can effect the ability to provide all the inclusions in a trip at the quoted price. We understand the difficulty this causes and the inconvenience that can come from an increase in the price due to a rise in the currency exchange rate. The price we quote is based on the current rate at this time. If there is a fluctuation in the exchange rate of over 5%, we will quote the adjustment by November 1, 2011. After that time, we will guarantee the price will not change even if the exchange rate increases. Also, if the rate should drop by over 5% between now and November 1, 2011, we will make the adjustment at that time.

The Financial Payment form reflects the number of participants in your group placed in **Double** occupancy. **There is an additional charge for adults in single rooms.** When we receive your final rooming list, we will calculate your final cost based on the rooms as listed and send you an invoice for any additional charges. We will be happy to quote you triple and double prices for students and single prices for adults upon request in advance

MUSIC FESTIVALS/MUSIC TOURS UNLIMITED, INC. will provide every service and inclusion listed in the Package Plan above and will at all times act in the best interest of the Kamiak High School Performing Arts Boosters Association.

Disclosure Notice:

MUSIC FESTIVALS acts only as agents for the passenger in regard to travel whether by railroad, motorcoach, boat, or airplane, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of defect in any vehicle, or any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. The right is reserved to make adjustments to the itinerary. Baggage and personal injury are at passenger's risk entirely. Acceptance of voucher or tickets shall be deemed to be consent of the above conditions.

Curfew hours and smoking privileges will be established by individual school officials or by the head chaperone/group leader. Drinking of alcoholic beverages and use of drugs by students are strictly prohibited.

The tour participant agrees that neither MUSIC FESTIVALS nor its affiliates shall be liable for any damage, loss (including personal injury, death and property loss) or expenses occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or of any other person. No person, other than an authorized representative of the MUSIC FESTIVALS by a document in writing, is authorized to vary, add or waive any term or condition in this contract including any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

All baggage and personal effects are at all times and in all circumstances "at owners risk" throughout the tour. Small articles (coats, cameras, umbrellas, etc.) are entirely in the care of the passengers. Upon return from the tour, if lost articles are found and returned, MUSIC FESTIVALS has the right to charge a shipping cost.

Cost & Payment Schedule

KPAB full package price is still an approximation, but our goal is not to exceed **\$2550** per student. Changes in the final payment (either up or down) include:

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- The Travel committee would like to make additional inclusions, such as Travel Wear, Evening Security, Group Photo, Transportation to SeaTac Airport and of course provide financial aid for families in need. There are a number of Fundraisers planned to offset these additional costs, so we can keep the trip as affordable as possible.

1st deposit of \$250 per student will be due by June 10, 2011.

This deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE

- **1st payment \$400 per student due September 15, 2011.**
- **2nd payment \$400 per student due October 15, 2011**
- **3rd payment \$400 per student due November 15, 2011.**
- **4th payment \$400 per student due January 15, 2012**
- **5th payment \$400 per student due February 15, 2012.**
- **Final Balance per student (~\$300?) due by March 10, 2012.**

What is not included?

The following meals are not included in the trip package: Friday (3/30) dinner and all lunches during the trip. At this point, the only other “out of pocket” expenses will be for souvenirs and incidental spending. As the trip draws closer, the Travel Committee will suggest how much money each traveler should bring, and how to best make currency exchanges. At this point, travelers should plan on bringing a minimum of \$150 in pocket money for meals and incidentals (9 meals x \$10 each).

How do participants sign up? Can we sign up in the Fall?

Your non-refundable \$250 deposit and Financial Commitment Form puts your student name on our travel list. We *may* still accept a limited number of deposits and commitments throughout the summer and into early fall, but our contract with the tour company will be based upon the number of deposits submitted by June 10th. Your early commitment to this trip is necessary for the Tour Company to plan the best possible tour for our group. You may not apply for financial assistance if you sign up after the June 10 deadline.

Who will this Tour include?

This tour includes band, colorguard and dance members.

What about Financial Aid?

Please refer to the section on Financial Assistance located in this packet. If your participation is dependent upon substantial financial assistance, and the financial aid forms accompany your Financial Commitment Form, your deposit is refundable based upon the award of your financial assistance. Financial Awards will be made as soon as possible, hopefully by late June.

Is this Tour Required of All 2011-12 Band, Colorguard & Dance Students?

