**ETC’s Heid’s School of Musical Arts**

Rouge *Performer* Fee & Travel Schedule Contract 2016-2017

Rouge of ETC Heid’s School of Musical Arts will travel to 6 competitions during the 2016-2017 performance season.

**Scheduled Competitions:**

**Ada, OH – Day Trip –Saturday November 5, 2016**

**Poca, WV - 2 Night Trip – Friday February 3, 2017- Sunday, February 5, 2017**

**Medina, Ohio – Self Transport - Saturday, February 18, 2017**

 **Olentangy - Overnight Bus Trip – Saturday February 25-Sunday, February 26, 2017**

**Churubusco, IN- 2 Night Trip – Friday, March 4-Sunday, March 5, 2017**

**Teays Valley, OH – Day Trip – Saturday, March 18, 2017**

The commitment to travel includes all trips. Competitions are a MAJOR part of the performance season and attendance on all trips is expected.

 All fees must be PAID CURRENT before the member will be permitted to travel with ETC. There are no refunds or partial payments returned if the member is unable to attend any of the trips for any reason.

Any additional trips to competitions may be added in the course of the competition season if approved by the Parent Booster Committee. Every attempt will be made to keep additional cost at a minimum. The payments fees cover tuition, Rouge polo shirt, costumes accessories, bus, hotel, competition registrations, and some snacks and drinks.

Meals and personal expenses on trips are the responsibility of each ETC member.

ALL PARENTS, INCLUDING NEW PARENTS, ARE ASKED TO CHAPERONE AT LEAST ONCE THIS SEASON.

All students are required to travel on the bus unless the parent leaders are notified by a parent of an alternate form of transportation at least one week before said competition. No student may leave the hotel or competition facilities without permission. No student is to enter a homeroom or hotel room that is not affiliated with ETC. Possession or use of tobacco, unauthorized drugs or alcohol on the ETC property or at any ETC event may result in immediate and permanent dismissal from the group. Violation of any ETC policy may result in disciplinary action including but not limited to removal from any performance or travel event. Actions which may result in the recommended dismissal of a student will be approved by the Executive Board.

*Note: Where feasible, the offending member’s parents will be responsible for coming to get their child at their own expense as stated in the Appearance and Conduct Rules Contract.*

I have read this contract and wish to participate in and travel with Rouge of ETC Heid’s School of Musical Arts for the 2015-2016 performance season. I agree to fulfill all requirements as stated.

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Student Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**APPEARNCE AND CONDUCT RULES**

**APPEARANCE**

**Jewelry** - NO jewelry is to be worn while in ETC logo wear or in costumes. This includes earrings (all must be removed at all times)

 watches, necklaces and rings. Leave valuables and expensive jewelry at home.

**Nail Polish** - NO polish is to be worn while in ETC logo wear or costume. Remove polish at home.

**Hair** 1. Unusual hairstyles, color changes, or length changes must be discussed with the director before any changes are made.

 2. **Hairpieces must be combed and cared for properly.** Hair ties must match color. Ornaments that are not part of the ETC

costume are not acceptable for performances.

**Make-up** - Girls must purchase and use the assigned make-up for the season. For sanitary reasons, each girl needs her own make-up.

 The group look for performances requires that everyone use and apply the make-up as directed.

**Clothing** 1. While attending ETC sponsored functions, ETC members will wear the appropriate ETC logo wear or ETC costume.

 2. Khaki pants that are worn with ETC logo wear must be neat, clean and fit properly

 3. ETC logo wear shirts are to be clean, neat and **tucked in** at all times while at an ETC event.

 4. No other jackets, sweatshirts, etc are to be worn over ETC logo wear while in buildings at ETC activities.

 5. No hats are to be worn inside buildings.

 6. Any other clothing worn at rehearsals and/or ETC sponsored activities must be neat, clean and appropriate. Revealing

 (shorts, shirts, tank tops) or tight fitting or clothing with objectional material printed on it are not permitted.

 7. Safe, appropriate shoes (sneakers or dance) must be worn for rehearsals. **NO** sandals, flip flops, or open-toe shoes. **Street**

 **shoes should be worn to the studio and then changed into appropriate dance shoes to practice in at every rehearsal!**

**Costumes** 1. No eating food or drinking of any liquids (other than clear water) while in costume.

 2. Costumes must be clean and wrinkle free for all performances.

 3. Members must purchase, maintain and wear the appropriate accessories that are part of the costume such as socks,

 pantyhose, and undergarments.

