

Making the Trip Fun

We want your Keynote Arts experience to a memorable one. Here are some fun and simple ideas that have been used by groups in the past.

- Make a countdown poster to hang on the wall in the rehearsal room. (Like an advent calendar). On each numbered day, write a fun bit of trivia or detail about the trip or performance. Each day, choose a student to reveal the next number and to read the trivia to the class.
- Secret Pal — before departing, have the group draw names of a person who will be their secret pal for the duration of the trip. A secret pal can leave notes, present small gifts, *etc.* during the trip (assign a small monetary value to begin that should not be exceeded... you're encouraging creativity!) On the trip home, each person guesses who their secret pal is. When the secret pal is revealed, that pal must tell the group something they appreciate about the person to whom they were assigned.
- Schedule a short performance to take place during the last parent meeting. Show the parents how hard you've been working as a sneak preview of the upcoming trip.
- Assign a group of students (maybe the choir officers) to create a scavenger hunt to be conducted when you arrive at a destination (Disney theme park, Washington D.C. National Mall). Small fun prizes can be awarded to the winners.
- Assign a group of students (maybe the choir officers) to keep track of silly things that happen during the trip. Pre-plan to have paper, markers, and stickers handy. The officers can create "Awards" for members of the group to be presented on the way home or on the first day of class after the trip.
- Set up a Best Photo Contest. Encourage everyone to take great photos during the trip. Upon returning home, ask the photography teacher or art department to judge in several different categories, accompanied by small awards. The winning photo could be posted on the school website or published in the yearbook!