

Oslo and Storm Grove Orchestra

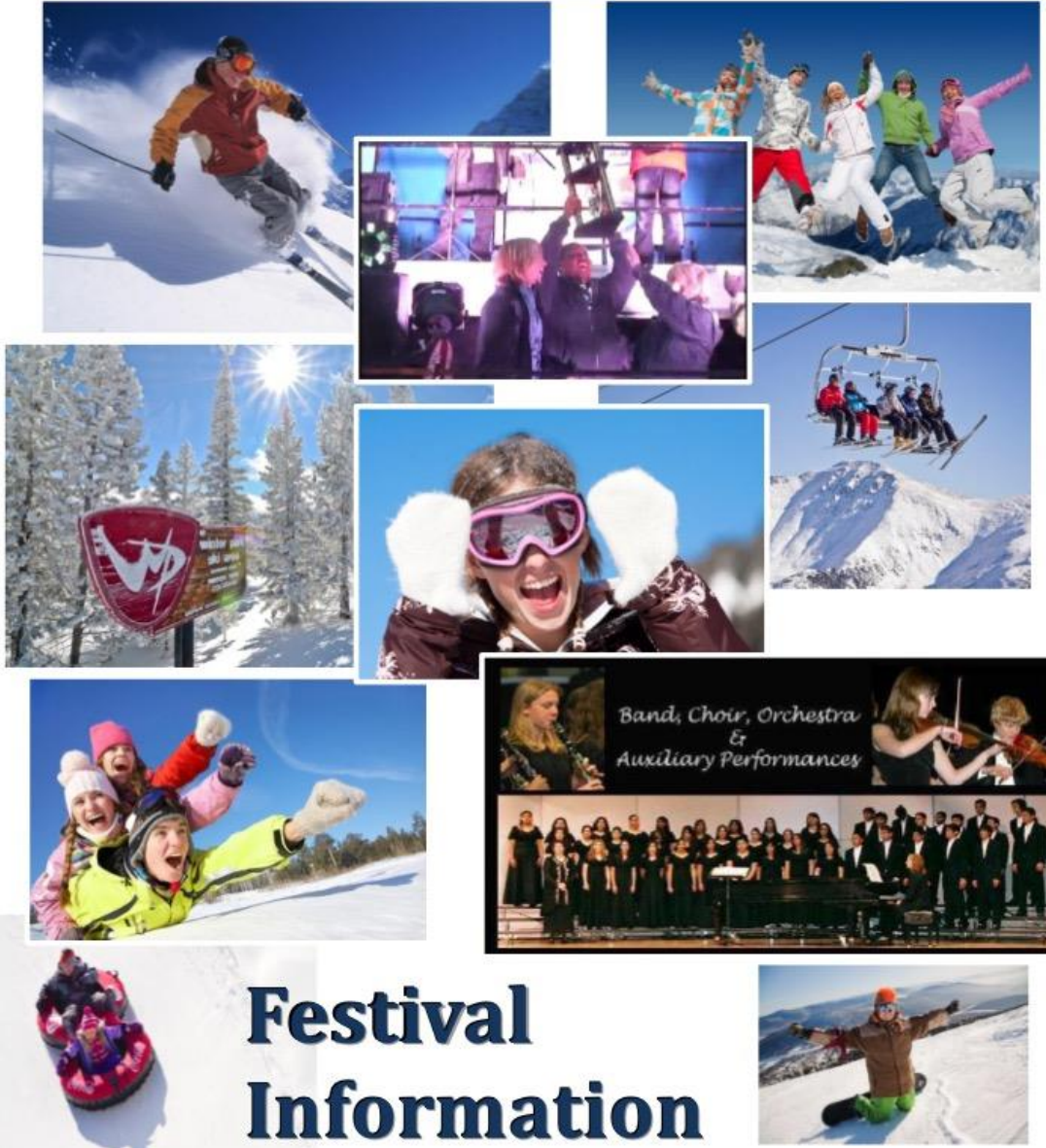
Winter Park Ski-Music Festival

Winter Park, CO

March 22-27, 2017

Winter Park Ski-Music Festival 2017

- First time middle school orchestra from Indian River County is traveling out of state by airplane for participation in a national festival.
- Performance in the Winter Park, CO and adjudication by professional judges.
- 4 Days of Snow related activities – Ski, snowboard, non-ski activities
- We have full support of the administration and school district for our trip so far and will have official support in August.