 4. Shoes must be kept clean polished if necessary

 5. **Put your name on everything!**

**CONDUCT**

1. Rehearsals and warm up are not social hour. *Full attention* must be given to directors and dance captains *during* rehearsal. Conversation should only occur before or after rehearsal. This also applies to anyone other than members in the rehearsal area during practices.
2. ETC members are expected to show respect towards directors, chairpersons, chaperones, other members and the public at all times. Rude behavior will not be tolerated.
3. Any comments directed towards members, directors, parents should be positive in nature. Problems with anyone’s behavior should be addressed with the appropriate person in private.
4. Members must have a written note from parents if they will be arriving late to rehearsal or leaving early.  **No student is to leave rehearsal and/or the studio without notifying a parent leader and/or the director.**
5. While attending ETC activities, members are expected to stay with the group and only be in areas that they have been told that they are permitted to be in. No wandering in restricted areas.
6. No toys, instruments, or large items should be brought to ETC sponsored activities. Leave valuable items at home. Small games such as cards and hand-held computer games that are used to pass the time quietly are encouraged. Personal listening devices are acceptable for free time only.
7. No rough physical games are to be played in buildings. No members are to leave buildings or be in unauthorized areas to play physical games.
8. All stated bus and hotel rules are to be strictly followed or parents will be notified and required to remove their child from the group accommodations at their own expense.

***I have read and understand the rules for conduct and appearance stated above. As a member of ETC, I agree to abide by and adhere to all ETC rules.***

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Member)

*I have read and understand the rules for conduct and appearance stated above and will support my child’s agreement to abide by and adhere to all ETC rules.*

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Parent)

**Rouge’s 2016-2017 Competition Schedule**

**Saturday November 5th Ada Music Fest, Ada OH**

\*Leave very early Saturday morning and return late Saturday night.

**Location: Ada High School**

**725 W North Ave, Ada, OH 45810**

It is a 2 ½ hour drive on a bus.

<https://goo.gl/maps/WLvmAUrrvcy>

**Fri Feb 5th – Sun Feb 7th Poca Musicfest, Poca WV**

\*Leave Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon. This

 is a 4 hour drive on a bus

**Location: Poca High School**

**777 East Union Street Medina, OH 44256**

<https://goo.gl/maps/BvLXY32htEJ2>

**Saturday Feb 18th Medina Midwest Showcase**

Students provide their own transportation

 **Location: Medina Performing Arts**

 **851 Weymouth Road, Medina, OH 44256**

<https://goo.gl/maps/W61Vcz4gmsD2>

**Sat Feb 25th - Sun Feb 26th Olentangy Keynote Classic**

\*Leave very early Sat. morning and return Sunday afternoon,

 This is a 2+ hr drive.

**Location: Olentangy High School**

**675 Lewis Center Rd, Lewis Center OH 43035**

<https://goo.gl/maps/3CoY9SkS1Ap>

**Fri March 3rd – Sun March 4th Invitational 2017**

 \*Leave Friday evening and return Sunday evening.

 **Location: Churubusco, IN**

 **1 Eagle Lane, IN 46723**

<https://goo.gl/maps/wCSipXmNJ9M2>

**Saturday March 18th Classic 2017**

\*Leave very early Saturday morning and return late Saturday night.

**Location: Teays Valley High School**

**3887 Ohio 752, Ashville, OH 43103**

<https://goo.gl/maps/bprPFmAEwMQ2>

***Important Phone Numbers***

***ETC Studio***

***330.923.2000***

***Rouge’s Director***

***Bryan Detweiler 330.524.6250***

***Rouge’s Combo Director***

***Andrew Magill 330.612.7628***

***Rouge’s Parent Leaders***

***Melinda Grutzmacher 330.612.3573***

***Rhonda Brode 330.606.8308***

***Rouge’s Travel Coordinator***

***Tara Scott 330.620.5558***

***ETC Equipment Managers***

***Todd Mohr 330.388.7824***

***Paul Grutzmacher III 330.858.2036***

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Am I, (parent) required to travel with my performer?**

No, this is completely up to you. ETC directors, parent leaders and chaperones will be in charge of supervising and structuring the performers time during travel. Parents are always welcome to attend the competitions and cheer for ETC!

**What if I, (parent) want or need to leave with my performer?**

Please make ***prior*** arrangements with parent leaders Rae Schneider or Julie Dudones. Performers are expected to be with the group unless other arrangements were made ahead of time. Students are expected to ride the bus to nonlocal competitions. If a student needs to make other arrangements, notice must be given at least one week in advance. Students are **NOT ALLOWED to change their plans for riding the bus at the last minute.** Permission may be granted for special circumstances but only with notification FROM THEIR PARENT to the Parent Leaders. Unanswered or unconfirmed text messages or voicemail messages DO NOT constitute permission. A message from another adult or student is NOT permitted. Student drivers are NOT permitted to drive themselves or other students to non-local competitions unless specific prior arrangements are made with the Parent Leader or Travel Parent and permission has been granted. Permission will be given for special circumstances ONLY and on an individual basis.

