

DeLand High School Band - Chicago Trip

March 30 - April 4, 2025

DAY ONE: Sunday, March 30, 2025

***Eat dinner before you arrive.*

- 5:00pm CALL TIME at DeLand High School
 Baggage check
 Load buses (luggage & instruments)
- 6:30pm Depart for Chicago
 Two Driver swaps en route

DAY TWO: Monday, March 31, 2025

- Morning Stop for breakfast distribution
Mid-day Stop for lunch
- 4:00pm Arrive at the hotel, unload buses, check in
 Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown River North
 600 N. State St. Chicago, IL 60654
- 7:00pm Meet in hotel lobby, walk to Lou Malnati's
7:30pm Group dinner at Lou Malnati's (classic Chicago-style deep dish pizza)
9:30pm Return to hotel
 Chaperone meeting in lobby
10:30pm Curfew; Room checks

DAY THREE: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Wear GREEN spirit shirts today (layer long sleeves under the shirt if cold)

- 8:00am Wake-up calls (chaperones)
8:30am Breakfast at the hotel
9:30am Meet chaperone group in lobby, free time on Magnificent Mile
 Shopping, early lunch, etc.
11:30am Meet in lobby with instruments
11:45am Load buses and head to Symphony Center
- 12:00pm Arrive at Symphony Center
 Non-Wind Ensemble students will explore the area with select chaperones (park, State Street shopping, etc.) OR may choose to observe the workshop.
- 12:15pm Wind Ensemble workshop with clinician, Jason Noble
1:15pm Break
1:30pm 90-minute rehearsal with commission composer, Carl Wittrock
3:00pm Pack up and load the buses (non-WE students must be back by this time)
3:15pm Transfer back to hotel
3:30pm Arrive back at the hotel; put away instruments
 Free time with chaperone groups to eat dinner and shop in the hotel area
- 6:15pm Assemble in the hotel lobby
6:30pm Walk to the John Hancock Building as a group
7:00pm Enjoy sweeping views of Chicago from 1000 feet up at 360 Chicago.

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8:00pm Walk back to the hotel in chaperone groups, optional late-night snack/shopping.
9:30pm Return to hotel.
10:30pm Curfew; Room checks

DAY FOUR: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Wear Chicago International Music Festival shirts today

7:00am Wake up calls
7:30am Breakfast at the hotel
8:30am Load buses and head to the Field Museum
9:00am Visit the Field Museum (walk around in chaperone groups)
12:00pm Meet in front of the Museum

12:30pm Load buses and head to Ed Debevic's (retro themed diner experience)
1:00pm Lunch at Ed Debevic's Diner
2:30pm Lunch show ends
3:00pm Load bus and head back to hotel

4:00pm Meet in hotel lobby, dressed in concert uniforms with instruments
Non-WE students dress up for the concert.

4:30pm Transfer to the Chicago Symphony Center
4:45pm Upon arrival, head to the warm-up room (warm-up until 5:30pm)
5:40pm Sound Check on the Amour Stage at Chicago Symphony Center
6:00pm Head back to warm-up to store instruments
6:30pm Dinner with chaperone groups nearby

7:30pm Return to Symphony Center to be seated for Festival Concert
8:30pm Head to warm-up to collect instruments
9:05pm DELAND HS WIND ENSEMBLE performs!!!!
9:30pm Return to warm-up to secure instruments; head back to watch concert
10:55pm Awards Ceremony
11:15pm Load buses and head back to the hotel

Midnight Curfew and room checks

DAY FIVE: Thursday, April 3, 2025

Wear long sleeve Chicago trip shirts today

7:30am Wake up calls
8:00am Breakfast at the hotel
9:00am Load buses and head to the Grant Park & Cloudgate (The Bean)
9:30am Arrive at Grant Park, visit fountain, walk to Cloudgate, walk to the Art Institute
11:00am Visit the Art Institute of Chicago
1:00pm Load buses and head to Navy Pier
1:30pm Lunch and Navy Pier visit (ride Centennial Wheel) in chaperone groups
4:30pm Load buses and head back to hotel area

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- 5:00pm Dinner in hotel area with chaperone group
6:30pm Meet in hotel lobby; load buses and head to Symphony Center
- 7:30pm Chicago Symphony Orchestra in concert, conducted by Karina Canellakis and featuring works by Sibelius, Dvorak, and Rachmaninov
9:30pm Load buses and head back to hotel
- 10:30pm Curfew and room checks
Pack your bags and clean your room before you go to sleep!!!

DAY SIX: Friday, April 4, 2025

Wear comfy bus clothes today

- 8:00am Wake up calls
8:30am Breakfast at hotel
9:30am Load buses and depart
2 driver swaps en route
- Mid-day Lunch stop en route
Evening Dinner stop en route

DAY SEVEN: Saturday, April 5, 2025

- 6:30am Arrive back at DeLand High School (time approximate)

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Suggested Packing List

**All bags and suitcases will be checked prior to boarding the buses.*

- Comfy clothes for the bus rides there and back
- Pillow and blanket for the bus
- Movies for the bus (PG or lower)
- Phone charger
- Snacks for the bus
 - Drinks must have screw-top
 - Nothing that smells really strong
- Clothes for walking around the city (4 days) - check the weather!
- Coat, gloves, hat - check the weather!
- GREEN spirit shirt (and long sleeves for layering)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Dressy clothes for the Festival Concert (non-WE students)
- Everything you need for your concert uniform (WE students)
 - Long black dress socks OR black stockings
 - Closed-toe black dress shoes
 - Undershirt (tuxedo wearers)
- Dressy-casual outfit to wear to the CSO concert
 - Nice jeans or dressier would be appropriate
- Money for meals that aren't included
 - 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Money for souvenirs
- Toiletries and other overnight items
- Pajamas & undergarments
- Instrument and anything needed for performance
 - Extra reeds, valve oil, etc.