

2016-17

KENMORE-TOWN OF TONAWANDA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

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INTERSCHOLASTIC TRAVEL FORM

To be used for trips which are not part of the regular season or require overnight accommodation every effort will be made to submit the form three board meetings prior to departure.

HIGH SCHOOL: Kenmore East

SPORT: Varsity Baseball

DATE SUBMITTED: 5-10-16

DESTINATION: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

DATE OF TRIP: April 8 to April 15, 2017

# OF STUDENTS: 16-18 Approximately

PURPOSE OF TRIP: The Kenmore East Baseball team wishes to go to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina next April for spring training, and to participate in a baseball tournament. With the northern climate so harsh in March and April, the outside baseball training is essential for putting the baseball team in the best position for success.

List of those individuals agreeing to serve as formal chaperones.  
If chaperones are district employees note 'position', location and if they require a sub.

Leslie Simon -	Kenmore East Social Studies Teacher & Varsity Baseball Coach	No sub required
Jeffrey Orlowski -	Kenmore East Mathematics Teacher & Varsity Baseball Coach	No sub required

Parents: Anthony Germano  
Kenneth Ruggiero  
Paul Spaulding  
Donald Simmons

We will be traveling in a 36 seat passenger bus, using Da F Travel, Inc from Dunkirk, New York, per our past 5 Trips

### Travel Arrangements

Describe in detail the mode of transportation. If chaperones, coaches, parents or other volunteers serve as drivers, please attaché names, ages, and copies of their driver's license along with personal proof of insurance. When securing rental vans or cars drivers **MUST** purchase the additional insurance coverage.

### Lodging Arrangements

List phone numbers and room assignments. Please use separate sheet if necessary.

TBA in March

### Funding

Funding Sources	Estimates on amount raised
Athletes out of pocket contribution	\$ 400-450
Contribution from Booster Club	\$ 0
Contribution from athlete's fundraising	\$ 150-200
Contribution from district funds	\$ 0
District budget code	Acct. #
All fundraising activity must be approved by the BOE	

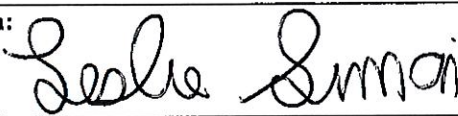


Does each athlete have the opportunity to fundraise a percentage of their contribution?

Yes

### Rules and Guidelines

- Student attendance at camps, preseason spring trips etc. is voluntary
- Attendance on the trip cannot be a criteria for team selection
- All athletes must be given the opportunity to raise fund for trip expenses
- A complete itinerary must accompany the request including a cover letter to parents, team rules while on the trip and how discipline will be handled, rooming lists and a complete list of phone numbers
- Copies of parent consent cards must be taken on the trip.

### Required Signatures

Head Coach: 	Form Submitted on: 5-10-16
Building Principal: 	Form signed and forwarded on: 5/10/16
District Athletic Director: 	Form signed and forwarded to BOE on: 5/23/16
Board of Education President:	Approved on:



**Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District**  
**Request for Approval of Long Distance, Out of Country or Overnight Educational Field Trip**

(Must be submitted 8 WEEKS in advance)

Charge to Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

School Kenmore East

Grade, Class 10, 11, 12<sup>th</sup> graders

Teacher Requesting: Leslie Simon

Date(s) of Trip

Site of Trip

Kenmore East Social Studies Teacher and Varsity Baseball Coach  
Saturday April 8 to Saturday April 11  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

**CHAPERONE INFORMATION**

# Of Students:

16 Approximately

# of Chaperones

6

**Names of Chaperones**

Leslie Simon

Kenmore East Social Studies Teacher, Varsity Baseball Coach

Jeffrey Orlowski

Kenmore East Math Teacher

Parents:

Anthony Germano, Kenneth

Ruggiero, Paul Spalis, Jeffrey Williams,

Donald Simmons

**Substitute Needed (List time if not full day)**

\*Yes No No

\*Yes No No

\*Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\*If a substitute is needed, the Building Secretary will process the substitute requests after approval of the field trip.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

# Ken-Ton Buses Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Depart From \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up From \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive Back At School At \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Other Travel Arrangements – explain fully on itinerary

**Incomplete requests will be returned.**

Approved ☐

Principal

Date

Approved ☐

Disapproved ☐

(Reason) \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Student Services

Date

Long distance, out of country or overnight trip requests must be accompanied with an itinerary including what the students are going to know or do when they return from this field trip that they did not know or do before. Also include lodging arrangements, meal arrangements, and ratio of students to chaperones, insurance, safety precautions, instructional provisions made for any student not participating in the trip and travel provisions.