Band, Choir, Orchestra
&
Auxiliary Performances

Festival Information

We have Official Approval:

- Principals have sent their request and we have requested the Insurance Quote.
- Risk Management and administration that they are supporting it. 😊
- School Board has approved our trip!!!

Overview of Trip

Festival Location

Winter Park, Colorado is located 67 miles northwest of Denver in a high valley just below the breathtaking Rocky Mountain Continental Divide. Winter Park is a gorgeous geographical backdrop for your student's festival trip.



From Denver- travel west on Interstate Highway 70, turn north on Highway 40 to cross the Rocky Mountain Continental Divide at Berthoud Pass, and descend into beautiful Winter Park.



Most groups travel to our festival in the following ways:

- Motor coaches, school bus or rental vans between your hometown and Winter Park
- Fly into Denver International Airport and arrange for airport shuttles between Denver and Winter Park

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March 22, 2017 – Depart Storm Grove Middle School in the early morning to fly from Orlando International Airport on Southwest Airlines. Arrive at Denver International Airport and board charter bus to accommodations in Winter Park, CO.

March 23 – Ski School and training for students, rehearsal in the evening

March 24 – Performance for the Winter Park Music Festival, activities for the rest of the day

March 25 – Activities in the morning, Awards Party Saturday evening

March 26 –Activities day

March 27 – Depart Winter Park, CO to return to DIA and fly to MCO, arrive in Vero Beach by early evening..

Lodging

Where would we be staying?

Winter Park Ski-Music Festival

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Festival Package Choices and “per person” cost

Below are the festival package prices for each festival attendee (except complimentary packages). These prices are based on maximum lodging occupancies. Empty bed space charges may be incurred. Full descriptions of the *Lodging Choices* are in the following sections.

Snow Mountain Ranch



Snow Mountain Ranch Lodge Rooms

- 2 night package **\$283**
- 3 night package **\$314**
- 4 night package **\$345**



Snow Mountain Ranch Cabins

- 2 night package **\$287**
- 3 night package **\$321**
- 4 night package **\$354**

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Just a few comments to assist with Lodging Choice descriptions:

Full kitchens, kitchenettes and meal plans. About 70-80% of our groups choose a lodging facility with kitchens. Your own meal preparations can save a lot on your overall trip cost. Bring your own groceries or shop at local grocery stores after your arrival. You certainly don't have to prepare every meal at your lodging facility. Most groups eat at the ski resort's eating establishments or bring your own meals for lunch each day.

Ski-in/out lodging is a general description that indicates walking proximity to the base slopes and requires no vehicle transportation.

Notice that some lodging choices offer ONE condo/room with male students and ONE condo/room with female students, can be filled with less than full occupancy, without any empty bed space charges. Using these lodging choices could allow all your students condos/rooms to be without any additional empty bed space cost. Adults can even be included within these as long as only ONE unfilled male and female student condo/room is remaining. It is possible to have \$0 empty bed space charges with most lodging choices! Contact us for more details.

Snow Mountain Ranch Lodge Rooms



- Located 12 miles from Winter Park Ski Resort in beautiful Snow Mountain Ranch
- Lodge rooms sleep 6. (3 choices: 2 queen beds + pull out sofa, 2 queen beds + bunk bed, 2 bunk beds + queen bed) This is a more budget friendly choice IF your group's chaperones can share rooms with students, or other chaperones.
- Similar to hotel room (without kitchens) with indoor corridors from lobby elevators. Some lodge rooms have mini fridge and small microwave.
- Per Person Price based on Maximum Occupancy. \$25 unused bed space cost per night may apply for rooms filled with less than maximum occupancy.
- One male student and one female student lodge room allowed with no unused bed space charges
- Enjoy the amenities of Snow Mountain- huge rec center (court games, skating, wall climbing and more), indoor Olympic sized pool, laundry vending, onsite ski rentals and more!
- Optional "All You Can Eat" buffet meals can be purchased for an additional cost
 - Breakfast - \$9.00 per person per meal + tax
 - Lunch \$11.00 per person per meal + tax
 - Dinner \$14.00 per person per meal + tax
- Ski shuttle does not service Snow Mountain Ranch which requires your own transportation the entire stay.

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Snow Mountain Ranch Cabins



- Located 12 miles from Winter Park Ski Resort in beautiful Snow Mountain Ranch
- 6, 7 & 8 bedroom modern cabins that will sleep up to 40 persons- all under one roof for easy chaperoning. Larger groups can use multiple cabins.
- Living area, large kitchen (prepare your own meals), dining area, fireplace, cable TV, wifi and outdoor grill for your entire group
- Per Person Price based on Maximum Occupancy. \$28 unused bed space cost per night may apply for cabins filled with less than minimum occupancy.
- Enjoy the amenities of Snow Mountain- huge rec center (court games, skating, wall climbing and more), indoor Olympic sized pool, laundry vending, onsite ski rentals and more!
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Holdmore and Willow Cabins – Located about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Recreation Center in Snow Mountain Ranch.