While this is a great opportunity, this activity is not graded and is not required for membership in the 2011-12 Kamiak Band, Colorguard or Dance Team.

What other information will we be receiving as the tour draws closer?

The Travel Committee will sponsor a Culture Night in late February, with an emphasis on European & French etiquette, packing information & currency exchange, and safety & security. Then, a week before the tour, we will have an informal Send Off Event to meet chaperones, collect passports and medications, distribute travel wear & luggage tags and receive our final itinerary and travel booklets.

What about Travelers Insurance? What if an unforeseen disaster forces the trip to be cancelled? Will my instrument be safe?

It is strongly recommended by KPAB that our students' families consider purchasing additional travel insurance. This insurance can provide protection in the event of an

emergency that prevents traveling or requires a modification to the itinerary. Of course it depends on the specifics of the policy that you choose to purchase, but typically basic travel insurance covers trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency medical and dental benefits, emergency medical transport and baggage loss or delay coverage. For example, if your student develops a condition right before the trip departs which would prevent his/her ability to travel with the group, such as, say, a broken ankle, and is unable to travel - depending on which policy your family purchases - you could get all of your travel costs refunded by the travel insurance company. Travel insurance for many policies runs under \$100. So for less than \$100, you would be able to get back over \$2,000. Similarly, if your student needs to return home suddenly while on the trip, the travel insurance could cover the costs of taking a different flight home. Or if your student trips and breaks an ankle while in Paris, travel insurance can help with the costs of medical treatment while there. If the airlines misplace your student's luggage and your student needs to purchase some clothing to wear while the airlines track down the missing bags, you may be able to submit those expenses for reimbursement. It can cover a variety of situations.

Unfortunately, "acts of God" and nature are seldom covered by travel insurance. In the event of a volcanic ash situation or a terrorism alert or political situation that prevent flights from operating, travel insurance most likely will not cover our costs. The airlines may provide some kind of partial refund, minus cancellation fees, but it would depend on the exact specifics of the situation. If the problems are in the country to which we are traveling (as opposed to a more general problem affecting travel overall), there is a better chance of getting refunds.

The web site of our Tour Company - www.musicstoursunlimited.com - provides a link to travel insurance through **Access America**. At the bottom of the page, on the right is a

link entitled "Trip Insurance". This link will connect you directly to Access America, where you can read about several plan options, their costs, and coverage's. If you purchase travel insurance directly through the web site connection, the tour company will receive a commission that they will share with us. Also, we will have brochures from Access America available to our travelers, that you will be able to review at your convenience. We will have a code available to all our traveling families to use so that we receive the same credit towards our commission share.

And while the airlines, bus companies and tour companies all carry various insurance policies of their own, they are also masters at avoiding and deflecting claims, so we recommend that if your student will be traveling with a valuable instrument, that you look into including that instrument on your homeowner's policy to ensure that it is properly covered for both loss and damage during travel to a European country.

Can we use Frequent Flier Miles?

While we do not yet know which carrier we will be flying, usually frequent flier mileage can be accrued by showing your mileage membership card to the attendants as you check in for the flight. As we are traveling as a group, sometimes different mileage rules are in effect, due to the "class of service". We will have more information about these matters, when we confirm our flight arrangements.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Since the operation of performance tours requires extensive long-term planning, costs and deposits are incurred long before the actual departure. Keeping this and the interest of our participants in mind, MUSIC FESTIVALS/MUSIC TOURS UNLIMITED, INC. has devised the following cancellation/refund policy:

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CANCELLATION

- The initial deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE
- Before November 30, 2011: Full refund with the exception of the initial deposit and any deposits that have been paid to hotels, restaurants, special attraction admissions, transportation carrier, or tickets that have already been paid by the tour agency in your behalf that are not refundable.
- Before December 16, 2011: a \$20 per person cancellation fee plus any deposits made on participant's behalf to hotels, restaurants, special attraction admissions, transportation carrier, or tickets that are not refundable. The initial deposit is not refundable.
- Before January 20 2012 50% will be refunded of the per person tour cost.
- After January 20 there will be NO REFUNDS.

If a student must cancel but a suitable replacement traveler is found, we may be able to negotiate a more favorable refund.

