



Athena/Apollo Retreat

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*In a normal year, we'd go over all this in class to get students ready for an overnight trip. Because we are leaving on the first day of school, we don't have that luxury. Therefore it's important that parents and students **read every word** of this document before you pack so we have an awesome weekend! And please refer to the Retreat Gig Sheet, found on the Forms/Handouts portion of StewartsCreekChoirs.com.*

Things to Pack

- Dress Code-Appropriate Clothes for Saturday (see below about attire for Friday)
- PJs for the dorm
- Twin-Size Sheets, Blanket, and Pillow. Each room has 4-6 bunk beds, but the beds have no bedding. A sleeping bag and pillow would also get the job done.
- Charger for phone, etc. Again, who knows if the outlet in your room will be near where you sleep, so maybe a long extension cord would be wise as well.
- Card/Board Game for Friday's *Red Hawk Games*. This is optional. We'll have unstructured free/social time after Friday's evening rehearsals, so feel free to bring school-appropriate games.
- BugSpray. This is also optional - we'll be inside 95% of the time and away from the woods, etc. However, it's possible an outdoor game of hide-and-seek might break out during Red Hawk Games, so if your child is especially sensitive to bug bites this might be wise.
- Toiletries for shower, etc. Each bathroom is shared between a couple of rooms - private shower stalls, but communal space for getting ready. **BRING A TOWEL FOR THE SHOWER!**
- Money for lunch on Friday. See Gig Sheet for details about this meal that is on your own.
- Water bottle - we'll be singing a lot.
- Umbrella - again optional. Travelling from the classrooms to the lodge (meals, joint rehearsals) is about 100 feet outdoors - your call.

Important Notes

- Friday's attire must be school dress-code appropriate, both when you are at school, on the bus, and at the retreat (same for Saturday's attire as mentioned above). Violators will be

disciplined according to SCHS policies and procedures – you are all upperclassmen and have no excuse for violating dress code.

- We have two busses, but it will still be tight quarters on the bus. We'll try to stack all the luggage in the last few rows of each bus, but it's possible we just won't have room to do so. Students should plan on the possibility of sharing a seat with another students **with your luggage in your lap!** This might change how you pack – you're only here for one night, so a small bag should be enough to hold your things and your bedding. Again – we'll try to not have it in your lap, but it's possible we'll have to, so pack accordingly!
- Students – you must bring your luggage to the choir room before you go to your first holding location at 8:30. Most days during the school year, students aren't allowed beyond the holding rooms until 8:20; if that's the case on Friday (if adults direct you to the cafeteria or aux gym then dismiss you), don't come to the choir room until you are dismissed. However, given that this is the first day, students will not go directly to 1st period but rather to a holding room (you'll be given this location when you arrive Friday morning), it's possible they will allow students to enter the main hallways of the school before 8:20 – if that's the case you are welcome to bring your things to the choir room before 8:20. Either way,
 - Put your luggage on the choir risers, not right inside the choir room door;
 - We will not give you a late note to your 8:30 holding area because you're bringing your luggage by. Plan for these extra steps (and the crazy traffic of day 1) and get here early enough to handle your business.
- Parents, we'll have an informal Live Streamed Concert of what the students learned at Retreat at 6:30pm on Saturday evening. You can tune in at the Choir Facebook Page (maintained by parents) at www.facebook.com/schschoirs. If you don't already 'like' this page, please do so before Friday night.
- Please **Do Not Bring Cash/Check on Friday** for this Retreat (do bring money for lunch, just don't plan to turn in any money to Drs. Kellussell for choir fees, etc). Please save for Monday. We'll send home info with all choir classes next week about how to pay for this retreat, class fee, etc.

Finally, students are expected to behave as well or better when on a field trip as you would at school or home. In addition to Drs. Kellussell, we'll have four clinicians working with you in sectional rehearsals – students are expected to treat them with respect throughout. Follow all school rules – it frees us up to do what we're there for – build relationships and learn music.