From: Leslie Simon  
Teacher/Varsity Baseball Coach  
Kenmore East Senior High School  
350 Fries Road  
Tonawanda, New York 14150

To: Ken-Ton Board of Education and Kenmore East Principal (Patrick Heyden)  
CC: Brett Banker, Ken-Ton Athletic director

May 10, 2016

Please consider this letter as part of my field trip proposal to take the Kenmore East varsity baseball team to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina next spring. The proposed trip would take place Saturday April 8 to Saturday April 15, 2017. A tentative itinerary is enclosed in this folder. Exact details to follow when we receive our tournament schedule in February. The trip takes place over the late spring recess on the 2016-17 calendar. No instruction time will be missed. No substitute teachers will be needed. The trip doesn't cost the district any money.

The Myrtle Beach trip is a marvelous event for our players, coaches, and chaperones. The trip mixes the elements of baseball, cultural experiences, and the self discipline of teenagers having to act appropriately in a setting where they are away from their parents. It puts students in situations of decision making, and knowing right from wrong. The student-athletes learn that correct choices have to be made.

The hotel rooms in Myrtle Beach each have full kitchenettes, including stoves, microwaves, and a refrigerator. Students (4 to a room) learn to manage money, grocery shop, and prepare their own meals on the occasions we do not dine out. I found this valuable experience in preparing students for college, as it is a 1 week training session of learning independence.

Security is very good at the hotel we stay at, The Sea Mist Oceanside Resort.

Baseball wise, Myrtle Beach provides our team with the opportunity of unlimited practice time in a fine climate favorable to baseball. We are in the prestigious Mingo Bay tournament; we are guaranteed 4 games, five if we want. The competition is superb. With the rain, wind, and even snow that seem to plague this area through mid to late April, it is impossible for our team to practice properly in this climate. In Myrtle Beach, our players get the necessary work on the fundamentals of the game in order to be competitive in the difficult Niagara Frontier League. We play and practice at outstanding facilities. We get quality and quantity practice time, and games that are not at risk due to the weather. This type of work is impossible to get during the northern April climate.

As stated in previous letters, I am convinced a baseball spring training trip south has a direct effect on the success of our team. In 2001 (my first year as varsity coach) we were permitted to go to Florida to train. We started that season with 4 straight league victories. In 2002 the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> caused the cancellation of out of state field trips. (We were allowed to visit Cooperstown, a marvelous trip!) That year, with no spring climate to train us, we started out with 1 win and 4 losses. In 2003, we started off 5-0 after returning from Florida. We started out strong in 2004. In 2005 we started out with an 8-2 record. We also played well early in the 2006, 2007, and 2008 and



2009 and 2010 seasons. In 2011 year we won the N.F.L. championship, in partly due to the competitive edge we got, while the weather was so bad her . Last year when we reached the Section A1 championship game I am convinced our training in Myrtle helped us achieve that accomplishment. We didn't go this year as Easter was so early, I feel that missing out on the trip hurt our overall baseball conditioning. I emphatically believe the work we accomplish in Myrtle Beach allows us to get an edge on our opponents, as there is a direct correlation with the work we do in South Carolina and our success on the baseball diamond when we return.

The trip also is important to the long term viability of our baseball program, as we are competing with catholic schools such as St. Joes and Canisius for our best 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Franklin and Hoover who choose high school in part due to the quality of the baseball program. Myrtle Beach adds luster and further enhance the fine baseball program I feel we have at Kenmore East.

The most important component of the trip is the growth our students achieve as young adults. From being organized with proper identification and boarding passes at the airport, to respecting rules such as curfew, to the interdependence of sharing a hotel room with three of their peers, to managing their money, to figuring out the bill and tips in restaurants, to doing laundry, to planning meals via grocery shopping, the trip allows players to experience the adult experience adult situations they will be coping with in a few short years.

