



2017-18 GBYO RETREAT PERMISSION SLIP

Members of the Principal and Symphony Orchestras are expected to attend an off-site retreat at the beginning of each season. The retreats provide an opportunity for the ensembles to have intense rehearsals of the season's music, as well as provide social time for the members to get to know one another. Concert Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and String Orchestra will have a "bonding" activity as well, but not in conjunction with a long rehearsal. All of these activities are designed to improve the social experience of all GBYO members.

This year's Principal and Symphony retreats will be held at Black Rock Congregational Church (BRCC) in Fairfield, CT. At the end of the day, musicians will be transported by school bus to Nutmeg Bowl, also in Fairfield, for fun and relaxation with their GBYO friends. Meals and snacks will be provided throughout the day. Drop off will be at BRCC at 8:00 AM sharp and pickup will be at 8:00 PM sharp at Nutmeg Bowl.

Concert, Wind, and String musicians will be dropped off at 5:30 PM at Nutmeg Bowl and picked up at 8:00 PM sharp. No outside food is allowed at the bowling alley, so please bring money for snacks.

The Principal retreat will be on Sept. 16. Symphony retreat is Oct. 14. Other ensembles have regular rehearsals at Tomlinson on these days. Musicians are expected to attend their ensemble retreats. The Concert/Wind/String activity will take place in the evening on Sept. 23. There are regular rehearsals that morning at Tomlinson.

BRCC is located at 3685 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield, CT. Nutmeg Bowl is at 802 Villa Ave. Fairfield.

ALL GBYO MUSICIANS MUST RETURN THE BELOW RETREAT PERMISSION SLIP BY SEPT. 16. You may scan and email it to gbyo@gbyo.org or bring to rehearsal.

Please fill out, sign and date the form below, indicating your permission for your child to participate in GBYO off-site activities.

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in off-site activities with Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras. The activities will be chaperoned by GBYO staff and parents.

Student Name _____ Ensemble _____

Parent Name _____ Home Phone _____

Parent Cell _____ Student Cell _____

Other Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Cell _____

Allergies/Special Medical Conditions _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

FOR SYMPHONY & PRINCIPAL MUSICIANS ONLY: Please indicate any food restrictions below. Sandwich Maestro will cater lunch; Fire Engine Pizza Co. will provide a pizza truck for dinner. Please indicate vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, or food allergies. Both companies can accommodate. Snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the day. Please bring your own water bottle.

Vegan Vegetarian Gluten free. Please indicate other dietary needs: _____