

LOS ANGELES TOUR

JUNE 12 THROUGH JUNE 16, 2026

TRIP ITINERARY DRAFT AS OF MAY 4, 2026

BEFORE THE TRIP

- Label all bags and instruments with your name, address, and phone number. We also recommend labeling them with *Normal West HS Wind Ensemble*, in case they are found at the events—this will allow them to be returned to our group. If you have a black suitcase, you may want to tie a ribbon on for quick identification.
- Make sure that your tuxedo is dry cleaned immediately after the Senior Recognition concert. These will be collected and shipped to Los Angeles. Dresses must be washed and packed in the student's luggage.
- Review the itinerary for events that suggest specific packing needs and to determine meal/shopping costs.
- Save the latest copy of this itinerary to your phone. (Screenshots work great!)
- Download and subscribe to the BAND App. Join the specific Los Angeles group.
- Store emergency phone numbers in your phone:
Mr. B is (815) 370-8730 | Ms. P is (309) 310-4435 | Mrs. Halsey is (309) 862-0135
- Tag @normalwestbands in Instagram posts throughout the trip!

WHAT TO PACK

- All travelers must have proper identification to fly. Passengers 18 and older are required to present a valid, government-issued photo ID at airport security. This must be a REAL ID-compliant driver's license/state ID (has a star in the corner) or a valid passport. Travelers under 18 do not need to present identification when flying but should still carry some form of ID, if available. Please double check that your ID is current and will not expire before the trip home.
- Each traveler may bring one backpack/personal item that fits under the seat in front of you. Flutes, oboes, and clarinets must be packed inside your personal item. All other instruments will either be placed in the overhead bin or checked under the plane. (The band will cover fees for instruments that are too large to fit in a backpack.) Pack your music in your backpack/personal item.
- Travelers are responsible for their own checked bag fees (approximately \$50 each way, payable at the airport.) Since airlines charge for carry-on bags beyond a personal item, we encourage everyone to check a bag to help ensure sufficient overhead space for instruments.
- Some percussionists and chaperones will be issued a specific percussion instrument so that all of our percussion accessories make it to the festival. You will know these assignments in advance.
- All music folders will be carried in your backpack on the plane! Plan on printed music for performances on this tour; no tablets, please.
- Be sure to pack mutes/mute bags, extra reeds, instrument stands, mallets, etc.
- Electronics: pack your phone, tablet, charger, headphones, rechargeable power pack, as you wish – avoid large laptops and gaming systems. Anything with a battery must be packed in your personal item, not a checked bag.
- Pack your Los Angeles Tour shirt. (Shirts will be distributed before departure.)
- Pack clothing that is appropriate for all events (outdoor/indoor and casual/formal, see itinerary for details.) Pack casual shoes that are good for lots of walking as well as dress shoes that go with your concert black. (No boots with concert black.)
- Money for meals, souvenirs, etc. (The costs of any meals that say “on own” are not included in the trip package. Any meals that say “included” will be prepaid on your behalf.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

TWO DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE | PREVIEW CONCERT

Los Angeles Tour Preview Concert: Details TBA

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

ONE DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE | REHEARSAL/PACKING

Final Rehearsal and Packing: Leave all instruments and equipment on stage or in the designated area at school for final inspection. All items must be clearly labeled before being left for inspection. Percussion will pack equipment after the Los Angeles rehearsal. Luggage does not need to be dropped off in advance.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

DAY ONE | FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES, DINNER AT FIRE+ICE

- 6:45 AM **Arrive at NCWHS.** Load luggage and instruments onto school buses. Buses will be assigned based on the rooming list/chaperone assignments.
- 7:15 AM **Depart for O'Hare International Airport**
- 10:15 AM **Arrive at O'Hare International Airport**
United Terminal, Flight #1363
- 3:15 PM **Arrive into LAX Terminal 7**
- 4:00 PM **Transfer to the festival hotel**
- 5:30 PM **Arrive at the Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort**
616 Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802
Check in with your chaperone for room keys. Take instruments and luggage to your room.
- 6:45 PM **Meet in the lobby, walk to FiRE+iCE Interactive Grill as a group**
- 7:00 PM **Enjoy a Festival Welcome Dinner** (*This is part of your package*)
- 8:30 PM **Return to hotel, free time/relax/unpack**
(Students may not enter any hotel room other than their own.)
- 9:30 PM **Lights out/Room Check.** Be sure to sleep lots—BIG weekend ahead!!!
- 9:45 PM **Parent Meeting with Mrs. Halsey - location TBA**

Do you have your ID?
Make sure luggage is clearly marked with your name, address, and cell phone number. We also suggest including *Normal West HS Wind Ensemble* in case it is found at the festival. See the luggage information on Page 1.
Do you have headphones for the trip?

