

# Travel Commitment and Policy

for the **Blooming Grove High School Band** adults and students traveling to the **Winter Park Ski-Music Festival in Winter Park, Colorado**

**Travel Destination:** Winter Park, Colorado (Winter Park Ski-Music Festival)

**Expected Travel Dates/Times:** Wednesday March 25, 2015 at 3:00 pm (depart) through Monday March 30, 2015 at 6:00 am (return)

**Expected Travel Cost:** \$500 per person

**This properly signed Travel Commitment and Policy is due, and should be received by the Blooming Grove HS Band directors on: November 1, 2014** along with the 1<sup>st</sup> 25% payment amount.

**Trip Components included within Expected Travel Cost:**

- Motor coach transportation to and from Winter Park
- Transportation as needed while within Winter Park
- X # of meals while traveling???
- An overnight lodging bed space at Winter Park Ski Resort, Beaver Village Condos, Snow Mountain Ranch lodge rooms, Snow Mountain Ranch cabins while in Winter Park for the nights of Wednesday April 13, Thursday April 14, and Friday April 15.
- X # of meals prepared at Condo or Cabin
- ONE of three recreational choices available to choose from:
  - Downhill Ski. Includes a 4 day lift card, 4 days of ski equipment rentals (sport skis, ski boots, poles, and helmet), and a beginner lesson (required to be taken for all persons having never previously downhill snow skied).
  - Downhill Snowboard. Includes a 4 day lift card, 4 days of board equipment rentals (board, boarding boots, and helmet), and a beginner lesson (required to be taken for all persons having never previously downhill boarded).
  - Winter Park Resort non-ski mountain activities. Each member selecting this recreation choice will receive 6 vouchers to be redeemed as desired for the following activities: 1 voucher for 1 hour of downhill tubing. 1 voucher for a ski gondola ride to the Winter Park Resort summit. 2 vouchers for a guided downhill snow shoe tour. 3 vouchers for a guided mountain snowcat tour.
- Participation in the Winter Park Ski-Music Festival Awards Ceremony and Street Dance
- Winter Park Ski-Music Festival will purchase, on behalf of each festival attendee, a travel protection plan, providing a limited amount of coverage (up to maximum benefits) for eligible events such as travel interruption/delay and trip medical expenses.

### **Trip items NOT included with Expected Travel Costs:**

- Any souvenir items such as clothing, WPSMF festival letter jacket patch, etc.
- Snacks and beverages outside what is included above
- \$10 replacement charge each time a lost or stolen replacement lift card is needed
- If you an experienced skier, and want to pay for a performance ski upgrade (estimated at \$10/day)
- A person choosing to ski or snowboard for their recreation, may also want to enjoy a non-ski activity at the resort (estimated at \$30-\$75 per activity)

This document serves to provide the **Blooming Grove High School Band (BGHSB)** with a travel commitment by any student traveler, and any chosen/approved adult chaperone traveler, desiring to travel with the **BGHSB** to the aforementioned Travel Destination, on the above Expected Travel Dates/Times at the above Expected Travel Cost. Signature of the adult traveler, student traveler, along with the student traveler's parents/ legal guardians' signatures, are expected to evidence all agreement toward this Travel Commitment and Policy.

Travel arrangements (such as motor coach transportation, overnight lodging, meals, and recreational activities) will be planned and organized, with a known number of attending persons. This commitment by all members desiring to travel, will allow the **BGHSB** to organize all aspects of travel, based on the number traveling members. Those members, and their parents, who are not currently able to commit, but may later be able to fully commit, may possibly be offered a later opportunity to travel with the **BGHSB**, if permissible.

However, a student or adult's later decision to commit to travel, after the aforementioned Travel Commitment and Policy due date, will not guarantee that person an opportunity to travel with the **BGHSB**, since travel arrangements will have already begun based on the known number of initial committed travelers.