**How do I, (parent) make my hotel arrangements?**

All parents must make their own hotel reservations, and pay for their own hotel room fees. Scholarship money CANNOT be used to pay for parent hotel rooms. The Travel Parent will make hotel arrangements for student performers. The student hotel costs are included in ETC fees, so student rooms are covered. Parent chaperones must make their own hotel reservations, although we may work with chaperones and the hotel to place chaperone rooms near student rooms.

**Can I, (parent) ride the bus with my performer?**

There may be parent bus seats available on a first-come first-served basis. We will let you know of the availability and cost for each competition. **Scholarship fund money CAN be used to pay for a parent bus seat.**

**How long are the competitions?**

Most competitions are all day and evening events.

**Is there an admission fee for competitions?**

Yes, the cost of admission is **usually** between $10 and $20 for an all-day pass. Parents are allowed to leave the competition site during the event.

**Are there any ways that I, (parent) can help at the competition?**

We will need parent helpers to assist with loading and unloading the ETC truck and busses, to help with snacks and drinks and the post-competition pizza party, as chaperones, and stage crew helpers. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Rae Schneider or Julie Dudones. If you are interested in helping to set-up and tear down the set, contact Todd Mohr or Bob Heid. We will also be requesting donations of water bottles and snack items for bus and hotel travel weekends.

**What do I, (parent) do at the competition?**

Sit back, relax and enjoy the show! Cheer for ETC!! Please keep all your comments about ETC and ALL OTHER choirs POSITIVE….you never know who might be listening!

**What is a “Home Room?”**

The “home room” is the room that the group is assigned at the competition site to store belongings and get ready to perform. These rooms are locked when the performers are not there. ETC student members, directors, and authorized parent leaders in charge of specific jobs will manage your performers at the show. **THESE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE ALLOWED IN THE HOME ROOM!! UNAUTHORIZED PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE HOMEROOM! Points can be taken off our score sheets if we violate the home room rule. PARENTS please do not attempt to come to the performer homeroom under any circumstances.**

The homeroom will be locked at certain times during the competition day and students will not be able to get into the homeroom when it is locked. Students are NEVER allowed in the homeroom without an adult. Students will be allowed to spend time in the cafeteria or watching other groups and will be told when the homeroom will be open. Girls must be in the homeroom and available to have their hairpieces put in or taken out as directed and scheduled by the homeroom moms in charge of hair and the Parent Leaders. All students must clean-up the homeroom and are not dismissed from the homeroom at the end of the evening until given permission by parent leaders and/or directors.

**Will my child need extra spending money?**

Yes, your child will need extra spending money. Water and snacks (donated by parents), will be provided on the bus and at the hotel. Your child will need money for lunch, dinner, and possibly lunch on the way home. The competition site will have a cafeteria open to purchase food and drinks for meals during the competition day. There are also competition souvenirs for sale (t-shirts, buttons, DVDs, pictures, etc).

**And a few more things…**

Student safety is always a priority. Every effort is made NOT to have student rooms on the first floor of the hotel, and to have the boys and girls rooms on separate floors. Curfews will be set. Chaperones will be stationed in hallways until performers are quiet and settled in for the evening. Parent leaders and chaperones will have rooms at the end of hallways. Boys and girls are not allowed to visit each other’s rooms. Refer to the Hotel Rules sheet for additional info.

