

# **Sundown Roughneck Band**

## **2007 National Independence Day Parade**

### ***General Information for Students and Parents***

NOTE: Students and parents must read all of this information, including the attached *Overnight Travel Rules*. The last page of this document (*travel and medical release*) must be read, completed, and signed by both parent and student.

**\*\*\*\*Travel/Medical release MUST be returned by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th\*\*\*\***

#### ***Lodging:***

We will be staying at the following hotels:

- Nights of July 2, 3, 4 – Marriott Fairfax at Fair Oaks (703) 352-2525
- Night of July 5 – TBA
- Night of July 6 – Ramada Newark, NJ (973) 824-4000

#### ***Chaperones:***

Students will be assigned to adult chaperones who will supervise them at all times during the trip. Chaperones are along to help the students and to look out for their safety. Their goal is to guide our students in the right direction while making the trip as enjoyable as possible. *Students must cooperate with their chaperones and follow their directions at all times!*

#### ***Meals/Money:***

All meals will be provided during the trip. Students will want to bring money for souvenirs, snacks, etc. Please keep in mind that there is always a risk of loss or theft of money, so it is unwise to carry large sums of cash. Students should safeguard their money and personal belongings at all times.

#### ***Luggage:***

We will be extremely limited on luggage space during this trip. Airline and bus regulations will allow students to carry only the following items in addition to their band uniform and instrument:

- One carry-on bag per student (see important attachment concerning carry on items)
- One larger suitcase (not huge) to be shared with the student's roommate (*Two students per one large suitcase – NO EXCEPTIONS!*)

Students should pack as lightly as possible. They will be responsible for carrying around their own uniform bag, hat box, band instrument, and luggage throughout the trip. The less luggage, the easier this will be. All luggage, band instruments, uniform bags, hat boxes etc. must be labeled with the student's name.

***Telephones:***

Telephones in hotel rooms are not to be used for local or long distance calls, even if the long distance call is collect or charged to a calling card. Any phone calls students wish to make should be made on lobby pay phones only.

***Emergencies/Illness:***

Should a parent need to contact a student due to an emergency, please call the appropriate hotel number listed above. The hotel desk clerk will be able to get a message to us.

Students should immediately report any illness to their chaperone. A first aid kit will be available for minor needs, and the signed medical release will enable us to administer to any major problems.

***Clothing:***

Keep in mind that Washington, Philadelphia, and New York City will be very hot and humid, and there is always the possibility of rain. Plan to dress appropriately. Unless noted otherwise in the itinerary, nice casual clothes (shorts, nice jeans, slacks, and shirts) will be great. Definitely bring comfortable walking shoes.

For the parade, students will need white socks (long enough to be completely covered by their uniform pants) in addition to their complete band uniform.

All students must dress appropriately for the Broadway show. Girls will wear dresses while guys will wear long pants (no jeans) and shirts with collars.

Clothing must meet school dress code at all times during the trip.

***Security:***

We're living in the post 9/11 era, thus you can expect heavy security at the airport, and you can expect to be searched numerous times on the trip as we visit the many historical sites to be seen. Although we may grow weary of the searches, we're all glad we can feel secure. As we are out sightseeing, do not bring along backpacks, large bags, etc. as they will not be allowed in most places we visit.

***Photo ID Cards:***

All students 18 years of age or older must have your drivers license and your school issued photo ID card to board the plane. Students younger than 18 years old will need only their student ID.

Student ID cards will be issued prior to the trip and must be worn at all times when outside of your hotel rooms. NO EXCEPTIONS!

***Rules:***

Students must follow the attached *Roughneck Band Overnight Travel Rules* as well as other band and school district policies during this trip. As per school policy, failure to follow rules or to behave properly may result in the student being sent home and suspended from future extra-curricular activities.