Also very important to their growth is knowing the difference between right and wrong when they are on their own. Players have some free time during the trip, they are faced with correct or incorrect choices. Our players have done a marvelous job with their decision making during the 16 trips we have taken.

We take 14-16 student athletes. We had 5 chaperones accompany us last week to Cooperstown I have a commitment from at least 6 chaperones (and a couple tentatives) to join us next year. The 6 (maybe 8) chaperone (including myself) to 14-16 student athlete ratios is imperative to have proper supervision. Our discipline is firm. Curfews are strictly enforced. Behavioral expectations are spelled out to parents at a required meeting about 2 weeks before the trip. Contracts further emphasizing behavioral expectations are signed. Supervision is constant. Poor decisions are immediately met with appropriate consequences. My body of supervisory work is well established during the 16 trips I have run. The trips I have supervised are (Florida 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, Myrtle Beach 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 (and Cooperstown 2002 and this year.) I am very proud of the discipline our trips have had. The 2016 group of student athletes behaved at a level I am extremely proud of in Cooperstown.

Thank you for your consideration on our proposed 2017 trip. High school is about creating life long memories and allowing situations for students to achieve growth. The annual Kenmore East Varsity baseball trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina is an opportunity to create such cherished memories and allow student athletes to develop growth as young adults.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Simon", written in a cursive style.

Leslie Simon

**Tentative Itinerary for 2017 Kenmore East Varsity Baseball Spring Training Trip  
to Myrtle Beach South Carolina**

Dates: Saturday April 8 to Saturday April 15, 2017

**Travel Information:**

Traveling via Bus Company: D & F Travel, Inc  
338 Central Avenue  
Dunkirk, New York 14048  
716-366-5767

**Lodging:**

**Van rentals: none**

Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort  
1200 South Ocean Blvd  
Myrtle Beach, SC, 29577  
1-800-200-8687

**Activities:**

The Kenmore East Baseball Team will be participating in the Mingo Bay Baseball tournament in various locations in Myrtle Beach from Monday April 10 to Friday April 14.

Locations: Socastee HS, Carolina Forest HS, Conway HS, Myrtle Beach HS, North Myrtle Beach HS, Georgetown HS, St. James HS, Waccamaw HS, Aynor HS, Loris HS.

We will also be practicing during this time. Our practice and last game site will vary, we will find out at the coaches meeting Sunday April 9

**Saturday April 9/Sunday April 9**

Depart from Kenmore East via bus to Myrtle Beach Saturday night April 8, 10 PM  
Arrive at Myrtle Beach 4-5PM  
5-7PM unpack, settle in room  
7PM-9PM team dinner, Ci CI's, desert: Friendly's  
9PM-11PM player free time  
11PM: curfew

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**\*\*\*\*\*Basing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on last year's schedule where we played games at noon, noon, and 3:30. We won't get our final schedule until late March.**

**Last year our first 3 games were at Socastee High School, in Socastee. South Carolina**

**Monday April 10, Tuesday April 11**

Depart for game: 10:15

Game: Noon

Return 4:30

Team dinner TBA 5-6:30PM

Activities: Myrtle Beach Pelicans Minor League Baseball game/Dinner at the Boathouse 7-10

10PM-11PM: Player free time

11PM: curfew

**Wednesday April 12**

Depart for our game 1:30 PM

Arrive at Socastee 2:30PM

Game at Socastee 3:30PM

Return to hotel 6PM

6PM-8PM players on own for dinner player free time

8PM-10PM team venture to downtown Myrtle Beach and surrounding area for sightseeing and shopping

10PM-11PM: Team bonfire on the beach (in front of the hotel)

11PM: curfew

**Thursday April 13/Friday April 14**

**This day's schedule is TBA depending when our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> tournament game will be scheduled**

**\*\*\*\*Check out and departure from Myrtle Beach 8PM Friday April 14**

**Return to Kenmore East Saturday April 15 11AM-noon, approximately.**

**Players responsible for rides home**