**Feel free to reach out to Melinda Grutzmacher or Rhonda Brode with any unanswered questions.**

**Heid’s ETC School of Musical Arts Competition Rules**

* Follow all dress requirements.
* Bring all required items you need. Costume items should be labeled with your name and in your garment bag. Pack a separate travel bag with other required and personal items. Labeled with your name. You are responsible for all your items. Do not take valuables into the competition and leave in the homeroom.
* Listen carefully to all instructions given prior to entering the competition.
* Walk into the competition site quietly, with a partner in a straight line.
* You MAY NOT TALK in the halls on the way to the home room: STRONG AND SILENT!!
* Once in our homeroom, please listen for further instructions. Be respectful of our surroundings and do not disturb items that do not belong to you. YOU MUST ALWAYS HAVE A CHAPERONE/PARENT LEADER WITH YOU WHEN YOU RETURN TO OUR HOMEROOM. YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE IN THE HOME ROOM WITHOUT AN ADULT PRESENT. THIS IS A RULE FOR ALL COMPETITIONS. IF YOU ARE FOUND IN A HOMEROOM WITHOUT AN ADULT, IT COULD LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION!!
* You are not allowed to be in another choir’s homeroom and except for our hosts, non-ETC choir members are not allowed in our homeroom.
* ALWAYS be complimentary, encouraging and positive towards each other and to other groups, at all times!! Remember “”If you can’t say anything nice don’t say anything at all!!”
* At the end of the competition, the homeroom must be clean. Trash thrown away, desks and chairs returned to their original place. This is the responsibility of EVERY member.
* As Always………DO NOT EAT IN YOUR COSTUME!
* We are competing as a group, and as such, we should sit together at meals and when watching other groups perform. REMEMBER AT ALL TIMES YOU ARE A REPRESENTATIVE OF ETC. SHOW THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS THAT WE HAVE THE BEST KIDS AROUND!
* Performers are expected to be with the group unless other arrangements were made ahead of time. Students are expected to ride the bus to non-local competitions. If a student needs to make other arrangements, notice must be given at least one week in advance. Students are NOT ALLOWED to change their plans for riding the bus at the last minute. Permission may be granted for special circumstances but only with notification FROM THEIR PARENT to the Travel Parent, Parent Leader, or their assigned chaperone. Unanswered or unconfirmed text messages or voicemail messages DO NOT constitute permission. A message from another adult or student is NOT permitted. Student drivers are NOT permitted to drive themselves or other students to non-local competitions unless specific prior arrangements are made with the Parent Leader or Travel Parent and permission has been granted. Permission will be given for special circumstances ONLY and on an individual basis.
* Have Fun!!!!

***Heid’s ETC School of Musical Arts Hotel Rules***

* Listen to directions before exiting the bus.
* You are responsible for your own belongings.
* As a guest of a hotel, you must adhere to their policies. Observe common courtesy to all guests at the hotel…QUIET in the rooms and hallways, and no running.
* Make sure that one of your roommates has a key in their hand before walking out the door.
* Visitation to other ETC members’ room is only permitted PRIOR to curfew. Girls may visit girl rooms, and boys may visit boy rooms, but mix it up and you must go to the lobby to visit. Boys and girls are not allowed in each other’s rooms.
* **Curfew** – you are in your assigned room with your roommates with the door closed and YOU ARE QUIET. There will be consequences for leaving your room after curfew. Our job is to keep you safe and accounted for. There is NO flexibility to this rule. If any of your roommates leave the room after curfew, it is your responsibility to report this to an adult immediately. This is a matter of safety, not loyalty, and your safety is the priority.
* There should be no reason to leave your room after curfew – if you need something you must call your room chaperone or parent leader. Do not leave your room to find them. You will be given the phone number of the parent leader and your adult chaperone.
* Meeting with members of another show choir or any other group of students outside of ETC should ONLY take place in the hotel lobby.
* NO STUDENTS FROM ANOTHER GROUP should be allowed in your hotel room.
* Students are not allowed to be in the rooms of any adult other than their own parent(s), unless their parent(s) are present and have given permission.
* Students are not allowed to wander the hotel, sit in hallways or stair wells, and must either be in their room or in allowed common areas at designated times before curfew.
* Changing room assignments is not allowed. After curfew, students must stay in their assigned room.
* Your hotel room is to be cleaned up before you depart in the morning. Housekeeping staff is only responsible for making your bed and giving you clean towels. Make sure all trash is thrown away. Remember you are representing ETC. Don’t forget to take all your valuables with you when you leave.
* Double check to make sure you have all of your belongings prior to check out – we are not responsible for anything that is left behind!!!

**Heid’s ETC School of Musical Arts Bus Rules**

* Adhere to all departure times. BE ON TIME!
* Listen to all directions.
* Adhere to all food and drink restrictions.
* No standing while bus is in motion. Each seat is for only ONE person. Do not obstruct the aisle with your body or belongings. “Couples” are NOT allowed to sit together on the bus.
* Keep the bus clean at all times – do not throw trash on the floor. Properly dispose of all trash before exiting the bus and when instructed.
* Keep noise to a minimum to avoid distracting the driver. Use headphones on all personal electronic devices. • ALWAYS be polite and courteous to the bus driver, parents and each other.
* When you arrive at a location – no matter where – ALWAYS thank the bus driver.
* When arriving at a competition site, make sure you take everything with you. You WILL NOT be allowed back on the bus during the event. The bus will be locked
* When staying overnight, please take ALL your belongings into the hotel with you. The bus will be locked. Once you leave the bus, you will not be able to retrieve anything left behind.
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**Bus Stops**

* Listen to directions before exiting the bus.
* Do not go into unapproved restaurants, or anywhere alone.
* If given a choice, let chaperones know which restaurant you are going to.
* Be aware of time and know when to return to the bus!!