

# **SHASTA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CODE OF CONDUCT**

A high level of positive conduct is expected of all students who participate in the Shasta High School Choir trip to Europe. This requires adherence to a code that is appropriate while representing Shasta High School in foreign countries which emphasizes self-control, individual decision-making and responsibility.

The Code of Conduct shall be observed by all students who participate in the program. All students shall encourage and support each other in the observance of this Code. All chaperones are expected to support and enforce this Code. Each student will be subject to the authority of all chaperones in the enforcement of the Code of Conduct. The following Code of Conduct has been established for the Shasta High School Choir 2008 Trip to Europe:

## **I. BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT**

During the Shasta High School Choir 2008 Trip to Europe, each student is responsible for his/her own behavior at all times. All students are expected to act responsibly to ensure that their own conduct and attitude is beneficial not only to themselves and their fellow students, but to ensure the continuation of future trips. Each student is accountable for preserving the reputation and high standard of his/her high school and the choir. By choosing to participate in this activity, it is expected that each student has read, understands, and agrees to follow the Code of Conduct while participating in the preparatory program, the trip itself, and all post-trip activities.

## **II. GENERAL RULES**

**Proximity Rule** – Those present when a violation occurs may be considered a participant in the violation.

**Violations of these rules will result in disciplinary action up to expulsion from the Shasta High School Choir 2008 Europe Trip at any time at the sole discretion of the Choir Director.**

- A. Acts of vandalism or destruction of property are crimes and will be treated as such.
- B. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or any form of tobacco products is strictly prohibited. Student's luggage may be searched at any time by the Choir Director. The use of substances such as alcohol and tobacco may be legal for 18 year olds in countries abroad but are against school rules and will result in severe disciplinary action.
- C. Weapons of any kind and items that could cause injury or damage to students and/or property are strictly prohibited.
- D. Theft and/or shoplifting are crimes and will be treated as such.
- E. Violation of the law in the United States and Europe is prohibited.
- F. Sexual behavior is prohibited. Inappropriate or uninvited physical contact between any students or any student and another person is prohibited.
- G. Fighting or any other aggressive behavior is prohibited. Horseplay may be misinterpreted and is therefore prohibited.
- H. Students shall observe all rules as set by the individual facilities in which they are guests.
- I. Students must be present and punctual at all times. Students who are late for the bus, meals, group meetings, performances, etc. hurt the ability of the group to function. Those who are late

will serve extra duty by doing one or more of the following: cleaning up after the group, moving baggage, losing “free time.”

- J. Students shall observe all curfews and be in their assigned sleeping rooms at the established curfew times. The curfew will be set each day depending on three major factors: safety, time the group returns to the hotel from activities, and general needs of the group such as fatigue and time the bus leaves in the morning. Students caught out of their rooms after curfew will be “grounded” and face loss of free-time.
- K. No student shall be in the hotel room of any student of the opposite sex at any time, unless a chaperone is present in the room. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
- L. No student shall drive any motorized vehicle while outside the United States during the trip.
- M. Students shall not engage in inappropriate or disrespectful behavior toward another student, chaperone, or any other person.
- N. During “free time,” students must **travel** in groups of at least two people and the chaperone **MUST** be notified of the destination and return time.

### **III. DRESS AND APPEARANCE RULES**

All students shall dress appropriately and in accordance with the dress code of the Shasta Union High School District. The Choir Director has the authority to determine both the appropriateness of appearance and attire of students. Dress in choir uniform (navy choir polo shirt and khaki pants, or black gown and tuxedo) is mandatory for all choir performances during the trip. Any student not in uniform will not be allowed to perform.

Prior to leaving the United States, the students will be provided with a checklist of recommended clothing and other items for packing and will be provided guidance in dressing appropriately to respect local customs.

### **IV. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

This Code of Conduct is binding on all students. Each student is strictly accountable for his/her own actions, and may be disciplined for actions of others in a group under the proximity rule. Each student is accountable and responsible for preserving and upholding the reputation and high standards of the choir program, Shasta High School, the Redding community and the United States.

The Shasta High School Choir 2008 Europe Trip has been approved by the Shasta Union High School District Board of Trustees and falls under its jurisdiction. All students on approved trips are subject to school rules and regulations in addition to this Code of Conduct. The Principal of Shasta High School has the authority to exclude from the trip any student whose presence on the trip would pose a safety or disciplinary risk.

While on the trip, **THE CHOIR DIRECTOR AND HAS THE AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET THIS CODE OF CONDUCT AND DETERMINE VIOLATIONS AND ADMINISTER ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION(S) DEEMED NECESSARY.** The Choir Director has the authority to delegate his/her authority to the security coordinator or any chaperone as deemed appropriate. Any parent who is also a participant of the trip must respect, at all times, the authority of his/her student’s chaperone, the Choir Director, and Security Coordinator. Parents may not grant privileges to their children that contradict the rules of the chaperone, the Choir Director, the Security Coordinator or this Code of Conduct.

ALL EXPENSES AND ARRANGEMENTS AND LEGAL AND/OR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY RELATED TO ANY VIOLATION AND/OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT AND HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN. ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MUST BE PREPARED TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL FINANCIAL AND/OR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS OF SUCH VIOLATION AND/OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION(S) IMMEDIATELY UPON NOTIFICATION OF A VIOLATION.

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to accept its terms and conditions during the Shasta High School Choir 2008 Europe Trip.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or guardian)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(student)

Date \_\_\_\_\_