25 person cabins (+ two rollaway beds)
Kitchens and Refridgerators.

Shuttle service to the Recreation Center if requested.

What about Security???

How are we sure that we'll be safe....

Security

- Not possible for students to leave rooms unsupervised or have unauthorized visitors.
- Students will only be allowed in their own rooms – No visiting other students' rooms.
- Chaperon rooms will be interspersed with student rooms.
- Rooming will be assigned long in advance for the trip.

Trip Security

- Groups of 4 to 5 per chaperon
- Groups may combine, but chaperons still maintain responsibility.
- Students will be able to go in small groups of 2-3 during activities, but will have specific check in requirements.
- Rooming – 3 to 6 students to a room of the same gender.
- Split level floors in Cabins, it will be simple for chaperons to maintain security.

Chaperons

- All Chaperons must be SDIRC Approved and fingerprinted/background check.
- We have at least a 5:1 ratio for our trip (student to chaperon). District recommends 10:1.
- For rooming, student rooms are in blocks around the chaperon room assigned to them.

SNOW ACTIVITIES

Skiing, Snowboarding and other Non-Skier Recreation

Each festival attendee will choose ONE of the three recreational choices:

- Ski: 4 day lift tickets, 4 days of ski equipment rentals, and a beginner lesson.
- Snowboarding: 4 day lift ticket, 4 days of boarding equipment (has a \$10/day upgrade charge, unless bringing own equipment), and a beginner lesson.
- Non-Ski Activities: Vouchers to be redeemed for downhill tubing, chairlift rides, Snowcat tours, snowshoe tours, and/or meal vouchers at the Winter Park resort.

Winter Park Ski Resort for Skiers and Snowboarders



Celebrating their 76th year as Colorado's Favorite, the Winter Park Ski Resort offers over 3,000 acres of ski terrain within seven different ski territories. Winter Park has 143 ski trails of various levels. Skiers choose between the 25 different ski lifts to the ski trails of their choice. Some ski trails have almost 5 miles of downhill fun! With an included ski lesson, beginner skiers will quickly become comfortable with their skills, and slowly advance to more intermediate trails with their friends. Over 10 million ski in the US each year because it is safe, enjoyable, and the #1 winter sport. Your students can ski every available moment they have, or take a more leisurely approach with only a few ski runs each day. Either way, having a great trip spending time with their closest friends in a beautiful geographical setting! And don't worry about the lack of snow in Winter Park. Winter Park receives average snow fall of 29 feet per year and has some of Colorado's most consistent snow fall each year after year. There's always plenty on the slopes! The months of March and April are typically high volume snow months with much milder temperatures- offering enjoyable and comfortable spring snow skiing. It is not necessarily typical for the snow conditions to be better during our earlier festival weeks.

Never skied before? Come, receive a beginner lesson, and get addicted! The recreational highlight of this festival event is downhill snow skiing at the Winter Park Ski Resort! Depending on your trip itinerary- your group members choosing to ski will have up to FOUR day ski lift passes and FOUR days of ski equipment rentals (boots, poles and skis) included in the festival package. For attendees that choose to snowboard- the same FOUR day ski lift pass is provided, but there is a \$10 per day snowboard equipment (footwear, board and helmet) rental upgrade charge. This upgrade charge is paid by the individual to the ski rental shop directly and will not be included within the group's festival costs.

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Ski and Snowboard Lessons



Beginner ski and snowboard lessons are included within a festival package for your members choosing to ski or snowboard. For the safety of festival attendees and overall enjoyment of skiing- first time beginner skiers/snowboarders are required to take lessons. *beginners must be at least 12 years old to receive an included lesson.

