Spring Tour Participant Contract

In order to participate in the Towne Criers & Step On Stage Spring tour, students must meet the following requirements. If the below expectations are not met, the student will not be allowed to join the choir on tour, and will not receive a refund after their October payment has been made.

1. CHOIR ROOM RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED:
Students may not receive more than three violations of any choir room rule (this includes tardies, gum chewing, forgetting music or other materials, not being dressed for choreography rehearsals, excessive talking, inappropriate behavior, disrespect to a teacher or fellow student, etc.)

2. NO GETTING IN TROUBLE AROUND CAMPUS:
Student may not receive any "out of school" suspension given by the administration for any reason (even if it does not involve choir) or two or more in-school suspensions, or written referrals from any teacher or administrator.

3. KEEP THOSE GRADES UP:
Choir grades – Students should not earn a letter grade of a "D" or lower on any vocal or dance quiz, or any quarter grade lower than a "C" in choir. Regular academic grades – You must be passing all classes at the end of the 1st Semester to hold your place on tour. You also must maintain those grades and be passing all of your classes with a "D" or better at the time of tour.

4. DON'T BE DITCHING SCHOOL!
Students cannot have two or more occasions of ditching choir or any other class (NO unexcused absences or truancies)

5. BE NICE TO FOLKS, ESPECIALLY YOUR ELDERS!
Students should never exhibit rude or inappropriate behavior towards any teacher, administrator or other supervising adult on campus at any time. (This rule may seem a bit vague, but if a student is rude to other teachers, administrators, substitute teachers, or adult authority figures, he or she is not ready to follow instructions on a trip where many chaperones and other adults are in charge)

6. BEHAVE DURING PERFORMANCES & ON CHOIR TRIPS
Students should never need more than one warning for inappropriate behavior during concerts, performances or other field trips. This includes while you are backstage. Any disciplinary issues while on retreat or other choir field trips throughout the year will be grounds for expulsion from tour.

7. STAY CLEAN & SOBER
If any student is caught smoking, drinking, or using drugs of any kind in OR OUT of school, he or she will be removed from the choir program immediately. NO WARNINGS, NO TOLERANCE!

8. STAY CURRENT ON TOUR PAYMENTS
No student can ever be over 2 weeks late on a tour payment. Monthly payments will always be due on the 5th of the month. If a student needs financial assistance or an extended payment plan, they MUST fill out the required paperwork and have it on file with the choir dept. Then, they must adhere to the agreed upon payment plan. In emergency situations, parents MUST contact Mrs. Kouns to notify her of the reason for a late payment.

9. BE IN CHOIR FOR ALL REHEARSAL
You must be in class to prepare for the trip. If you miss a total of 10 or more days between the start of the year and the time of tour, you will not be allowed to go on tour. Even if these are excused absences due to extreme illness, you cannot miss over two weeks of school and still be an asset to the group and be fully prepared for the performances. With specific doctor's information about unique situations, this rule can be adjusted on a case by case basis.

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REFUND POLICY:

In planning for a tour which involves over 100 participants, it is important to make reservations early. Many of the companies that we work with, including airlines, charter busses, and hotels, require non-refundable deposits early in the school year in order to hold reservations for a group of our size. The choir is then given a payment plan by the tour companies that we must adhere to. If students are not on time with their monthly payments, then we as a choir dept. cannot be on time with our payments. This puts us in jeopardy of losing our tickets or reservations, and possibly having to cancel the tour. If a student find out that he or she is unable to go on tour for personal, academic, or disciplinary reasons, then we cannot fully refund money that has already been paid, since we will not be receiving refunds from the companies we use. In some cases, we are able to get back a portion of the money, and in those cases we will do our best to at least refund students a portion of their money. Families must be aware, up front, that your financial commitment to go on tour is a great one that must be taken seriously & fulfilled completely. Tour payments of $150 are due on the 5th of each month starting in August and continuing through February. Payments are to be made out to "HHS Choir Club #614" and must be made in a timely manner. After the second payment has been made in September, we can no longer guarantee full refunds. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this policy.

Please remember, you can pay for this entire trip by using AZ State Tax Credits. Married couples can donate up to $400 per year and single individuals can donate up to $200 per year. More information about this can be found at the bookstore, but basically this is a 100% tax credit which means that when you claim it on your taxes the following year, you will get ALL of that money back. It basically means that your child goes on tour for free! It is by far the best way to pay for this trip. When paying with Tax Credits: Fill out the appropriate forms which can be found on the PVUSD web-site or at the bookstore, make checks payable to "Horizon High School", pick up a receipt after paying, photo copy the receipt and submit the copy to the choir teacher or treasurer.

"I understand these conditions and I support these rules and guidelines I understand that if my child breaks any of the above rules, then he or she will not be eligible for the Spring Tour, and if it happens after the second payment has been made, I am not guaranteed a refund for my tour payments."

Student Name:____ Student Signature:____

Parent Name:____ Parent Signature:____

Date:___________________________