

**Lion Steel Trip to New Orleans Jazz Fest
With Leon Guitar III/IV
Friday, April 28th – Sunday, April 30th, 2023**

Hello Students and Parents,

This letter contains the information you have been waiting for about the Lion Steel trip to the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival 2023. We have never taken this trip before with steel, but Guitar has gone many times with Mr. Prasse (more than 20) and I was thrilled when he invited us to participate, too!

Though the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival occurs over two weekends (April 28 – 30 and May 4 – 7), our group will be traveling to New Orleans the first weekend: Friday, April 28th – Sunday, April 30th. Our one-day Jazz Fest tickets will give us entry to the festival on Saturday, April 29th – you can view the Saturday line-up at <https://www.nojazzfest.com/music/>. There are several great acts scheduled for this day of the festival and MANY local musicians. The overriding purpose of the festival has historically been to highlight the rich LOCAL musical, culinary, and cultural traditions originating from the New Orleans region and this is what we'll be able to experience on Saturday, April 29th.

Please note that this *optional* trip offered to guitar and steel students at Leon (and parents) includes this one day of the festival and two travel days (half of each of which we'll explore other aspects of New Orleans). Students and parents going on this trip will need to make sure to plan to travel and sight-see with our Leon group on the day prior to and day after we attend the Jazz Fest (ie. Friday and Sunday).

Here is an outline of the trip itinerary:

Friday, April 28th: Long drive over to New Orleans in the 56-passenger charter coach (approx. 6 – 6.5 hours), check into hotel, drive into the city, trolley ride through the Garden District, evening visit to historic French Quarter and dinner there, beignet dessert at Café Du Monde, listening to authentic Dixieland Jazz at Preservation Hall, return to hotel in evening.

Saturday, April 29th: breakfast at hotel, take bus to Jazz Fest location, 11am – 7pm for incredible music, food, and artisan culture, another trip to the French Quarter for dinner/music/culture, return to hotel.

Sunday, April 30th: mid-morning brunch at The Court of Two Sisters restaurant in the French Quarter, long return trip to Tallahassee (estimated return between 6 – 7pm).

Based on the previous trips taken by the guitar program, the total cost of this trip for each person attending (student and chaperone) is \$650, which will cover all costs (transportation, hotel, pre-paid ticket to Jazz Fest for April 28th, etc). ******ALL LION STEEL STUDENTS AND PARENTS ATTENDING THIS TRIP: please make a payment of \$500 to LION STEEL as soon as possible via check (to LION STEEL) or via e-funds (please ensure that you note the payment is for Jazz Fest Trip****** to secure your place on this trip and so that our program (and guitar) can pay for the Jazz Fest tickets, down payment for the coach, and other advance expenses. You must bring the remaining \$150 (or more if you choose) with you in cash to pay for drinks, food, and other spending during the trip.

NOTES: If needed, the \$500 payment may be split between two or three separate payments. BUT, anyone signed up for the trip who has not submitted the FULL payment of \$500 by Monday, April 24th will not join us on the trip. Please contact me (Dr. Justus) as soon as possible if you have any questions AND/OR to let me know if you are signed up on the SignUp genius but will NOT accompany us on the weekend of April 28th.

Lion Steel + Guitar Trip – 2023 New Orleans Jazz Fest (April 28th – April 30th)
Participation Agreement Form and Parent/Guardian Permission Slip

PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS:

→→→ please sign this page and return to Dr. Justus ASAP

By signing and printing my name below, I agree to participate (and permit my child to participate, for parents/guardians) in the optional field trip to New Orleans Jazz Fest from April 28th – April 30th, 2023.

→ Student Signature

PRINT NAME/DATE

→ Parent Signature

PRINT NAME/DATE

(For parent chaperones only): Please indicate below that you intend to be a chaperone for this trip and include your email address and cell phone number so that Dr. Justus can give you the necessary paperwork to complete prior to the trip:

Print chaperone name: _____

Email address: _____

Cell Phone: _____