Financial Aid

The Performing Arts Boosters is very much interested in making this trip available to all interested students, regardless of personal financial situation. Many parents are willing to participate in both individual and group fundraisers to assist families to reach their financial commitment. KPAB will have a very limited amount of financial aid money available (generally maximum of \$300 per student) and we also can provide extended payment plans beyond the due dates. Please note, though, that:

KPAB is not a bank or lending institution. We are willing to make individual plans, but it does place an extra burden on the organization.

- A Financial Aid Form must be completed and reviewed by the Travel Committee. The form is due to the Travel Committee with the June payment. If you must withdraw from the trip because your financial aid award is insufficient, your initial deposit is refundable within the time frames of the travel company allowable refunds.

The payment plan is based upon KPAB contract with the tour company, Music Festivals. If for any reason you cannot make your planned payment in a timely fashion, we ask that you contact the Trip Payment Chair and share when we can expect payment. Our organization understands that special circumstances will occur; we just ask that the lines of communication be open!

FAQ's- regarding student accounts & Payments

1. What is a student account?

Each student enrolled in the performing arts automatically has a "student account" with the Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters. This is an "account" in the sense that we can track individual student account fundraising (ISAF) money raised by a student and also money deposited by a parent to cover program fees or travel expenses. KPAB is a non-profit organization so all monies raised through fundraising belongs to the booster organization and cannot at any time be refunded to you in cash. You must use all fundraising monies for travel, t-shirts, band camp, etc. Any fundraising monies left in your child's account when he/she graduates can be transferred to a sibling or friend in the program OR will be donated to the booster organization to be used for scholarships.

Please keep in mind that our volunteer treasurer has the difficult job of overseeing 600+ individual student accounts, tracking payments, expenditures and fundraising income. Statements are emailed financial statements by the 5th of each month; you can greatly assist the treasurer by making timely payments. See late payments information below!

2. If I make regular payments, and my student ends up making more than expected in fundraising (ISAF), can I get my personal funds reimbursed?

Yes. We can reimburse those funds, which were deposited from a *personal check* if your "account" is in excess of what you need for the year. Please note that in accordance with IRS/non-profit rules, ISAF money cannot be used for "personal spending or food money" on the trip. It is your responsibility to monitor the monthly statements. Please keep in mind KPAB is not a bank and we appreciate your statements monitored each month to avoid over payment if ISAF is indeed successful for your student. Fundraising (ISAF) money earned after the fact cannot be applied to the trip if the trip is already paid in full. If your student is participating in KPAB, funds can be rolled forward for other program expenses.

3. How do I keep track of the amount in our student account? You are welcome to contact our Payment Chair. Statements are emailed to families on the 5th of each month; please make sure we have your correct, frequently checked email!

4. What happens if I am late for a payment?

Please note that the payment schedule is set up to meet our financial commitments to the travel company -- KPAB is not a bank. We do not have the funds to cover individual student expenses if you do not make your payments. If indeed payment is going to be

late, please contact the Payment Chair. **Payments that are more than seven days late, without a pre-arranged payment schedule modification, will result in a \$25 Late Payment Penalty Fee.** Again, if a payment is coming due and you anticipate missing the payment or needing a payment extension, and you must make arrangements with the Payment Chair ahead of time, this fee will not be charged.

5. How are payments made?

There is a secure box in the Band Room, and our Student Account Volunteer stops by often to collect payments. Checks are much preferred over cash. Please place the check in a sealed envelope and make sure the student name is on the check. Checks can also be mailed directly to our KPAB PO Box: PO Box #1016, Mukilteo 98275

6. Can a Personal Credit Card be used for Payments?

Yes – there are specific instructions on your monthly student account statements.

7. Are there any fees for using a Credit Card?

KPAB cannot charge fees for credit card users. However, a discount of approximately 2% will be given for those that pay in cash (by check). This discount only applies if **all** trip payments are made by cash (by check) payments. If any or all payments are made by credit card –no discount will be given.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

The Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters will try to plan as many fundraising opportunities as possible – but this is a group effort. We hope many of our parents will get involved so we can make this trip possible for as many students as possible! Some fundraising

money can be applied to student accounts (ISAF) and are not eligible for tax-exempt write offs. Some fundraisers will be designed to benefit the entire group.

Entertainment Book Sales: For this fall fundraiser, students sell Entertainment Books and approximately \$10/book ISAF goes into the student's individual account.

