

---- AHSTF Trip Rules and Regulations ----

In order for everyone associated with the festival to have a safe and enjoyable time in Scotland and England, the following rules have been established by Lakeland Tours, LLC d/b/a WorldStrides ("American High School Theatre Festival" or "AHSTF"). Individual school groups may make additions to these Rules. Students must follow all rules and directions from all AHSTF staffers, Directors and chaperones.

1. General Obligations: I understand that I am obligated to comply with local laws and customs while traveling abroad. Many such local laws and customs may be substantially different from those in my home country. I recognize that my conduct can have an effect on the educational and other benefits intended by the program for other participants, chaperones, and myself. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will support mutually beneficial interaction with other participants. I understand that conduct considered unacceptable to AHSTF includes, but is not limited to, loud and/or abusive behavior toward others, smoking or consumption of tobacco products, sexual harassment, criminal conduct of any kind, use of any drugs other than prescribed drugs for legal medicinal purposes, the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or unwillingness to cooperate with other members of the program and program management. Failure to abide by these standards and regulations may result in participant's immediately being sent home at his, her, or their parents' expense with no refund.

2. Additional Regulations: AHSTF and/or your School will establish rules and standards of behavior for all participants. These rules may be changed from time to time, as AHSTF/School deems prudent. Participants must adhere to all rules and regulations.

3. Liquor, Drugs: Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs of any kind constitute grounds for immediate expulsion.

United Kingdom laws and penalties concerning possession and use of narcotics are more severe than those in the United States. AHSTF can do very little, if anything, other than contact the U.S. Embassy if you are arrested for any criminal violation.

4. Tobacco: No use of tobacco by anyone under the age of 18 is permitted.

5. Timeliness: You must be on time for all scheduled departures and activities as listed on your final day-by-day itinerary. All times on itineraries are subject to change. AHSTF staff will notify accordingly of any such changes.

6. Dormitory Rules: Rooming assignments will be made by the Director. No room changes may be made without the prior approval of your Director, as well as AHSTF staff.

Students are not permitted in dorm rooms housing students of the opposite sex.

Students must keep their rooms locked at all times. Lost keys will result in a maximum \$85.00 per incident replacement fee.

For safety reasons, students may not remove any structures from the dorms such as window screens. Fines will be assessed for such violations and/or students may be expelled for such contact.

Prior to checkout in Edinburgh and London, students must clean out their rooms.

7. CURFEWS: Students must be in their assigned dormitory room by 12 midnight. Quiet hours begin at 11 PM. An AHSTF staff member will periodically check on the dorms from 8 AM – 1 AM each day and a proctor will monitor the front dorm door from 10 PM – 3 AM each night. Students entering the dorm after curfew will be reported to their Director and AHSTF staff for disciplinary action.

After-curfew late passes for students attending late night shows must be obtained from their chaperones. The chaperone

will sign the pass and the student will return the pass to AHSTF staff who will inform the individual dorm proctor. Each Director will give directions to their students on how and when these passes can be obtained. Students with passes may check in after midnight BUT must be in before 1 AM. Signed permission by an adult chaperone is required. Late pass privileges may be terminated at the sole discretion of AHSTF Staff and/or the Director.

- 8. Festival Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all school and AHSTF group functions. AHSTF staff will regularly check dorm rooms and floors each day for dorm infractions.

Admission to AHSTF Shows: All groups will be required and scheduled to attend four other AHSTF shows during their stay. All AHSTF participants receive free admission on a space available basis to all other AHSTF shows by showing their ID bracelet. Groups and individuals can request performance seats on a space available basis 24 hours in advance at the AHSTF tour central office.

- 9. Buddy System:** During free time, if available, participants should honor the "buddy system." Never go anywhere alone. Remember, you will not be at home in the relative safety of your neighborhood; avoid dark streets, alleys, hotel stairways, etc. Be careful in all you do. In all cases you must follow the directions of the Director.

- 10. University Regulations:** Students must adhere to all University regulations including, but not limited to, those with regard to food and beverages in rooms, lounges, auditoriums, classrooms and other facilities.

No burning is permitted.

Students are not allowed to deface University and/or hotel property or remove university and/or hotel property. Individual students will be held responsible by the University of Edinburgh, London School of Economics (Bankside House), Queen Margaret University or Custom House, and AHSTF for any damages. Students and their parents/guardians will be billed for damage fees not collected at checkout.

Students are guests of the Universities and/or hotel and must behave with respect and proper manners. Unnecessary noise, improper language and reckless behavior will not be allowed. Respect for other students, all AHSTF participants, the officers, staff, and local citizens are expected and necessary for a successful festival.

Students should walk on sidewalks at all times instead of in the streets. Remember that automobiles drive on the "wrong side of the road" in the United Kingdom.

The University of Edinburgh, LSE Bankside House, Queen Margaret University, Custom House, and AHSTF are not responsible for loss or breakage of personal effects, monies or valuables.

- 13. ID Bracelet, Meal Card and Passports:** AHSTF will have ID Bracelets for all participants upon arrival. These bracelets should be worn at all times to identify AHSTF persons at the dorms, venues and Festival functions. Meal cards will be distributed in Edinburgh with registration packets and are to be shown when entering the University cafeterias for scheduled meals.

Please keep your passport in a secure place during the trip. If you discover you have lost your passport, alert your teacher and the AHSTF office immediately.

- 14. Train Procedures:** The entire group will be traveling from London to Edinburgh via train. Because of the tight regulations governing the use of time on the track, it is important for each participant to board the train quickly and to pay careful attention to all instructions given regarding train procedures. Each group will be given specific loading and unloading instructions prior to the trip. Please make sure you read and understand what is required for a safe and speedy train experience. Further, all participants should take special care not to inflict any damage to the train AND SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THEY CLEAR ALL TRASH INTO THE PLASTIC BAGS PROVIDED BEFORE DISEMBARKING.

- 15. Meals:** Each group has pre-assigned meals at Bankside House, or Custom House and Queen Margaret University, or Pollock Halls. Please note on your itinerary which meals you are scheduled to eat and plan accordingly. In London, each participant will have dinner on arrival day, and breakfast every day thereafter. In Edinburgh, each participant will get breakfast daily and one other meal depending on his or her scheduled activities for the day. Individuals and/or groups cannot take an unassigned meal or switch one for another in a given day. Your group's detailed itinerary will be mailed to you in July.

