



SHS MUSIC ENSEMBLES CHICAGO TRIP

April 9-11, 2026



Trip Objective

To give SHS Music Students an opportunity to see themselves as citizens of the world, build community, and connect to the arts in the real world.



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THURSDAY, April 9

Fly Boston Logan to

Chicago O'Hare

Private Coach Transport to

downtown Chicago

Cloud Gate

Portillo's Hot Dogs

Navy Pier

Hamilton Performance

Hotel

FRIDAY, April 10

**River boat cruise
of Chicago River**

**Music Clinic at
DePaul University**

**Uno's Deep Dish
Pizza**

**Gangsters and
Ghosts Tour**

Hotel


SATURDAY, April 11

Lincoln Park Zoo

Depart Chicago O'Hare

Arrive Boston Logan



A close-up photograph of a globe on a black metal stand. The globe is tilted, showing the continents of North and South America. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the globe.

**Guardian is a company of
teachers who thought things
should change in group travel...**



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Comprehensive Safety Plan

- Pre-trip preparation
- Communication and Supervision Plan
- Emergency Procedures
- Compliance with TSA and School Safety Standards



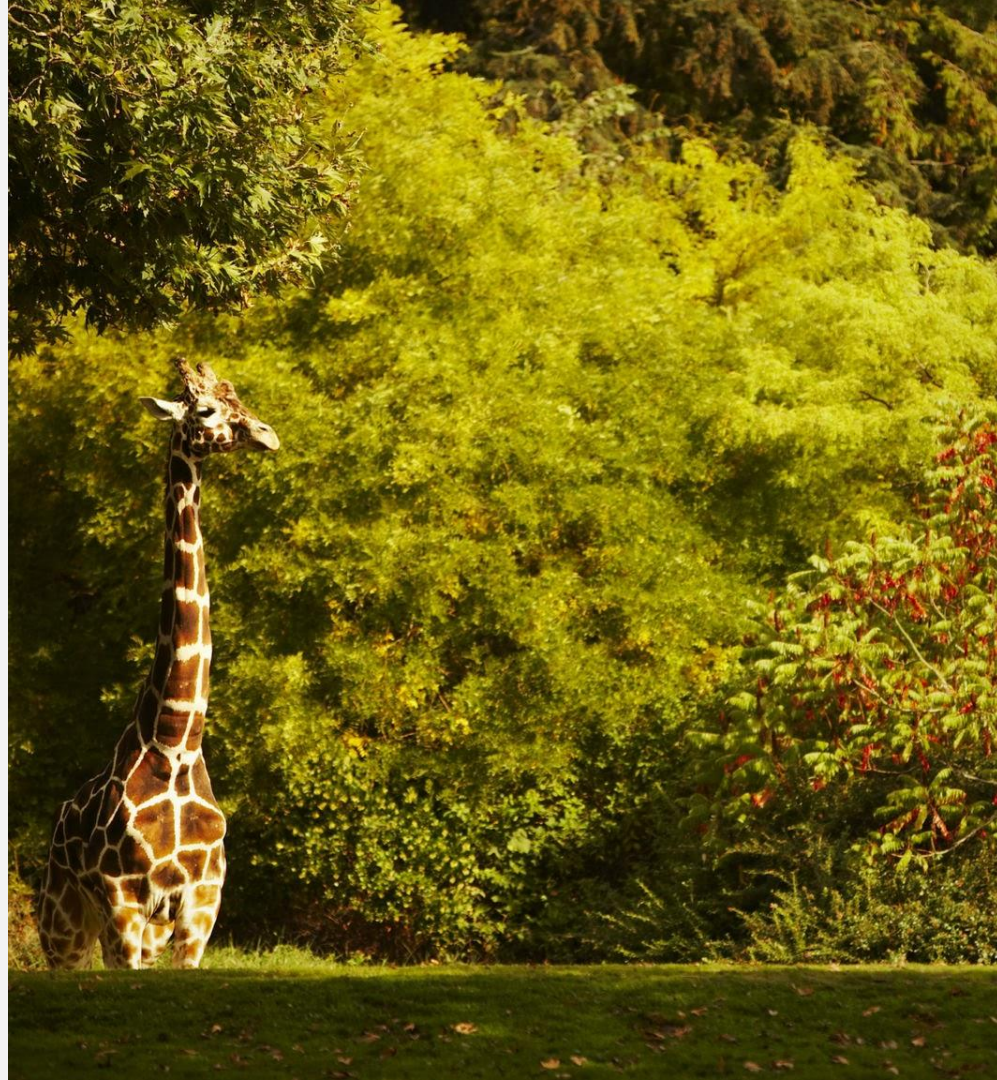
Pre-Trip Preparation

- Written parent/guardian permission & emergency medical release.
- Prepare student packets: Copy of front/back of student ID, consent/medical release, emergency contact list.
- Assign 1:10 ratio chaperone groups



Required Documentation

- Each trip leader carries:
consent forms, medical info, master roster (printed and digital) with student full name, DOB, parent/guardian names, 2 emergency phone numbers, hotel/host contact
- Airline itinerary & boarding passes





Communication Plan

- **Primary channel: Remind App group chat**
- **Emergency Backup: Phone Tree (in case of emergency, communication lead calls designated parents/guardians in pre-set order)**
- **All contact info shared with chaperones digitally and printed out**

Hotel and Supervision

- Room curfews enforced by security and chaperones
- Students always travel in chaperone groups
- Trip conduct = school conduct



Travel Safety



TSA & Identification

Students under 18: school ID

Adults/18+: REAL ID or Passport required.

Chaperone Roles:

Airport Head, Boston - handles airline counter & boarding

Airport Head, Chicago - organizes arrival, baggage, ground transport

Medical lead - carries meds, epi-pen, medical forms

Communications lead - maintains phone tree & group chat

If separated at TSA:

Stay visible within secure area

Chaperones notify airline desk

Meet at pre-arranged spots

If student interacts with law enforcement or airport officials:

Notify school administration immediately

Request to speak to officer/airline rep, produce field trip form

Stay calm, document all names and badge numbers

Contact parent/guardian immediately



Contingency Plans

If luggage or meds lost:

- File airline report
- Use document copies for temporary proof

If safety risks arise: pivot activities to avoid protests or federal activity

Maintain connection with Ruth Santos and Regina Bertholdo for on-the-ground resources in Chicago