Scrip Cards: Our Scrip Card Program allows families to use Scrip cards for regular household expenses - -gas, groceries, Starbucks □ . 80% of the rebate will go back to the student account. An example is a family spends \$500 per month at Albertsons, \$150 at Arco, and \$150 at other approved retailers . . . although the rebate varies per company, an average rebate of 4% would put \$26 into the student account every month.

Spring Bulb Bowl Sales: For this spring fundraiser, students sell spring bulb bowls (~\$8 ea) and hyacinths or daffodils (~\$4 ea). A student selling 8 spring bulb bowls and 8 hyacinths or daffodils would put about \$100 into the student account.

Group Fundraising

This tour is a group effort of the Kamiak Band, Colorguard and Dance Programs. We would like to reduce the price of the tour for all participants with general fundraising. At this point we do not have a group fundraiser slated for this trip. We need parents to participate in fundraising efforts. If you have a great fundraising idea, please share, either at an upcoming Booster Meeting or on the Interest Survey enclosed.

How can I utilize fundraisers to pay for this Trip?

Cost of Trip	\$2550
Entertainment Books	\$200 (20 @ \$10per book)
Scrip	\$260 (\$800 per month, 10 months, 4%)
<u>Bulb Sale, Misc. Fundraisers</u>	<u>\$100</u>
Out of Pocket Cost	\$1,990
Cash Discount	\$ 50 [all payments made with cash(check)]
	\$1,940

If you have a great fundraising idea, please share, either at an upcoming Booster Meeting or on the Interest Survey enclosed.

Adult Travel Arrangements

Chaperoning

We will be selecting approximately 15? chaperones to accompany the band, colorguard and dance on this venture, who will be working very hard to ensure your student will have not only a musically- and culturally- rewarding experience, but a safe one, as well. Chaperones are chosen based upon thoughtful responses to the enclosed application; experience chaperoning and volunteering with the band, colorguard or dance and special skills, e.g., a medical background.

We hope to offer chaperone packages with a discount, however, if trip costs increase we may be forced to raise the price to the student price. We plan on selecting chaperones in early September. The payment schedule will be in payments of \$350 on September 15, October 15, November 15, January 15, and February 15 and the balance (to be determined) on March 10.

Shadow Trip

As a service to band, colorguard, dance and community members, the Travel Committee is also willing to plan a Shadow Trip. If there is sufficient interest (minimum 15 participants) we will plan an "adults' trip" with a parallel itinerary, that will also include the students' performances and allow you some limited independent time with your student. Be a part of the tour without late night chaperoning duties! Please indicate interest on the Interest Survey.

Fundraising efforts are intended for the student's trip – not the shadow. Cost for the Shadow Trip is to be determined. It will probably be the same as the student trip. Commitment is due September 15. We will require payments of \$425 each on September 15, October 15, November 15, January 15, and February 15 and the balance (to be determined) on March 10.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

All travelers will need a current passport book to travel to France (the newly issued passport cards are not acceptable). The passport must be valid for at least six months past the anticipated date of return from France (i.e. for our trip your passport should be valid thru October 6, 2012).

A copy of each traveler's passport will be due to the travel committee by January 13, 2012. This applies to chaperones and shadow travelers, as well as students. Passport information is required for making airline reservations.

Passports are issued at both the main post offices in downtown Everett and Lynnwood and at the City of Mill Creek Police Department. Please apply for your passport early. There is no time like the present! The process usually takes 6 weeks, so please plan to apply for your passport no later than **November 1** to allow for any delayed service during the holidays. All 3 locations have on-site photo equipment. The Lynnwood Post Office requires that you make an appointment, in advance.

If you are applying for a passport for the first time, or you are 16 or 17, you must apply in person. Parental consent will be requested. If a minor does not have identification of his/her own, a parent or legal guardian needs to accompany the child, present identification, and co-sign the application. Proof of citizenship is required; a previous passport can be used or a certified birth certificate. Proof of identity is also required; acceptable forms are a previous passport, current valid driver's license or government ID.

If you are under 16, you must apply in person. It would be ideal if both parents are able to appear in person at the time that the application is submitted. However, it may be possible to apply if one parent appears in person and there is clear evidence that the other parent consents to the child obtaining the passport. For more details as to what is acceptable evidence that the second parent would need to submit, visit the U.S. Department of State website at <http://travel.state.gov/passport>.

