Dear Parents,

June 6th, 2019 marks the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion on the beaches of Normandy, France. To honor the Veterans of D-Day, many events are being planned around the world. Select high school and university band programs from the United States will be invited to represent America's participation in the invasion. I am proud to announce that the Mountain Brook Band is one of the few programs that have been invited to attend and perform during the historic 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion in Normandy, France.

The dates for the trip are tentatively set June 3-14, 2019. We will travel to Normandy and Paris, France as well as London, England. Current 7th-10th grade students (Band, Color Guard, and Dorians) will be eligible to travel. Seniors who graduate in May 2019 will be able to travel under strict guidelines. No school will be missed. The trip tentatively includes:

- Flights to and from France and England
- All ground transportation via bus or train
- Five Nights Hotel Accommodation in France, 3 nights in London
- Performances in France and England (TBD)
  - D-Day Ceremony at the Cemetery
  - Musical Salute to Liberation
  - D-Day Parade
  - Luxembourg Gardens
  - London (TBD)
- D-day activities, tours, museum entrances
- Tours of historic Normandy and Paris, France
  - D-day Museum, grounds and beaches
  - American Cemetery
  - Mont St Michel
  - St Mere Eglise
  - Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Arch de Triumph, Opera, and Montmartre
  - Louvre Museum
- Tours of historic London
  - Hyde Park
  - Buckingham Palace
  - Parliament
  - Tower of London
  - Piccadilly Circus
  - Westminster Abbey
- Group Travel Protection, fees, tips, most breakfasts

SAMPLE Itinerary
Monday, June 3rd, 2019: TRAVEL TO FRANCE
Overnight Depart Atlanta Airport (ATL)
Travel to Paris, Charles de Gaulle International Airport
### Tuesday, June 4th, 2019
**Morning**  
Paris to Normandy transfer

**Afternoon**  
Normandy
- **Arromanches, D-Day 360 Museum and film “in the round”**

**Evening**  
Return to Hotel for dinner and overnight

### Wednesday, June 5th, 2019
**All Day**  
Normandy
- **American Cemetery at Brittany**
- **Mont St Michel medieval town fortress abbey**

### Thursday, June 6th, 2019: D-DAY ANNIVERSARY EVENT
**Performance Day - Musical Salute to Liberation and the D-Day Memorial Parade**

**Morning**  
Normandy, Pointe du Hoc and Utah Beach
- **Performance, St Mere Eglise**

**Afternoon**  
Normandy
- **Parade Performance, D-DAY Parade**

**Evening**  
Post-parade picnic dinner

### Friday, June 7th, 2019
**Morning**  
Normandy
- **American Cemetery at Omaha Beach**

**Afternoon**  
Depart for Paris

**Evening**  
Paris
- **Latin Quarter**

### Saturday, June 8th, 2019
**All Day**  
Paris
- **Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Champs Elysees, Arch de Triomphe, Opera, and Montmartre**

### Sunday, June 9th, 2019
**Morning**  
Paris
- **Louvre Museum**
- **Performance, Luxembourg Gardens in Paris**

**Afternoon**  
Free time, dinner

**Evening**  
Hotel and overnight

### Monday, June 10th-12th, 2019
**TBD**  
London, England by train
- **London City Tour**

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**The cost for the trip will be estimated at $4800 per person.** All lodging and transportation are included. Some meals are included. **The cost is based on 100 travelers; cost is subject to change if more or less travelers commit to the trip.** All travelers will be notified if changes to the trip cost are necessary. Trip costs will be finalized in on June 3, 2018.
Important dates for payments:

- October 1st, 2017: $500 deposit per traveler (refundable if trip does not make)
- February 1st, 2018: $1000 per traveler
- May 1st, 2018: $1000 per traveler (no refunds after this date)

*Plane tickets will be purchased on or after this date and are non-refundable*

- September 1st, 2018: $1000 per traveler
- December 1st, 2018: $1000 per traveler
- February 1st, 2019: $300 per traveler (or balance due if amount changes)

The Band Booster Association is in the process of outlining fundraisers that will aid to offset the total cost of the trip. 100% of the profit for each of the fundraisers will be applied to the total cost of the trip. Please remember that all fundraisers must be approved by the administration of Mountain Brook Schools.

In order to be eligible for the trip:

- Students must be members in good standing with the MBHS or MBJHS Band.
- Students must be in 9th-12th grade at the time of travel. 12th graders who graduate in May 2019 are eligible to travel; strict guidelines for travel will be enforced.
- Parents or guardians of students must be members of the Band Booster Association and participate in the required fundraisers.
- Students must maintain good grades and not have a discipline record.

Over the next few weeks, there will be many questions concerning the trip. I encourage you to discuss this with your family and ask any and all questions that you may have.

Sincerely,
Mr. Smith

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**Mountain Brook HS Band**

**Trip Commitment Form**

*(ONE commitment form for each traveler)*

Trip dates - June 3-12, 2019 (tentative)

- I am committed! Sign me up to travel to Normandy, Paris, and London. I have read the detailed letter and I will pay deposits for all of my travelers by October 1st, 2017.
  - STUDENT
  - CHAPERONE

- I am NOT committed.

(explain if you wish)

Student name (print) ____________________________

Parent name (print) ____________________________

Student name (signature) ____________________________

Parent name (signature) ____________________________