Van Tech Music

Senior Banff Tour 2025 Itinerary

Day 1 – Tuesday, April 15 (Revelstoke, BC – Ramada Wyndham)

6:45am Music Council, Perc, and Large Instr. group to Band Room to organize packing

6:55am Buses arrive, start loading percussion

7:10am All other students arrive, line up at bus (Emerald in front, Gold behind)

7:30am Buses Depart for the Rockies!

9:15am Hope, BC – 30 min. Breakfast Break (not included in cost) and stretch

12-12:50pm Kamloops, BC—Lunch Break at Aberdeen Mall (not included in cost)

1:05pm **Arrive at Brocklehurst Secondary for Performance** *(35 manhassets available so no folding stands needed for VTAD, Choirs, SSO; only small instruments (a.sax/f.horn and smaller) need to bring folding stands in.*

1:50pm **Performance!** ***order TBD, communicated on buses***

2:55pm Pack up and load up bus

3:15pm Depart Brocklehurst

5:15pm D Dutchmen Dairy Ice Cream Stop and visit the cows (have money ready)

5:50pm Depart D Dutchmen for Hotel

6:40pm Arrive in Revelstoke at Ramada Wyndham, check into hotel rooms
(1750 Trans-Canada Hwy, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0)

7:00pm Gold Bus Pizza Dinner in hotel conference room

7:30pm Emerald Bus Pizza Dinner in hotel conference room

8:00-8:45pm Gold Bus Pool Time* *Lifeguard on duty: Kass 8-8:25, Lucas 8:20-8:45*
Gold Bus Chaperones on pool supervision, Emerald on hotel supervision
Emerald Bus Study Time in conference room

8:45-9:30pm Emerald Bus Pool Time* *Lifeguard on duty: Nasja 8:45-9:10, Kathryn 9:05-9:30*
Gold Bus Study Time in conference room

Emerald Bus Chaperones on pool supervision, Gold on hotel supervision

10:00pm In own rooms, room checks, time to sleep!

Day 2 - Wednesday, April 16 (Banff - Hidden Ridge Resort)

7:00am Emerald Bus breakfast

7:30am Gold Bus breakfast

8:00am Loading Team at buses

8:10am Load buses

8:30am Checkout and depart hotel

Time Zone Change – PT to MST + 1 hr

11:30am Arrive in Golden, time for light lunch (not included in cost) or buy now, eat later

Emerald Bus: IGA

Gold Bus: Save On Foods

12:15pm Depart Golden for Lake Louise

1:30pm Arrival at Lake Louise for sight-seeing and Group Photo!

2:15pm Depart Lake Louise

3:15pm Arrive in Banff with free time to explore Banff Avenue

4:00pm Meet and depart for hotel

4:15pm Arrive at Hidden Ridge Resort and check in

(901 Hidden Ridge Way, Banff, Alberta. Phone: 1 (800) 661-1372)

4:40pm Max 50% members from each room load onto one bus for grocery shopping

Grocery Chaperones: Ms. Kilburn, Ms. Riegert, Stephanie, Diego

5:00pm Grocery Shopping at the IGA (50 minutes)

6:00pm Arrival back at HRR for cooking dinner in rooms and prep for cookie contest

8:00-8:30pm Bi-Annual Cookie Contest – Delivery of cookies to Teacher chalet!

8:30pm Down time in chalets: option to study, hang out, games, etc.

10:00pm In own chalets, room check, sleep! Tomorrow we leave **early** for Calgary!

Day 3 – Thursday, April 17 (Calgary – School Performance – Zoo - Studio Bell)

6:00am Wake up and use purchased groceries to prepare and eat breakfast! Get ready

for day trip to Calgary (option to pack your own snacks/lunch)

6:45am Loading Team meet at buses

6:50am Load instruments onto buses (percussion already on bus)

7:00am Depart for Calgary

8:30am Arrival at Varsity Acres School for setup

9-10am Performance – *order TBD, communicated on buses*

10:00am Performance over and time to pack up and load buses

10:25am Buses loaded and departing for Lunch/Zoo!

