## So You Think You Want to Be a "CHAPERONE"

- You will be spending 7 days with approximately 130 lovable but extremely energetic, emotional, and potentially frustrating high school students.
- You will share about 50 hours (25 going/25 coming) of "family time" with a random 45 music students on a slightly cramped, but comfortable, air-conditioned motor coach.
- You will enjoy long, sleepless nights in the luxuriously carpeted hallways of a Florida hotel while supervising halls after room check.
- You will have fun and sun filled hours at some of the nation's finest and most interesting theme parks. In exchange, these hours will be broken up with check-ins at first aid stations, concert set ups, concert teardowns, and various emergencies.
- You may have on the job nurse's training opportunities dealing with chicken pox, sunburn, motion sickness (and related clean-up), and a variety of other major and minor health related topics.

## IF YOU ARE STILL INTERESTED ...... PLEASE READ ON.

The LMHS music staff is looking for 6-8 parent chaperones to help supervise, support, and encourage 130 LMHS music students during their 7-day concert tour to Florida from March 23-29, 2017. The cost to chaperones will be approximately half the full price per person and includes all entrance fees, rooms, transportation, and approximately half your meals. This full amount is due by the end of January.

The duties of the chaperones will be varied and some duties will rotate through the chaperones. For example if a student becomes ill and cannot participate in the group activities for two days, the same chaperone will not stay with them at the hotel both days. The same goes for duty at the various first aide stations.

The manner in which the chaperones will be chosen will depend on how many and the type of volunteers available. There will need to be a balance between male and female

chaperones. Having at least one nurse or doctor as a chaperone is also a priority. The LMHS Music Staff would like to have the chaperones chosen no later than the end of September to allow arrangements for job and family situations. For past trips there have been more volunteers than needed and a lottery system has been used.

If you are considering being a chaperone, please discuss your decision with your son(s) or daughter(s). Parent chaperones are not intentionally assigned supervision of their children, but of necessity, this will occur at times. In the past this has not been a problem for either the parent or the student. Bus and room check assignments are somewhat random. If, after the discussion with your son/daughter, you would like to be on their bus arrangements are possible.

While the trip is taking place, chaperones will be expected to:

Refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind.

Abide by and reinforce Lake Mills High School's rules and the LMHS Music Department's high standards of behavior while being fair and even handed with all students.

Help the music staff, students, and other chaperones whenever possible to make the trip run smoothly and to help create a positive experience for all.

Refrain from smoking when students are present. If you must smoke, never do so in the company of or around students.

Please Return This Form at Your Earliest Convenience, However, No Later Than September 20, 2016. One form per parent please.

I am interested in being a chaperone on the LMHS Music Department Concert Tour to Florida in March of 2017. I understand the responsibilities and financial commitment of this position and I am prepared to help make the trip an educational experience for all the students involved.

NAME:\_\_\_\_\_PHONE:\_\_\_\_\_

If a husband & wife are both applying to chaperone, please <u>check one</u> below. Interested in chaperoning ONLY if both are chosen:\_\_\_\_\_ Interested in chaperoning whether we are both chosen or not:\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME:\_\_\_\_\_