Non-Ski Activities



For your members choosing not to ski, vouchers for substitute mountain activities at the Winter Park Ski Resort may be selected in lieu of receiving a lift ticket, equipment rentals and lesson. These available activities can be redeemed by the voucher's holder during their days at the ski resort, in any combination they wish. The five provided vouchers will allow redemption for one or more various activities:

- 1 voucher for 1 hour of tubing at the resort's new tubing hill
- 1 voucher for a Zephyr Foot Pass (ride the Zephyr ski lift up and down the mountain without skis)
- 1 voucher for a \$15 ski resort meal voucher
- 2 vouchers for a guided snow shoe tour
- 2 vouchers for a mountain snow cat tour



These non-ski activities are subject to satisfactory weather conditions, adequate snow fall amounts, operating equipment, availability and scheduling as established by the ski resort. **These non-ski activities may require date/time reservations to be made in advance, after your arrival in Winter Park.** Festival attendees that choose to ski/snowboard can purchase these same activities from the resort- but are not also included with a festival package. These non-ski activities may not compare to the recreational value and time a skier or snowboarder would typically have available to them.

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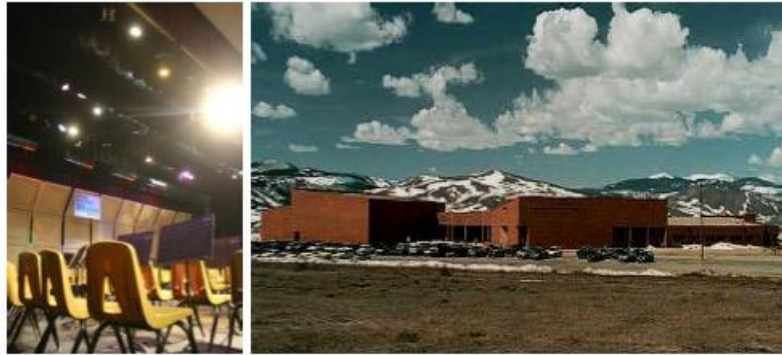
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Music Performance

Musical Performances



Musical performances are held within the public schools in nearby Granby, CO. Your director's notebook will have maps, travel times and other details about the performance site.

Ensemble Types:

Instrumental

Concert Bands
String and Full Orchestras
Jazz Bands
Jazz Orchestras
Guitar Ensembles
Percussion Ensembles
Drum Lines
Piano

Choral

Mixed Choirs
Women/Treble Choirs
Men/ Tenor Bass Choirs
Madrigal Choirs
Show Choirs
Jazz Choirs
Pop Choirs

Other

Color Guards
Winter Guards
Mariachi Ensembles (vocal and/or instrumental)
Dance Teams
Drill Teams



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Performing ensembles are provided with a warm-up prior to their performance in an amount of time equal to their stage time.

Amount of stage time (includes equipment set-up, stage entrance, performance, stage exit and equipment removal) is as follows:

- Concert Bands and Orchestras- 25 minutes
- Instrumental Jazz Ensembles- 25 minutes
- Concert Choral groups- 20 minutes
- Choral Show/Pop/Jazz ensembles- 20 minutes

Scheduling of your performance times will be done by the festival to best accommodate your and other ensembles' trip itinerary when planning your festival stay. We also want to provide the opportunity for your ensemble to hear other similar ensembles for a total music festival experience.

A digital recording will be provided on a flash drive for each onstage performing ensemble.

Performing ensembles can choose to "compete" against similar groups with same school size classification and ensemble level, or receive "comments only".

Three adjudicators will provide positive and written constructive comments for each ensemble's performance. Adjudicators for instrumental ensembles will also provide recorded verbal comments.

Concert attire is optional. The challenges of bringing a concert uniform while traveling are understandable. Performance attire is not an adjudicated component of your ensemble's performance. Many ensembles wear non-formal but matching attire. Some ensembles have even performed in their ski clothes.



Groups arriving late to the performance site will be accommodated as best as possible- but will not delay or alter the performance schedule for the following performing groups.

Concert ensembles performing published musical selections must bring three original scores to the performance site for the adjudicators. Contact the festival staff for exceptions prior to departing for the festival.



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Awards Party

Awards Ceremony & Street Dance



Our exciting and high energy award ceremony/street dance is the concluding highlight of the festival event. Our awards/dance is located in picturesque Cooper Creek Square in downtown Winter Park with surrounding restaurants and souvenir retailers. With fanfare music, lighting/smoke effects, and special fellowship with other student musicians- all music groups are warmly welcomed and recognized, followed by all ensembles receiving their divisional rating trophy. A runner-up and winner trophy is awarded for each performance type, in each school size and ensemble level. To conclude the awards portion of the evening- the Overall Grand Champion is awarded to the judges' choice of best Concert Band, Concert Choir, Orchestra, Instrumental Jazz Ensemble and Show/Pop/Jazz Choir. While the students enjoy the interactive DJ street dance afterward- we treat the directors to an adjacent reception after the awards. Our awards ceremony/street dance will be remembered for a lifetime! Look at our website's promo video for video snippets of its excitement. Many directors comment that our awards ceremony creates a new enthusiasm within their music program.

