

2024 Vandegrift H.S. Band and Vision Spring Trip

Port Aransas, Texas
Thursday, April 18 – Sunday, April 21, 2024

Hotel Information

Port Royal Ocean Resort
6317 State Highway 361
Port Aransas, Texas 78373
(361) 749-5011

Accommodations

We will be staying in 2 and 3 bedroom-condominiums that sleep between 6 and 8 students with a full kitchen, dining room, living room and laundry room. All linens, towels and basic housekeeping items are all included. These items should be treated with respect and any damage will be covered by the student.

Meals

Dinner will be provided upon arrival on Thursday evening. The students will be responsible for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Friday and Saturday. We will stop at HEB in Flour Bluff so the students can purchase groceries/snacks. I would encourage students to begin to plan their meals (by rooms) now. Each student will receive \$30 to use with the rest of their room to purchase groceries. Use HEB.com to look at cost and to decide if there is a need for additional funds or to bring food/snacks along.

Money

The only other monies necessary will be for souvenirs. If the students buy souvenirs, they must be able to fit in their luggage to bring home.

Weather

The current weather forecast has high's in the upper 70's/low 80's, and low's in the low 70's. Please pack proper attire. While rain chances are low while we are there, the Port Aransas area is known for its random rains.

Luggage Restrictions

Please limit your luggage to one medium sized suitcase to go under the bus. You may also bring one small cooler, books, and small electronics, etc. on the bus, but you must keep everything with you, under the seat or in the overhead bins. The aisles must stay clear. Remember...all luggage must be clearly marked with your name, address, and phone number. I would encourage students to leave valuables at home.

It is recommended that students who are rooming together discuss who will bring items that they may all need rather than having every student bring items that they could possibly share.

What to Pack...reminders

1. Cell Phone and charger
2. Tennis Shoes/Flip Flops
3. Swim Suit
4. Toiletries
5. **SUNSCREEN**
6. Breakfast Food(s)
7. Snack Food(s)
8. Shopping List for HEB
9. Clothes
10. Hat/Sunglasses/Water Bottle

Schedule

Keep a copy of the itinerary with you at all times. Be punctual...*to be early is to be on time*. It is not fair to the rest of the group to wait for you. Failure to adhere to the itinerary will result in disciplinary action.

Security

Most of you will be carrying money and valuables. Be aware that these items can sometimes "disappear" at any time. Be smart...do not leave luggage, purses, cameras, bags, horn cases, etc. in an unsecured area.

Shoplifting

Everywhere you go and whatever you do, be sure to handle all merchandise in an open, straightforward manner. Do not give anyone the slightest impression that you could be doing something that could potentially get you in trouble. Almost all security personnel are in "plain clothes" and look just like normal tourists. You will be subject to constant supervision at all times.

Respect of Adults

Directors, chaperones, hotel personnel, and park staff are to be treated with the utmost respect at all times. These adults are present to help you to have a fun and safe trip. They ARE NOT present to "wait on you." Be polite and respectful at all times. Please follow instructions the first time they are given.

Chaperone "check-in"

You and your group will be required to "check-in" with your chaperone at **NOON** and **6:00 PM** daily. It is your responsibility to make contact with the appropriate chaperone. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. We will give guidelines on what this looks like throughout the trip.

Relationships

Public Displays of Affection are strictly prohibited at all times, in all places, when traveling with the Vandegrift Band and Vision Dance Company. Repeated violations will be handled appropriately.

Groups

You must stay in groups of three or more throughout the duration of the trip. This includes the hotel property, beach and off-site activities. **NEVER** go off alone. Any student found alone will be disciplined appropriately.

Citizenship

Remember that you are representing yourself, your family, Leander ISD, Vandegrift High School and the Vandegrift Band and Vision Program. Your behavior should reflect this. All future band trips depend upon what happens on this trip.

Illness

Please report to a chaperone quickly if you ever feel ill.

Medicine

If you take prescription medication, there will be designated AM and PM times to receive your medication. Do not be late! A band director will be responsible for distribution.

Sleep

When given the opportunity, it is crucial for you to get as much rest as possible. "Lights out" means just that.

Swimming

There are not lifeguards in the pool at the resort, or at the beach. Only students who are experienced swimmers should enter the beach water. The band directors and the chaperones will let you know if the beach water is safe to enter. There will not be any entrance into beach water if water conditions/currents are too strong.

