

ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL BAND
ORLANDO, FLORIDA TRIP
March 23 - 28, 2010

Tentative Schedule and Itinerary

SUMMARY OF INCLUSIONS

Round trip Airfare from Chicago-Midway to Orlando International Airport
(Air Tran Public Charter)
Ground Transportation
Private nighttime security guard at hotel from 10:30 p.m. - 5:30 a.m.
Five(5) night's accommodation at hotel Disney All Star Music Resort
Four(4) Disney Meal coupons for breakfast
Five (5) Disney Dining Cards
One(1) breakfast at Rainforest Cafe
Festival Disney 5-Day Prem "Ear" Park Hopper Pass to Walt Disney World
Participation in Festival Disney
Participation in one(1) of the following Walt Disney Workshops
- Disney's "You're Instrumental" Workshop for Concert Band
- "Disney's Auxilaration" for Color Guard
Insurance Coverage as Recommended by Student Youth Travel Association
\$200,000 Consumer Protection Plan
Create-A-Video souvenir Package
Company Tour Escort

Tuesday - March 23

4:00 a.m. Depart for Midway Airport
7:30 a.m. Depart out of Midway Airport on Airtran flight 825
11:01 a.m. Arrive Orlando International Airport
Afternoon activity at one of the Disney Parks
Evening Rehearsals

Wednesday - March 24

Breakfast at hotel with meal coupon
Disney's "You're Instrumental Workshop/ Auxiliration Workshop"
Dinner in park with meal coupon
Marching Band in the "Celebrate a Dream Come True" Parade(2:30 p.m.)
Return to hotel
Evening Rehearsals at Radisson Worldgate Hotel

Thursday - March 25

Breakfast at hotel

Day at Epcot Center

Dinner in park with meal coupon

Concert and Jazz Bands Adjudicated in Disney Festival

Return to hotel

Friday - March 26

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for Disney's Hollywood Studios

Depart for the festival

Parade Competition

Percussion Competition

Saturday - March 27

Buffet Breakfast at Rainforest Cafe

Depart for Blizzard Beach Water Park

Lunch in Park

Dinner at hotel with meal coupon

Awards ceremony at Disney Hollywood Studios

Sunday - March 28

Breakfast at hotel

Check out of hotel

Depart for Magic Kingdom

Depart 7:37 p.m. from Orlando International Airport on Airtran Flight 828

Arrival Chicago Midway Airport 9:17 p.m.

TOUR PACKAGE COST

\$1,500.00 includes the above package with airfare and transportation to airport from Andrew High School

Please note that the package cost is based on a specific number of paying passengers. If the number of paying passengers should decrease the cost of the trip may rise, in which case if the cost is too expensive the trip will be canceled.

Families may wish to choose a land package only which allows for students to meet the band down in Orlando, Florida. Be aware however, that students must follow the same schedule as the students that are flying down.

New this year we have the entire round trip flight booked. If parents wish to fly down with the band, they may do so if there are seats available. We have reserved 137 seats on Airtran, if we do not use all 137 seats for the students, we can sell them to parents who wish to go with the band. We will know the exact number of seats available by January 7th, 2010. These seats will be sold on a first come basis. On January 8th, 2010 we will release any seats that have not been sold and Airtran will release these seats to the general public.

The cost of the flight is \$410.00 without the package.

TRIP DEPOSIT SCHEDULE(total package including air fare)

1st Deposit	\$ 650.00	December 17th(\$600 if you paid \$50 air deposit)
2nd Deposit	\$ 200.00	January 6, 2010
3rd Deposit	\$ 650.00	February 4
Total	\$1,500.00	

LAND PACKAGE SCHEDULE

1 ST Deposit	\$ 530
2 nd Deposit	\$ 80
3 rd Deposit	\$ 480
Total	\$ 1,090.00(\$1,500.00 - \$410.00)

AIRFARE ONLY

Due January 7th \$410.00

note - money that is raised through fund raisers will be deducted from the final deposit first, and the subsequent later deposits. Before we can accept deposits for the Florida trip, all marching band fees from the season need to be paid in full.

December 1, 2009

Dear parents and students,

Enclosed is the long awaited Florida trip package. I have planned a trip to Orlando Florida in conjunction with a competition involving the concert and jazz bands, a parade band, and percussion organizations. In addition with the competitions we have been invited to march at Disney's Magic Kingdom, March 24th at the afternoon parade and also at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

Thursday, December 17th we will be having a meeting about this trip to Florida. The meeting will take place in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. and will last only about 45 minutes. At this meeting we will be answering questions you may have and also be collecting the first deposit for the trip. If you can not make this meeting but still want your child to participate, you will need to send your first deposit on or before the 17th.

The philosophy behind the tour is to have the student work hard toward a common educational goal. The trip was planned not only as a motivation tool, but to provide students with many different performance and educational opportunities that they normally might not have and at the same having fun and enjoying the camaraderie of the band.

The purpose of this letter and packet is to inform you about the planned trip, what will be involved, what the cost of the trip will be, and the limitations that the trip will incur.

First let me begin by stating that this trip is **strictly voluntary**. Students are not in any way shape or form evaluated lower because they do not go on this trip. On the other hand it is not a given that each student will be able to go on the trip. Let me explain; a student who is not working to his potential, does not demonstrate the initiative to improve, or does not come to scheduled rehearsals (schedule to be determine in January when we know the students that will be going on the trip) will be eliminated from the trip. Parents and students will be notified in advance if I feel students are in danger of being eliminated from the trip.

The trip will be open to all band and guard students regardless if they were in marching band this year. However students who were not in marching band will have to come to marching rehearsals to learn to march in parade formation.

Students will sign up for hotel rooms and we will try to accommodate as much as possible these request. Room sign ups are based on four(4) students per room.

The trip deposit schedule has been sent up to help disperse the full payment and it will also give us an accurate count of the students who are truly interested in going. The tour company also requires us to give them deposits on stated days for the trip or they will cancel the trip. The price of the trip changes depending on the number of individuals going on the trip. The present cost is based on 125 people going including chaperones and instructors. If there are less than the 125, the cost of the trip could go up slightly. If they are 100 or less, the cost could rise sharply. At this point the decision will be made to cancel the trip if the cost is too prohibitive. The chaperone and instructor package is figured into the cost of the entire trip. Since this is not a true vacation for chaperones, we have never charged chaperones for going on the trips since most have to take off of work to go on the trip or use their vacation time. As always, I will choose the chaperones.

If by January 7th, we do not have enough students who can go on the trip, the trip will be canceled. January 7th is the last day that we will not be penalized for withdrawing from the trip and full refunds can be issued. After January 8th there are penalties for withdrawing from the trip.

If you have any further questions in regard to the trip, please call me at school. The best time to reach me in my office is between 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Sincerely

Daniel Romano
Band Director