This Travel Commitment and Policy serves other purposes, in addition to determining the number of students committed to attend. Below are policy items that each adult traveler, student traveler, and parents of student traveler must also read, understand, agree, and commit towards, relating to this **BGHSB** travel opportunity.

1. The expected Travel Cost is based on some preliminary figures of travel attendance by the **BGHSB**. Fewer or greater attending member commitments may change the Expected Travel Cost amount. **BGHSB** believes the Expected Travel Cost amount would never exceed **\$40** per traveler. In the event the Expected Travel Cost were to increase, each attending adult and student must commit to paying an unexpected increase.

2. **BGHSB** will have financial obligations that must be met, in order for the all travel arrangements to be reserved and provided. The **BGHSB** will enter into agreements and/or contracts with specific payment amounts and payment deadlines. As a result, each member must commit to paying their travel cost to ensure that all travel services are ultimately provided to the entire **BGHSB**. Each attending adult and attending student is committing to paying the entire Travel Cost. *Please consider any potential events that may prohibit your ability to make payment(s) before signing. Failure to pay by any member could jeopardize the travel arrangements and Estimated Travel Cost for all members!*

Collection of the Travel Cost can be paid in full, or in installments to the **BGHSB**, as long as the following percentages are satisfied:

- (a) **On or before November 1, 2014, each member must have paid at least 25% of the Expected Travel Cost (\$125)** This initial minimum payment amount will collected with this signed Travel Commitment and Policy document.
  - (b) **On or before December 1, 2014, each member must have paid at least 50% of the Expected Travel Cost (\$250)**
  - (c) **On or before January 10, 2015, each member must have paid at least 75% of the Expected Travel Cost (\$375)**
  - (d) **On or before February 10, each member must have paid in full 100% of the Expected Travel Cost (\$500)**
3. When an adult or student traveler has committed to attend, evidenced through their (and parent) agreement signature(s), these commitments are by nature irrevocable. Therefore, any paid payments or amounts are non-refundable.
  4. In the event an adult or student traveler is unable to travel for any unknown circumstance (unable to make further payments, school grades ineligibility, behavior punishment, personal or family circumstances, etc.), the obligation to pay the entire Expected Travel Cost (with or without an increase) does not terminate.
  5. With the approval of the **BGHSB** director, an initially committed traveler may seek another **BGHSB** director approved individual to replace their travel attendance. The initially committed traveler and their replacement will negotiate all financial matters between them, such as initial traveler's reimbursement (if any) for previously made payments to the **BGHSB**. Adult and student travelers signing this Travel Commitment and Travel Policy agree that the initially committed traveler is responsibility for seeking a qualified replacement, arranging director approval, and negotiating all reimbursement terms. The **BGHSB** may offer assistance, but by no means held responsible for these replacement arrangements.

6. Potentially, there could be other or additional Travel Costs when a replacement traveler is arranged. These might include rooming charges if different than originally planned with the original traveler, such as the replacement traveler being another gender, and requires lodging alterations. Or possibly Winter Park Ski-Music Festival late enrollment penalty charges. Regardless, these potential additional costs are the obligation of any initial committed traveler, and/or the replacement traveler, however agreed upon, and not the obligation of the BGHSB to initiate, arrange, negotiate terms, and/or be un-reimbursed by either party.
7. All attending members will follow the BGHSB and Blooming Grove ISD established guidelines for behavior at all times and within every component of the trip. All rules and policies will be enforced as they are within school facilities, school sanctioned events, and school travel. If a member exhibits unacceptable misconduct, or engages in any illegal activity, the BGHSB leadership or school official may enforce immediate punishment. Immediate punishment may include traveler to depart trip and return home immediately, at their or parents' cost. Parent of a minor student shall make all arrangements, and will be responsible for student's safe return home. Any costs relating to enforcing punishment (such as transportation or airfare back home) will be the responsibility of the traveler or student member's parents/ guardians.
8. The Travel Cost may not include particular expenses that a member may incur during the trip. There will be XX lunch meals at the ski resort that are expected to be paid out of pocket by each traveler, if meal is desired. \$15 per meal should purchase a typical meal at the resort. Souvenirs, additional clothing, snacks, drinks and any "left at home" items will be required to be paid by each traveler. In summary, every traveler and their parent should budget for some additional pocket money for the trip.
9. Although snowboarding is a recreational option offered by the festival, members of the BGHSB that have never skied or snowboarded, will not be allowed to snowboard on this trip. Only members with previous snowboarding will be allowed. Furthermore, the Winter Park Ski-Music Festival requires a beginner ski or snow board lesson by any persons with such experience. When a student member of the BGHSB band, and their parent, individually registers the student "online" with the Winter Park Ski-Music Festival in January or February, BGHSB directors will be able to view the recreation choice selected by every member, and if skiers or snowboarders selected to receive a lesson. Parents of persons NOT selecting to receive a beginner lesson, may be contacted to verify previous ski or snowboard experience.