The Beach

Students may only use the stretch of beach in front of Port Royal (3 Beach Markers in either direction). If a student is wanting to jog/walk further than this, they must have clearance from a chaperone. Students may walk on the beach in groups during the day, but **MUST BE WITH A CHAPERONE to walk on the beach at night or early in the morning.**

Curfew

Each evening, all rooms will be checked at curfew. ALL STUDENTS must be present (and visible) in their room during room checks.

Wristbands

Students will receive a wristband during the meeting at VHS before departure. This wristband must be worn for the entirety of the trip. This will identify you as a Vandegrift Band Member to our parent chaperones.

Overnight Trip Rules

1. There will be no boys in girls' rooms or girls in boys' rooms for any reason, unless in the presence of a band director or chaperone. Any student violating this rule will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
2. Students will not be out of their rooms after curfew unless accompanied by an adult chaperone or designated school sponsor. Students will be given a chaperone's phone number to call in case of an emergency. Any student in violation of this policy will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
3. The possession or use of any tobacco product, alcohol product, or illegal substance is strictly prohibited. Any student violating this policy will be sent home at the expense of their parents and referred to his/her campus administrator. Violation will result in immediate removal from the Band and Vision Program.
4. Any property damage will be paid for by the student(s) responsible for the damage.
5. Students are not to leave an assigned area for any reason or get into any vehicle other than school designated transportation.
6. Any student in violation of local, state, or federal laws will be turned over to law enforcement authorities. If the student returns to the group, he/she will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
7. Any student who excessively violates any trip guidelines will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
8. If a student is sent home for any reason, the parent/guardian agrees to pay the full cost of the student's return trip to Austin. The parent/guardian will provide appropriate information (credit card number, etc.) to school district personnel so that appropriate return transportation may be purchased.
9. Student will follow all policies set forth in the Vandegriff High School Band and Vision Handbook.
10. Violation of any of these rules may result in permanent removal from the Vandegriff Band and Vision Program.

Hotel Guidelines

1. Keep your room neat and clean at all times
2. No movies/room service will be available
3. Chaperones can and will enter rooms at any time for inspections
4. Any suspicious activity will be investigated immediately
5. Curfew will be strictly enforced
6. The hotel will have many other guests...be courteous and quiet when not in your room
7. Never congregate in the halls

I have read and understand the rules and guidelines for the 2024 Vandegriff High School Band Spring Trip to Port Aransas, Texas.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

2024 Vandegrift H.S. Band Itinerary

Spring Trip – Port Aransas, Texas

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7:30 am Leave all luggage to be packed in the designated spot in the band hall
7:45 am All prescription medication can be checked in
8:15 am Attend 1st and 2nd period and PIT (After PIT, **ALL STUDENTS WILL TAKE A LUNCH**)
12:30 pm All band students are released to Band hall
12:45 pm Trip meeting in the Band Hall
1:15 pm Load buses
1:30 pm Depart Vandegrift HS
5:30 pm Arrive at HEB to purchase groceries/snacks
6:30 pm Depart HEB
7:15 pm Arrive and Check-In at Port Royal
8:00 pm Dinner at Hotel – Chick-fil-a (provided)
11:00 pm Room Check

Friday, April 19, 2024

9:00 am Breakfast on own at Hotel
Pool/Beach FUN!!!
10:45 am Seniors depart for lunch at Virginia's on the Beach
12:00 pm Chaperone Check-In
Lunch on own at Hotel
Pool/Beach FUN!!!
1:00 pm Senior GoCarts on the beach in Port A
4:00 pm Seniors head back to Port Royal
6:00 pm Chaperone Check-In/Dinner (on own in rooms)
7:00 pm VHS Band and Vision Company Iron Chef Competition
11:00 pm Room Check

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9:00 am Breakfast on own at Hotel
12:00 pm Chaperone Check In
Lunch on own at Hotel
Beach FUN!!!
1:30 pm Bus leaves for optional shopping in Port A
4:30pm Bus departs back for Port Royal
6:00 pm Chaperone Check-In/Dinner (on own in rooms)
8:30 pm Bonfire/S'mores on the beach
11:00 pm Room Check

Sunday, April 21, 2024

7:00 am WAKE UP!
7:30 am Breakfast on own at Hotel; all rooms begin cleaning and packing
8:00 am Chaperones begin checking out rooms – all luggage goes on to your bus
8:45 am Load Buses
9:00 am Depart Port Royal Ocean Resort
1:00 pm Arrive home at Vandegrift High School