

**CLARINDA HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
COURTNEY RIDGE—DIRECTOR  
DESTINATION: CHICAGO & NEW YORK CITY  
TRAVEL DATES: MARCH 16—22, 2023**

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY AS OF MAY 3, 2022**

**Travel Consultant:** Tom Merrill  
**Travel Coordinator:** Susan Rodriguez

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023**

- 7:00 AM Motor coaches arrive at **Clarinda High School**; begin loading  
100 North Cardinal Drive, Clarinda, IA 51632
- 8:00 AM Depart for **Chicago, IL**  
(459 miles; 8 ½ hours travel time, plus 1 hour for a lunch stop)
- PM Lunch en route (at student expense)
- 5:30 PM Arrive at **Main Event**.  
28248 Diehl Road, Warrenville, IL 60555

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**Dinner here with 2-hours unlimited Bowling, Laser Tag, and Arcade Games.**  
*Dinner includes cheeseburger sliders, mini-Nathan's hot dogs, crispy chicken bites, cheddar tater tots, house slaw, parmesan chips & onion dip, and sodas.*

- 9:00 PM Arrive at your hotel, the **Doubletree Oakbrook**; check-in to the hotel.  
1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**

7:30 AM Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel

8:30 AM Load motor coaches; depart for **VanderCook College of Music** (or similar)

9:30 AM Arrive at **VanderCook College of Music**

AM The **Clarinda High School Band** participates in a workshop with Director of Bands Alex Kaminsky *(based on availability of clinician and facility)*.

11:00 AM Load motor coaches; depart for **Time Out Market**  
916 West Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60607

11:15 AM Arrive at **Time Out Market**.  
*What happens when a 50-year-old media company endeavors to bring together the best of the city under one roof? You get Time Out Market, a dining and culture experience. Chicago's innovative eating destination features the city's top chefs and most talked about restaurants—plus the latest in arts and culture—all together under one roof.*

Lunch at **Time Out Market** (at student expense)

1:00 PM Arrive at **Chicago Symphony Center**.  
220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604

1:30 PM Enjoy a performance of the world famous **Chicago Symphony Orchestra!** (pending availability; \$75 per person estimated cost). This afternoon's scheduled performance has conductor Osmo Vanska leading the Symphony, Symphony Chorus, and guest soloists in the following program:

- Jessie Montgomery: *Banner*
- Rautavaara: *Cantus Arcticus*
- Orff: *Carmina Burana*

4:00 PM Concert ends. Walk to **Millennium Park** and **Cloudgate ("The Bean")**  
201 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60602  
*A sparkling downtown green space, adjacent to Grant Park, and the crown jewel of Chicago's 7,600-plus acres of parkland. Take pictures of the city's skyline dramatically reflected in sculptor Anish Kapoor's "Cloud Gate" sculpture (known to locals and tourists alike simply as "The Bean") and admire Frank Gehry's whimsical outdoor concert pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States.*

**(FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023 – continued)**

- 4:45 PM Load motor coaches; depart for **John Hancock Center**  
875 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611
- 5:15 PM Experience **360 Chicago and TILT**  
*360 Chicago is the perfect place to start your visit to Chicago. You will get breathtaking views of the city from a bird's eye view and experience educational features which enhance the experiences through panoramic touch screens. Your admission includes the TILT—Chicago's greatest thrill ride!*
- 6:30 PM Walk as a group next door to **Water Tower Place**. Arrive at **Chicago Sports Museum** and **Harry Caray's 7<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch**. Dinner included at 7<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch.  
*The Chicago Sports Museum combines high-tech interactive experiences—including skill challenges and simulated experiences—with unique sports memorabilia and an impressive collection of game-used treasures and other artifacts.*
- 8:30 PM Load motor coaches and depart for your hotel.
- 9:15 PM Arrive at your hotel.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023**

- 6:00 AM Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel. Following breakfast check out of the hotel.
- 7:00 AM Load motor coaches and depart for **East Rutherford, NJ**.  
(801 miles; 13 ½ hours travel time, plus 2 hours for a meal stop, plus 1 hour for time change)
- NOTE Move your watches ahead 1 hour for change to **Eastern Time Zone**
- PM Lunch en route (*at student expense*)
- PM Dinner en route (*at student expense*)
- 11:30 PM Arrive at your hotel, the **Fairfield Inn East Rutherford/Meadowlands**; check-in to the hotel.  
850 Paterson Plank Road, East Rutherford, NJ 07073

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023**

- 8:00 AM Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel.
- 9:30 AM Board your coaches and depart for Manhattan.
- Morning **Band clinic** at NYU-Steinhardt Music and Performing Arts School with Dr. Jason Noble (as available).
- 12:00 PM Time to explore **Times Square**.  
*Known as "The Crossroads of the World" and "The Great White Way," it is one of the most popular commercial intersections in the world! Located in central Manhattan at the junction of Broadway and Seventh Avenue, this popular NYC attraction is home to top destinations such as **Broadway Theaters, ABC's Times Square Studios, and the Ed Sullivan Theater** (home of the **Late Show with Stephen Colbert**).*
- Lunch in the area on your own (at student expense).
- 2:30 PM Arrive at your designated theatre.
- 3:00 PM The curtain rises on a **Broadway Show!** (to be determined; \$100 per ticket budget)
- 6:00 PM Show ends.
- 6:30 PM **Dinner at John's Pizzeria.**
- 8:00 PM Transfer to 30 Rockefeller Center. Experience the **Top of the Rock**  
*View the "Big Apple" from the observation deck. Top of the Rock is the ultimate New York experience for groups of any generation and background. The entire Top of the Rock experience is entertaining, exciting, and educational.*
- 9:30 PM Depart for your hotel.
- 10:30 PM Arrive at your hotel.