In addition to the identification paperwork you will need 2 identical 2x2 color photos. Consult the website above or contact the Passport Agency at 1-800-275-8777, for more complete information about required documentation. They are very specific about which format is acceptable and how items should be copied etc. and it is wise to have all of this prepared in advance.

The fee for a passport is \$100 for age 16 and older, \$85 for under age 16, plus the cost of the two required photos. Part of this fee goes to the State Department and, part of it goes to the processing agency, so if you are planning to pay by check, bring two separate checks, to cover these payments.

Passport Office Locations:

Everett Post Office
3102 Hoyt Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
425-257-3208

Passport office opens 9:30-3:30 Monday – Friday, on-site photo available, no appointment required.

Lynnwood Post Office
6817 208th Street SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036
425-778-3447

Passport office opens 9:00-11:00 and 12:00-3:00 Monday – Friday, on-site photo available, appointment required.

City of Mill Creek Police Department
15728 Main Street
Mill Creek, WA 98012
425-745-6175

Passport office opens 1:00-6:00 Tuesday – Friday, noon –5:00 Saturday, on-site photo available, no appointment required.

Here is the general passport information link: <http://travel.state.gov/passport> services. You can also download Form DS-11 Application for Passport on this website, but you must make sure it is a clear copy and do not sign it until a passport agent instructs you to do so.

Please note: **If you are not a US Citizen**, it is YOUR responsibility to insure that you have the appropriate travel documents (including passport from your native country, visa, etc.) to allow you to travel to this location. If you have a green card, be sure to check the expiration date on that as well. It should also be valid for at least 6 months after our intended return date. (i.e. for our trip your green card should be valid thru October 2, 2011).

Paris Timeline

(Culture Night & Send Off Event dates may change – notice will be sent out if this occurs)

Monday, June 6, 2011	Financial Commitment, Initial Deposit & Financial Aid Form
Due August 23rd, 2011	Entertainment Book Fundraiser Begins (Parent Night) Friday,
September 9, 2011	Chaperone Application and Shadow Trip Commitment Due
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Second Payment Due (Chaperone & Shadow Payment #1)
Saturday, October 15 th , 2011	Third Payment Due (Chaperone & Shadow Payment #2)
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	Fourth Payment Due (Chaperone & Shadow Payment #3)
Friday, January 13, 2012	Passport & Green Card Information Due
Sunday, January 15 th , 2012	Fifth Payment Due (Chaperone & Shadow Payment #4)
Thursday, January 19, 2012	Roommate Selection Due
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Sixth Payment Due (Chaperone & Shadow Payment #5)
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Paris Culture Night (tentative date)
Tuesday, March 10, 2012	Final Payment Due All travelers
Thursday, March 22, 2012	Send Off Event & Parent Information Meeting (tentative date)
March 30 - April 6, 2012	Paris Tour!
Wednesday, June 01, 2012	All Extended Payments Due

KAMIAK HIGH SCHOOL BAND~COLORGUARD~DANCE
Travel Committee
Paris

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Colorguard	Jon Brown	
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Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters
KAMIAK HIGH SCHOOL BAND~COLORGUARD~DANCE
Chaperone Application
Paris
March 30 – April 6, 2012

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: SEPTEMBER 9th

Interviews may be requested. Cost for Chaperones is approximately \$2100.

Please attach typed responses to this page. Thank you for applying!

NAME _____

PHONE _____

1. *Why are you interested in chaperoning on this trip?*

2. *What have been your past experiences chaperoning or working with teenagers?*

3. *What ways have you supported the Boosters/Band/ Colorguard /Dance programs at KHS?*

4. *Can we count on you to serve with the Travel Committee, organizing fundraisers, attending meetings, establishing policies and guidelines? What are specific ideas you have about the trip, and how can you help?*

5. *What special talents /skills/experiences do you have that would especially qualify you to chaperone this trip? What is one special attribute you will bring to the chaperone team?*

6. *A student misses curfew by ten minutes. How do you react? A small group misses curfew by an hour. How do you react?*

7. *Mr. Bathurst or Ms. Noonan makes a decision with which you disagree. How do you express yourself?*

Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters
KAMIAK HIGH SCHOOL BAND~COLORGUARD~DANCE
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FORM

Paris

March 30 – April 6, 2012

This program is designed for families who could not participate in the Kamiak High School Performing Arts activities without the financial assistance of the Boosters. Please note that although fund raising is a primary goal of the organization, funds are limited. Please apply only if your child would be unable to participate without funding. You may apply for a loan, financial aid, or both in this single application.

