

WHS Orlando Spring Trip 2011



Dear WHS Band Students and Parents,

The WHS band is planning to travel to Disney World to participate in the “You’re Instrumental” educational workshops in the spring of 2011. This trip will provide all of our students with a superb musical performance environment, cultural and educational learning opportunities, time to strengthen character and a chance to build independence and responsibility. In an effort to build a stronger team within our band community we want to offer this Spring Trip experience to all band students in grades 9-12 who desire to participate.

Please take a moment and discuss this great performance and travel opportunity with your students. In order to effectively plan we need to know who will plan to participate. Fundraising opportunities will be presented to the students throughout the year starting in the summer of 2010.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the band office. 972-923-4600 ext. 102

Sincerely, Rich Armstrong and Reggie Cook, Directors

Disney World Band Trip At a Glance

Dates:	Spring Break Option March 10-March 16
Destination:	Disney World-Orlando, Florida
Musical Event/Experience:	“You’re Instrumental” educational workshop (recording session)
Disney Parks	4 Day park Hopper Pass
Participating Students:	Open to all WHS band students in grades 9-12 willing to commit, pay and/or earn their way through fundraising.
Fundraising Opportunities:	Multiple opportunities will be provided throughout year starting in the summer of 2010.
Approximate Cost per Kid:	\$800.00
Method of Travel:	Chartered Coaches
Housing:	4 nights
Meals :	All Meals Included in Price

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Estimated Costs

Bus	190.00
Hotel-4 nights	\$188.00
Entry Fees	\$25.00
Food	\$225.00
Disney	\$155.00
Total	\$782.00

Rooming and Pricing Information

- The price is based on maximum occupancy of 4 people per room.
- Price is subject to change once all factors and variables are included.
- **Participants staying in rooms with 3 or fewer people may incur a higher trip cost depending on room configuration.**
- All adults wishing to chaperone on this trip must pass a district background check and chaperone a minimum of two travel events in the Fall (marching contest or away football game) to be eligible to accompany the band on the Spring trip. Adult trip payment schedule is the same as the students. Failure to meet the chaperone requirements or the payment schedule will result in removal from the trip. There may be a limited number of chaperone spots available depending on how many students are traveling. In those situations priority is given to band officers, Senior parents and down. WISD Director of Bands has the right to deny any adult travel privileges with the band for any reason.

Cancellation / Decrease in Participant Attendance Policy

- 100% of the total housing fee will be due by February 10, 2011.
- **No refunds will be made after December 17, 2010 for a ground based trip. If we travel by air this date may be updated based on airline ticketing deadline.**
- UIL Eligibility will NOT apply to participation on this trip because the trip will fall during Spring Break.
- Students and/or parents choosing to cancel their trip for any reason after the posted refund deadline will forfeit their trip and not receive any refund as outline above.
- Additions will be on a space availability basis.

Payment Plan for Bus Travel (Various arrangements can be made for extenuating circumstances)

- March 5 Return interest letter!
- April 5 \$50.00 Non-refundable commitment deposit*
- May 5 \$150.00
- June 1 \$200.00
- Sept. 13 \$200.00
- Jan. 10 \$200.00
- Jan. 31 All Remaining Balances Due

*Deposit will be refunded if overall trip is canceled or does not make. Adult deposits will be refunded if if they are denied the opportunity to travel due to space limitations or failure to meet pre-requisite requirements.

Disney -Tentative Travel Itinerary (March 10 - March 16, 2011)

Thursday, March 10

PM Load Buses & Depart for Orlando, FL

Friday, March 11

PM Arrive in Orlando, FL
Check into Hotel

Saturday, March 12

AM/PM Go to Disney Parks for the day

Sunday, March 13

AM/PM All day in Disney Parks

Monday, March 14

AM Participate in Disney Youth Instrument Program
PM Disney Theme Parks

Tuesday, March 15

AM Check out Hotel
PM Disney Theme Parks
PM (late) Depart for Waxahachie

Wednesday, March 16

PM Arrive in Waxahachie

”YOU‘RE INSTRUMENTAL!” Information

This workshop immerses your students into the world of the professional musician. In moments, your students will sight read and prepare a polished performance of special Disney musical selections in a “studio recording environment.” A professional Disney clinician will examine the skills, attitudes and priorities that are essential to musical excellence. This workshop culminates with a special recording of your ensemble performing music along with a portion of a Disney Animated Feature Film.

KEY LEARNING POINTS

Sightreading: • Incorporate accuracy and expressiveness to increase the productivity of rehearsals.

Listening: • Understand the importance of intonation, balance, tone quality, and follow the interpretation of the conductor.

Focusing: • Work towards musical and technical accuracy.

Self-Confidence: • Learn to accept responsibility for your performance and always play to the best of your ability.

Recording • Experience the excitement and Professionalism: expectations of a studio musician.
• Learn about the requirements of the studio recording environment

Please complete and return this portion of the letter to the band hall by Friday, March 5th. Thanks!

Student Name (please print) _____

___ Yes, My child will be participating on the trip.

___ No, My child will not be participating on the trip.

Parents/Chaperone

___ Yes, I/We would like to participate on this trip. Note chaperone pre-requisites on Page 2.

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

_____ Please apply \$50.00 from my students individual account towards the initial deposit

The below signed are required to execute this agreement on behalf of the students and/or chaperones listed above and understand and agree to the terms and conditions provided within the attached WHS Orlando Spring Trip Information Document. They furthermore understand and agree to all cancellation and refund policies as stated in this document.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name