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**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

7:00 AM Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel.

9:00 AM Board motor coach and transfer to Manhattan.

10:00 AM **Clarinda High School Band** participates in an **Up Close and Personal Broadway Workshop**  
*In this intimate one-hour session, participants have the opportunity to enjoy a discussion with a Broadway performer who they might actually see in a Broadway show that day. Topics can vary and can include personal success stories, career moments, and insight into life as a performer. This workshop includes a private performance for your group by the teaching artists. (NOTE: Professionals might not be affiliated with the show you are attending.*

11:30 AM Enjoy lunch (at student expense) and time to explore in the **Rockefeller Center area**. Located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan, it is known for its big Christmas tree and ice skating in the winter, Today Show concerts, Radio City Music Hall, and Saturday Night Live. There is a vast array of options for shopping and dining, whether you are looking to purchase high-end goods or just grab a quick bite to eat.

2:00 PM Arrive for the **Radio City Music Hall Backstage Tour**  
*The Radio City Stage Door Tour offers an insider's look at the legendary Radio City Music Hall, known for the Christmas Spectacular. On this guided tour, discover art deco masterpieces, learn the secrets of the Great Stage, meet a Rockette, and much more!*

4:00 PM Board your coach and transfer for a short visit to **Central Park**  
*Enjoy free time in the park. Extending south to north from 59<sup>th</sup> street to 110<sup>th</sup> street, and east to west from Fifth Avenue to Central Park West, you will find over 840 acres of landscaped and recreational areas including: a zoo, theater, sports facilities, lakes, and more!*

5:30 PM Board your coaches and depart for **Jazz at Lincoln Center**.

6:00 PM Arrive at **Dizzy's Club** for dinner and a jazz set.

7:30 PM Jazz set begins.

9:00 PM Performance concludes. Board your coach and depart for the hotel

10:00 PM Arrive at the hotel.

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023**

7:00 AM **Breakfast included** at the hotel. Following breakfast check out of the hotel and load luggage onto your motor coach.

8:30 AM Depart the hotel.

9:00 AM Arrive at **Liberty State Park**.

NOTE: your motorcoaches will transfer to your hotel so the drivers can rest for the return trip home. Take anything you need for the day with you.

Please Note: You will proceed through airport-type security prior to getting on the ferry and bags will be searched.

Board ferry for **Ellis Island, Liberty Island and The Statue Of Liberty**. The ferry will stop first at Ellis Island where you can disembark and visit the Immigration Museum. If you do not wish to visit Ellis Island, remain on the ferry to Liberty Island. When done on both islands, take the ferry from Liberty Island to Battery Park.

12:30 PM Return to Battery Park. Transfer via subway.

1:00 PM Enjoy lunch at **Brookfield Place – Hudson Eats** (at student expense).

2:00 PM Arrive at the **National 9/11 Memorial and Museum**  
180 Greenwich Street New York, NY 10007  
*The 9/11 Memorial consists of two massive pools set within the original footprints of the Twin Towers with 30-foot waterfalls cascading down their sides. The names of nearly 3,000 men, women, and children killed in the attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993 are inscribed in bronze on parapets around the edges of the waterfalls.*

3:00 PM Scheduled admission to the museum.  
*The 9/11 Memorial Museum invites visitors to learn about the history of the 9/11 attacks and the 1993 World Trade Center bombing at the site where the Twin Towers once stood. The Museum's dynamic blend of architecture, archaeology, and history creates an unforgettable encounter with the story of the attacks, their aftermath, and the people who experienced these events.*

5:00 PM Transfer via subway and walking.

5:30 PM Arrive in **Little Italy and Chinatown. Dinner included at House of Joy.**  
28 Pell Street, New York, NY 10013

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- 6:30 PM Arrive in **Little Italy and Chinatown. Dinner included at House of Joy.**  
28 Pell Street, New York, NY 10013
- 7:00 PM Board your local motor coach and depart for your hotel.
- 8:00 PM Reboard your home bound coaches and depart.  
(1,226 miles; 21 hours travel time, plus 2 hours for meal stops, minus 1 hour for time change)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

- NOTE Move watches back 1 hour for change to **Central Time Zone**
- AM Breakfast en route (*at student expense*)
- PM Lunch en route (*at student expense*)
- PM Dinner en route (*at student expense*)
- 6:00 PM Approximate arrival at **Clarinda High School**

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