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

DAY TWO | DISNEY STUDIO SESSION AND SANTA MONICA, CA

- TIME TBA **Breakfast at the hotel**
- TIME TBA **Chaperone Meeting about afternoon activities with Mrs. Halsey**
- TIME TBA **Meet in the lobby with instruments, wearing your World Projects Festival T Shirt with shorts or jeans** (Percussionists only needs sticks.)
Festival T Shirts will be distributed in the hotel prior to this session.
- TIME TBA **Load coaches and depart for the Downtown Disney Guest Entrance**
(Chaperones will not attend the Disney Studio Session event)
- TIME TBA **Arrive at Downtown Disney Guest Drop-Off**
Enter the California Adventure Disney Imagination Campus Facility
- TIME TBA **Soundtrack Session at Disney Studios**
Afterwards, return to the coaches and load instruments
- TIME TBA **Return to the hotel to drop off your instruments and change attire**
Dress for Santa Monica sightseeing, beach, shopping, lunch
- TIME TBA **Meet in lobby, load coaches for Santa Monica Pier**
Chaperones/adults should join us at this time! This trip takes 90 minutes.
- AFTERNOON **Upon Arrival, Lunch as a group (included in your tour package)**
The rest of the afternoon is free to explore Santa Monica Pier, Aquarium, Beach, The Third Street Promenade Shopping Area.
(Follow chaperone instructions and stay in the designated areas.)
- EVENING **Dinner on own, then return to the hotel**
- TIME TBA **Lights out/Room Check.** Be sure to sleep lots—BIG week ahead!!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

DAY THREE | DISNEY PARKS AND PERFORMANCE

- TIME TBA **Breakfast on your own**
- TIME TBA **Meet in lobby wearing concert black performance attire, load coaches**
- TIME TBA **Outdoor Performance at California Adventure's Backlot Stage**
Afterwards, return to the coaches and load with your instruments
- TIME TBA **Return to the hotel, drop instruments, change out of performance attire**
Hang concert black so it looks good later!
- TIME TBA **Meet in lobby as a group, walk to Disneyland Resort Parks**
- AFTERNOON **The rest of the day is free to enjoy Disneyland Park and California Adventure!**
Eat lunch in the parks. **Be sure to check in with chaperones** and let them know which park you're in!
- EVENING **Dinner on your own in the Parks!**
- 9:00 PM **Meet at the Disneyland Park Main Gate**
If you are in the California Adventure Park, leave plenty of time to return to Disneyland Park. We will walk back to the hotel as a group!
- 9:30 PM **Return to hotel**
- 10:00 PM **Lights out/Room Check.**
Be sure to sleep lots—BIG performance tomorrow!!!
- 10:15 PM **Chaperone Meeting with Mrs. Halsey**

*Wear concert black.
*Make sure all instruments/mutes, percussion, folders go with you.
*You will have a Park Pass for both Disneyland Park and California Adventure Park! Make sure to check in with your chaperone so we know which park you are in!
*Bring \$\$\$ for Lunch/Dinner, Souvenirs

MONDAY, JUNE 13

DAY FOUR | WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL PERFORMANCE

- MORNING** **Breakfast snacks on your own**
The morning is free for independent shopping and sightseeing near hotel
Check in with your chaperone to let them know what you are doing, and stay in area designated (boundary map will be provided)
- AFTERNOON** **Lunch as a group, site TBA** (This meal is included in your package)
- 1:30 PM **Meet in lobby, wearing concert black performance formalwear**
Make sure you have your instruments, folders, mutes, percussion
- 2:00 PM **Load coaches, travel to the Walt Disney Concert Hall, home of the LA Philharmonic**
- 3:00 PM **Arrive at WDCH, move to the warm up room, prepare for sound check**
Unpack and assemble percussion instruments.
- 4:05 PM **Our ensemble will be escorted to the stage**
Percussion equipment must be set up and ready to go by this time!
- 4:15 PM **Sound Check and Group Photo on stage**
- 4:45 PM **End of Sound Check**
Return to warm up room, store instruments, change shoes, walk to dinner
- 5:00 PM **Walk with festival staff to dinner at Grand Central Market**
This is a ten-minute walk. You will receive \$25 cash for dinner.
Please be careful eating in your concert black!
- 6:15 PM **Walk back to WDCH, prepare for concert**
- 7:00 PM **EVENING CONCERT BEGINS with opening remarks**
- 7:05 PM **NORMAL WEST PERFORMANCE IN THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL**
- 7:35 PM **Following our performance, return to the warm up room**
Store instruments before moving to the house to watch the remaining performances. *Let's be as great an audience as we are performers!*
- 7:45 PM **Northern Colorado Youth Orchestra Performance**
- 8:30 PM **West Coast Classical Orchestra Performance**
- 9:00 PM **Awards Ceremony**
At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, return to the warm up room, collect all instruments, exit the concert hall, load coaches
Make sure you take back everything you brought with you!
- 9:45 PM **Return to hotel**
- 10:30 PM **Lights out/Room Check.**
- 10:45PM **Chaperone Meeting with Mrs. Halsey**

For sound check/concert, you will need:
Instrument, music folder, mutes
All percussion equipment
Must be dressed in Concert Black for the sound check
Bring comfortable walking shoes for the walk to dinner at Grand Central Market

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

DAY FIVE | TRAVEL TO NORMAL | WELCOME HOME!

- 7:00 AM **Breakfast on your own, pack and prepare for the return home!**
- 8:00 AM **Meet in the lobby, Check in with Chaperone, load coaches for airport**
Double check and make sure you have everything!
- 8:30 AM **Depart for Los Angeles International Airport - LAX**
- 10:10 AM **Arrive at LAX for United Flight #457**
Check in, pass through security, proceed to departure gate
- 6:45 PM **Arrive into O'Hare International Airport (ORD) Terminal 1**
Collect baggage, load buses, stop for fast food on the way home!
- 10:30 PM **Approximate Arrival at Normal West**
Unload, and turn in concert black/school instruments

WELCOME HOME!!! CONGRATULATIONS ON A FANTASTIC TOUR!!!