10:45am Arrive at Calgary Zoo with time to purchase lunch

11:30am Calgary Zoo Self-guided tour of the exhibits, students split into 3 groups and must be with chaperones at all times

Group #1: AK, KJ, DB

Group #2: DC, SF

Group #3: ER, JN, MK

2:00pm Meet the bus for transfer to Studio Bell

2:30pm **Studio Bell Gallery Experience**, into 3 groups divided by Chaperones:

Group #1: ER, SF

Group #2: AK, JN, DB

Group #3: DC, KJ, MK

4:30pm Depart Calgary for Banff (bus pickup at Studio Bell)

6:15pm Arrival back at HRR, cooking in own rooms for dinner

7:15-8:15pm Gold Bus optional pool and hot tub time

Lifeguards on duty: Kathryn 7:15-7:50, Lucas 7:50-8:30

Chaperones on pool duty: Ms. K., Jethro, Kate

Emerald Bus recommended study group time in chalets

8-9pm Emerald Bus optional pool and hot tub time

Gold Bus recommended study group time in chalets

Lifeguard on duty: Nasja 8:30-9:00

Chaperones on pool duty: Ms. R., Mr. C., Ms. Ko

9:00pm Pool closed/get ready for stargazing walk (weather dependent)

9:20pm Meet outside for Stargazing walk (or free time in chalets)

10:20pm In own chalets, room check, get some sleep! Tomorrow we have workshops!

Day 4 - Friday, April 18 (Banff – Music Workshops)

7:10am Wake up, prepare and eat breakfast; pack a lunch if desired

8:05am Loading Team at buses

8:10am Load buses

8:20am Depart for Whyte Museum

8:30am Set up percussion and warm up for morning workshop

9:00am **SCB Workshop** (band students) with Dr. Wendy Freeman

Communications Workshop with Stephanie

10:20am Snack Break (BYO) and set up for next workshop, percussion pack up all SCB-only percussion now and set to side or load onto bus

10:40am **Chamber Choir and Vocal Jazz Workshop** (choir students) w/ Phoebe Chan

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt (everyone else) with Stephanie Feng

12:40pm Lunch Break in downtown Banff – BYO lunch and eat downstairs or outside (no food upstairs!) or time to purchase lunch

1:30pm Strings students set up and tune for workshop

1:45pm **SSO Workshop** (all Strings students) with Phoebe Chan

Communications Workshop with Steph (Band students)

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt (Choir students) with Jethro & Diego

3:00pm Transition into Symphony

3:20pm **VTSO workshop** (all Symphony students) with Dr. Wendy Freeman

Group Game (all others) with Stephanie

4:10pm Transition to Jazz Band/Snack Break; percussionists load all but Jazz Band gear onto bus now

4:35pm **Jazz Band Workshop** with Dr. Freeman

5:35pm Jazz Band pack-up, transition to closing comments

5:45pm **Closing comments** to all students for future growth and inspiration!

6:00pm Finish loading buses with Jazz Band instruments/gear

6:10pm Depart for HRR

6:20pm Back at HRR, Grads + Ms. K. + Ms. R. have 20 minutes to get ready departure!

Grades 9-11: Last Dinner *Contest! Use up as many groceries as possible.

6:50pm Grads Depart for Keg!

8:00-9:00pm Optional Pool Time for Grades 9-11 *Lifeguard on duty: Nasja 8-9pm*

9:00pm Grads return to HRR

9:15-10pm Optional Pool Time for Grads

Lifeguards on duty: Lucas 9:15-9:40, Kathryn 9:35-10pm

10:00pm In own chalets, clean/pack for tomorrow as we are leaving bright and early

10:15pm Room check, get some sleep! We wake up very early tomorrow….

Day 5 – Saturday, April 19 (Return to Vancouver)

5:00am Use purchased groceries to prepare breakfast, pack a lunch if desired, and compost remaining food

5:50am Loading Teams at buses

6:00am Load buses with luggage and instruments

6:20am Depart Banff for Vancouver

8:15am Washroom stop in Golden on fast food strip

Time Zone Change -1 hr back

10:00am Rest stop at the Last Spike Craigellachie

12:30pm Lunch stop at Aberdeen Mall in Kamloops

1:30pm Depart Aberdeen Mall

3:45pm Washroom stop in Hope – Flying J (if required)

4:30pm Bridal Veil Falls short nature walk

6:00pm Arrive at Vancouver Technical Secondary – all percussion must be brought up

Welcome Home and Happy Memories! Parents please stay tuned for updated pickup time via messages from your child on Sunday around 5:00pm.