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Transportation/Insurance

- 56 passenger charter bus (Magic Carpet Ride)
- Southwest Airlines – currently \$230-270 roundtrip estimate.
- If we need to charter another vehicle, it will be professionally arranged (same company)
- Trip Insurance – Both through Winter Park Ski-Music Festival and through the school district.

Attendee Insurance



Winter Park Ski-Music Festival purchases a travel policy for each of its festival attendees. The premium is included with each festival package. The coverage has particular limitations and maximum benefits for covered accident/sickness medical expenses, and specific trip interruption/travel delays, experienced during your trip. The following maximum benefits amounts (for each person) have been used for the many past years, but could change prior to the 2016 festival:

Trip Interruption \$1,000
Missed Connection \$1,000
Travel Delay \$1,000
Baggage and Personal Effects \$1,500
Baggage Delay \$250
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense \$50,000
AD&D \$25,000

So if you ran into some inclement weather heading to or from Winter Park, your expenses for the delay or interruption could be covered. Directors will need to read all the fine print about what is covered and any limitations. We provide a "description of coverage" to you after the policies have been purchased, and prior to your trip. We can provide last year's description anytime you wish.

All insurance claims are handled directly with the insurance provider, by the insured. Each director will be responsible for accurately providing every festival participant name, in a timely manner, and will need to understand the procedures and costs for adding newly added participant names, as we will provide in our director notebook. There is a 3 week window after the Final Payment Due Date of switching festival attendee names without an additional cost. After March 12, 2016 there is an additional charge (typically \$25) for having to insure a late added attendee.

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Finances

How much will this cost???

Finances – Based on 50 persons

- Transportation: \$30,000
- Student and Chaperon Registration and Hotel: \$24,000
- Food Costs: \$8,000
- Other Costs (Insurance, etc.): \$2,000
- Total Cost: \$64,000
- Comes to total of \$1,280 per person.
 - Currently rounding total cost to: **\$1,280 per person** for all five days of the trip, including most meals.

Accounts and Payments

- Accounting will be set up through CharmsOffice
- Payments can be made by Cash, Check, or Credit through Charms Office.
- Accounting will be From August 4 Deposit and balance paid in small increments through December.
- 2 options for payment: Balance in Full or payment schedule.

Accounts and Payments

- Payment Schedule – Deposit on August 4:
 - August 4 - \$150
 - September 4 - \$200
 - October 4 - \$200
 - November 4 - \$200
 - December 4 - \$250
 - BALANCE DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2016.

Fundraising

Ensuring that Everyone can afford this trip!

Fundraising

- OPUS has been working on several other plans for Fundraising for this trip.
- Car Washes
- Concessions at events
- Play-a-thons
- Community Performances

- Open to other ideas!!!

Car Wash Dates

- September 17
- September 22
- November 5
- December 10

Dinner and Music Fundraiser

- By finding Sponsors, we'll be able to raise the remainder of the funds for the trip.
- Performance of the chamber orchestra with Dinner being served by a restaurant sponsor (In the past, we've used Carrabbas)

Scholarships

Some students will qualify for further assistance

Scholarship

- Qualification will be based on participation in the fundraisers, academics, as well as need based criteria.
- Scholarships will not be announced until October or November.
- Assistance is needed from parents to find Sponsors specifically to assist with scholarships.

Interested in Chaperoning?

How can I sign up???

Chaperon Selection

- Please sign up that you are interested in chaperoning online
- www.charmsoffice.com – oslomsorch
- Look at the Calendar for March 2017 and click the volunteer hand.
- DIRECT LINK:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/volunteerR.asp?s=oslflmso&v=3030115>
- Chaperons will be selected and approved by the OPUS Board, School Administration, and Director.

Sign Up for the Trip and Deposit

- Please sign up that you are interested in becoming a student participant
- www.charmsoffice.com – oslomsorch
- Look at the Calendar for March 2017 and click the volunteer hand.
- DIRECT LINK:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/volunteerR.asp?s=oslflmso&v=3030115>
- Will be open first to Chamber Orchestra Students through August 4, then open to alumni and other students upon announcement.

Pay Deposit to Officially Reserve your Spot

- You may pay your deposit of \$150 to officially reserve your spot. Spots are first come, first served and subject to eligibility.
- Deposits are non-refundable, but are transferrable, except in the case of cancellation of the trip.
- Can be paid by Cash, Check (payable to OPUS), or on PayPal.