

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Roxbury Choir Invitational – 3/18/11–3/20/11

Students Traveling:	42
Ensembles:	Chamber Singers and Jazz Choir
Chaperones:	4
Educational Activities:1	1) Clinics with Internationally Recognized Music Educators 2) Observing superior high school ensembles 3) Broadway Musical 4) Sight-Seeing in New York City

Description of the Roxbury Choir Invitational

This international festival is one of the premier concert, jazz, and show choir festivals in the United States. Ensembles selected to participate in the festival are based on past performances in other festivals and competitions. Students will work with established music educators and performers. Students will observe other choirs that perform at the high level of Belmont choruses. Both the Belmont High School Chamber Singers and Jazz Choir will be evaluated by adjudicators with written and recorded feedback; additionally, they will work with clinicians after performances. Students will also receive one-on-one feedback in the solo division of the festival, which features classical and jazz/popular categories.

Rationale for Attendance

Both the Chamber Singers and the Jazz Choir at Belmont High School have been recognized at state-wide festivals in Massachusetts, consistently receiving gold medals. While the groups perform to high standards, it would be beneficial for ensembles to see choruses that perform at the same or higher level in order to achieve beyond their current level. Additionally, students will observe a major theatrical performance in New York City, as well as observe the rich, diverse culture of the city.

The chorus program at Belmont high school alternates trip years with the instrumental program. Since the instrumental trip did not happen last year, the chorus trip year has been moved to 2011. This trip provides enrichment to chorus students without a significant expense.

Expenses:

Registration Fee for Festival:	\$350 for two groups	\$700
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The registration fee will be covered by the Madrigal Singers activities account and will not be an expense to students.

One Coach Bus for Three Days:	\$3500
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This estimate was provided by the Plymouth and Brockton Bus Company.

Hotel Accommodations for Two Evenings: \$112/room/night \$1792 Caryl Goldsmith (preliminary estimate)

Sixteen rooms will be needed: 6 for male students, 5 for female students, 4 for chaperones, and one for the bus driver. This estimate was provided by Courtyard by Marriott, Mt. Arlington, NJ and includes continental breakfast. Without breakfast, the nightly rate is \$95.

Broadway Show: \$41.50/ticket \$1909

The students will see the musical, "Memphis," which won the Tony Award for Best Musical this year. This estimate was provided by Caryl Goldsmith Group Sales.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF TRIP \$7901

MINUS REGISTRATION FEE \$7201

COST TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS (BEFORE FUNDRAISING) \$171.46

Pending school committee approval, fundraising efforts will be implemented. One likely fundraiser would be the high school's annual A Cappella Night in February.