10. The Winter Park Ski-Music Festival uses an online webpage for each attending traveler to individually register for the festival. BGHSB will distribute instructions and login credentials for individual registrations in January. Registration will capture information for each attending traveler. Registration includes a member's choice of recreation, equipment rental information (if skiing or snowboarding), emergency contact and medical information. The online webpage will also request a BGHSB adult traveler, any BGHSB student over 18 years of age, or a parent of a BGHSB student member less than 18 years of age, to acknowledge a "WARNING, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT" legal document. In January, BGHSB will provide a username and password to each BGHSB traveler, enabling them to go online and register in January or perhaps by an early February deadline established by BGHSB. Each attending adult traveler, and parents of minor travelers agrees to having this individual online registration completed by the deadline date as established by BGHSB.
11. When individually registering, the Winter Park Ski-Music Festival will first provide some information topics each traveler should read and understand before continuing with the registration. These topics include: all aspects of recreation choices, suggested ski/winter clothing and accessories (does not require expensive purchases), skiing tips and rules, altitude sickness detection & prevention, and more important topics. Members and parents commit to reading this information and have a parent/student discussion about these topics prior to travel.
12. Sleeping or room assignments will be made by the BGHSB. While members may be asked to sign up for rooms as they wish, every member will commit to accepting the room assignments (without a fuss) as ultimately assigned, in order to accommodate the entire BGHSB within the sleeping spaces available to them.
13. Students and parents commit to student bringing proper ski/winter clothing/accessories and other suggested items on the trip. Bringing a clean and complete concert uniform to the festival, an instrument that has been repaired of any previously known or potential problems. Bringing any items needed for performance, such as: sheet music, additional reeds, mouthpieces, mutes, valve oil, mallets/sticks, non-provided percussion equipment, string instrument bows, etc.
14. Students and parents understand and agree that any harm or damage caused by the intentional or unintentional acts of a traveler may require financial reimbursement. (instruments of other travelers, overnight lodging facilities and furnishings, ski rental equipment, motorcoach)
15. Add anything you need to include here and more policies below.

**Acceptance of the above Travel Commitment and Travel Policy**

Name of student traveler: \_\_\_\_\_

Or- name of adult traveler (accepted to travel with **BGHSB**): \_\_\_\_\_

The above listed traveler commits to attending **BGHSB**'s trip to Winter Park, Colorado, and commits to paying the entire **\$500** Expected Travel Cost, included the possible **\$40** travel cost increase, as outlined by the prescribed minimum payment percentage due dates, whether this traveler ultimately travels with **BGHSB** or not. In the event committed traveler cannot travel, regardless of circumstances, their full payment obligations remain. A **BGHSB** approved replacement traveler will be the responsibility of above listed traveler, in order to possibly recapture previously paid payments, and/or possibly reduce the amount of remaining payment obligations. The above listed traveler commits to the other listed travel commitment and policy elements listed in this document.

Signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_

Student traveler

Adult traveler

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Parent/Guardian of listed student traveler