Name of Student: _____ Home

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____ Parent

Email: _____

Does your family qualify for free or reduced meals at school? (Check one box. This is confidential information)

- Reduced (generally qualifies for partial financial aid or loan)
- Free (generally qualifies for maximum financial aid or loan/financial aid combination)
- Neither program, but there are extenuating circumstances and financial assistance is needed. (Please explain on the back of the application and the committee will review award financial aid based on need and available funds.)

Please read the statements below and initial each line certifying that you have read and understand the conditions.

- I wish to apply for financial aid from Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters.
- I agree to provide any necessary documentation.
- I understand that this financial aid is for program participation, and that I may be required to pay additional fees related to instrument costs or costs during travel.
- I will assure that my child attends all performances, practices and related activities.
- I understand that KPAB is a *VOLUNTEER* run, Not-for-Profit Youth Organization and that every family must volunteer to support the arts programs.
- I will complete a volunteer assignment form and assist in any way that I can.
- I understand that failure to follow through may affect my child's ability to get financial aid in ensuing years.

I certify that the above information is true. I have read, understood, and commit to the statements above.

Parent Signature

The Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters is committed to allowing all interested students the opportunity to participate. Financial strain should not deny a student access to performing arts. Please complete the application included with this form as well.

Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters Loan and Financial Aid Application

Date of Application _____ Date due: June 10, 2011

Student Name: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Program Activity for which student is requesting aid: **2012 Band, Colorguard, Dance Trip to Paris**

Student Activity Debt: \$ 2550
 Student Previous Debt: \$ _____

Total amount you can contribute: \$ - _____
 Projected Amount earned through fundraising
 (Estimate) \$ - _____
 Amount to be financed by KPAB \$ - _____

Amount you are requesting as a:
 Financial Aid \$ _____ Not to exceed \$200
 Loan \$ _____ this amount needs to be repaid by June 1st
 2012

Loan repayment plan:
 _____ amount due on _____
 _____ amount due on _____
 _____ amount due on _____
 _____ Final payment due June 1st 2012

VISA and MasterCard are accepted.
 I/we understand that this is a binding agreement between the Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters and us. We promise to uphold the agreement, if approved.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Director Signature _____ Date _____

Treasurer Signature _____ Date _____

Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters
KAMIAK HIGH SCHOOL BAND~COLORGUARD~DANCE
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FORM

Paris

March 30 – April 6, 2012

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT AT THE BAND CONCERT June 6 or by June 10 (last date to commit). Colorguard, dance and band members can also turn in payments and forms in the secure box in the band room or mail to KPAB at PO Box 1016 Mukilteo, WA 98275. Please make checks payable to Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters. Credit Card deposits will also be available.

A discount of approximately 2% will be given for all trip payments made by cash (check) payments. If any or all payments are made by credit card –no discount will be given.

Student Name _____

Parents' First and Last Names _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____

Parents' e-mail _____

(Regular announcements including meetings, payments, bulletins, etc. will be sent here)

I agree to allow my child to participate in the KPAB Kamiak Band, Colorguard, Dance tour to Paris France. I have read and understand this Financial Commitment Form, including the **refund policy** listed on the accompanying pages. I will support my student by encouraging participation in fundraising events and **paying for the trip by the deadlines**. I understand the initial \$250 deposit is nonrefundable, except in the special cases. I also understand that there is a **\$25 penalty fee for late payments**.

I understand that if my financial commitment has not been paid in full by March 1, 2012, any money expended by the agent will be billed to my students' account and my student will not be allowed to attend the tour.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Questions? Contact bandliaison@kamiakarts.org

Kamiak Performing Arts Boosters
KAMIAK HIGH SCHOOL BAND~ COLORGUARD~DANCE
INTEREST SURVEY
March 30 – April 6, 2012

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

Please circle the group your son/daughter is expected to be in for the following school year:

Band Percussion Ensemble Color guard Dance

I am willing to serve on the Travel Committee _____

I am willing to help with this fundraising event: _____

I am interested in the Shadow Trip

I am interested in Chaperoning

I will investigate getting corporate donations for the trip expenses

I have this suggestion for a fundraising event _____

Can you chair these fundraisers? _____

Other Questions and Input: