

April 25, 2017

Dear Band Students and Parents,

Our next band trip is slated for Spring Break 2018. Planning is in progress!! This is the first mailing for the trip and is intended to be comprehensive in nature for your advance planning. There are several band families with multiple children eligible for this trip and it always helps to have lead time for everyone to plan.

The trip dates will be March 24-30, 2018 over Spring Break. Leading up to the trip there will be several evening rehearsals because we are combining two bands. There is a separate page of these details to get on calendars early for your planning. Our trip will feature curricular items including performance and a workshop in a Disney recording studio where students experience what it is like to be a professional group in music and fun!! (After all, it is over spring break and they are not missing classes!!) Please review the attached itinerary.

The cost of the trip is \$1169 per person if you are in rooms of 4. We will do all that we can to create rooms of four. In addition to that cost, you will need to provide spending money, bus driver tip (\$10 per person collected at luggage check in the night before we leave). As well, as you may note on the trip proposal, there may be an additional charge based on room occupancy. I do not anticipate that to be an issue. We will be using Babler motorcoaches.

Payments will be broken up into intervals – please see the trip commitment form for the details. If you need to make payments in a monthly format, please contact me and I am happy to set that up for you as well. Keep the top half of the commitment sheet so you can get the payment dates on your calendar for financial planning.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in fundraising events. There are both group and individual fundraisers. Group fundraised money goes into the band parents account and every four years, they put \$20,000 into the trip that is divided up to cover ½ of the cost of chaperones, the beach party expense (we do a cookout for the kids at Coco Beach), part of the drivers tips, and the remainder is split evenly among the students going on the trip (if they participate in group fundraisers). This averages out to about \$100 - 200 per child and is taken off the last payment depending on how many kids attend the trip and the number of chaperones needed. Group fundraisers include: the November Fruit sale – delivery in December and the Pops Concert. Individual fundraisers include: Rada Cutlery in September, Cheesecakes in October, Wine Fest in June 2017, Ale Fest in September 2017, Pumpkin Patch Festival in October 2017. (All Festivals are in Egg Harbor and pay \$10 per hour per person working on your child's behalf which will at times include children and at times will require parent and friends of the band and family to help.) As well there will be several grocery bagging dates that will be individual fundraisers. Our last individual fundraiser before the trip will be the Hansen's pizza fundraiser in January with an early February delivery. If you participate in all of these, it is likely you could over fundraise the cost of your trip.

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I keep all fundraisers and payments on a spreadsheet so you can ask at any time what amount is in your account. I will also send you updates prior to each payment being due. This also is a way to make sure I don't make any errors, so check your statements carefully. If you ever see any errors or discrepancies, please let me know. I am glad to answer any questions you may have.

Students going on the trip are also encouraged to keep playing over the summer. Our best playing opportunity is the 4th of July parade in Bailey's Harbor from 7 a.m. to noon on July 4th wearing shorts and our band t-shirts. You will receive information on this separately. As well, students are welcome to play in the Peninsula Symphonic Band – a community band that rehearses on Monday evenings here at the school in Sturgeon Bay. These are great ways to maintain skills in order to help us have our best performance on the world's stage at Disney. Getting to perform at Disney requires us to send in our performances to audition for our performance space there.

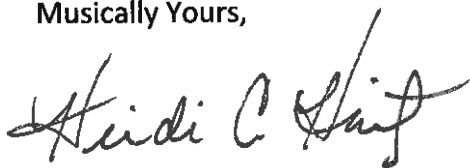
Chaperones will be selected by November. If you wish to be eligible to chaperone, you are subject to a background check as required by law. You will need to fill out the chaperone volunteer form attached and return it ASAP. Chaperoning is a huge responsibility and for that reason, the Band Parent Organization will cover half of your trip cost. You are responsible for the remaining half. Remember, that filling out the form does not guarantee you a spot as a chaperone. I always have more volunteers than I can take, so accept my apologies in advance if you are not selected. That is never an easy task and always encounters hard feelings. If you are not selected and there are extra seats on the bus, you may still be able to go for full price if you so desire.

On the trip, students will be expected to participate in all band activities with the group. There is much planning and organization for many students who attend the trip and having individual plans without the group never works out well for the majority of the group as delays and itinerary changes are inevitable.

With that, you should be able to make an informed decision about participating with the band for this trip. Again, let me know if you have any questions. I always look forward to this trip for the sense of team it instills in the kids and the incredible jump the students make with their musical abilities. The musical result from this time to bond as a team both personally and musically always has amazing results!!

Thanks for taking the time read ALL of this!!

Musically Yours,



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STURGEON BAY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

7 Day, 6 Night Motorcoach Tour

March 24-30, 2018

TOUR PACKAGE COST PER PERSON (Based on Hotel Occupancy) as of 2/15/2017:

Note: Total Tour Package Includes All Bulleted Items Listed On This Proposal

QUAD: \$1,169.00 TRIPLE: \$1,264.00 DOUBLE: \$1,359.00 SINGLE: \$1,739.00

- **Number of Passengers:** 90 Students and 10 Adults
**Note: Changing the number of passengers will alter the per person tour cost.
 For Example: QUAD based on 110 passengers: \$1,129. QUAD based on 115 passengers: \$1,114*
- **Transportation:** *THREE* Modern 48-Passenger Motorcoaches from Babler Bus (Equipped with DVD, Monitors & Restroom)
- **Insurance:** \$5,000,000 Liability Insurance Coverage per Motorcoach
 \$1,000,000 Liability Group Insurance Coverage
 Terrorism Liability Group Insurance Coverage
- **Hotel Accommodations:** *FOUR* Nights at a DISNEY All Star Resort
- **Meals:** *FOUR* Disney Breakfast Coupons, *ONE* Pizza & Pasta Buffet at CiCi's, *THREE* \$15 Disney Dining Cards, *ONE* Disney Character Buffet Dinner, *ONE* Buffet Dinner at Golden Corral Dinner
- **Attractions:** Cocoa Beach, Ron Jon Surf Shop, Walt Disney World Three-Day Pass Park Hopper Pass (Epcot, Magic Kingdom Park, Disney's Animal Kingdom Park, Disney's Hollywood Studios), Disney Springs
- **Musical Inclusions:** Participation in Disney Performing Arts OnStage (upon acceptance), and You're Instrumental! Workshop, *Additional* performances arranged for your group free of charge! (some exceptions may apply)
- **Tour Manager:** *ONE* GTP Representative will travel with the group to oversee your customized itinerary!
- ★ **BONUS!** This tour includes:
 Gratuities (Driver & Tour Managers included), *ONE* Complimentary Director's Gift, Drawstring Bags, Group Travel Video Package, 24-hour emergency telephone service, travel packet, and a customized daily itinerary designed to specifically meet your group's needs!

IMPORTANT!

If you would like to alter this proposal please contact your Group Travel Planners Representative to inquire about optional Attractions, Meals, and Performances. (Any changes to the current proposal may increase or decrease the tour cost.)



Florida Trip 2018
Sturgeon Bay High School Band
March 24th – March 30, 2018

Working (Not Finalized Itinerary) and Subject to change depending on Disney's scheduling of our performances after audition process is complete and as we finalize tour planning:

Friday, March 23, 2018 – Student Luggage check in at school 1-5 p.m.
Saturday, March 24, 2018- Departure --7 a.m. load, 8 a.m. departure
-lunch enroute
-supper enroute

Sunday, March 25, 2018 - arrival at Cocoa Beach 12 p.m. – Swimming and cookout at Cocoa Beach with souvenir shopping at Ron Jon's surf shop
4 p.m. depart for hotel
5p.m. arrive at hotel and settle into rooms
6 p.m. Pizza party / dinner at hotel, pool time
10 p.m. Room checks and reminders for next day
11 p.m. Lights out

Monday, March 26, 2018
7:00 breakfast at hotel
8:00 depart for Disney park #1 –lunch in park
4:00 p.m. depart for Disney Springs – staging area --- band snack on bus and hydration
7:00 performance at Waterside Stage
10:00 Fireworks at Disney park and depart for hotel
11:00 Rm check, next day reminders, group meeting for performance wrap up
11:15 Lights Out

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
7:00 breakfast at hotel
8:00 depart for Disney Park – EPCOT
Lunch In park –great place for a character dining.
3:00 p.m. Meet by Italy for group wind down and hydration
4:00 p.m. You're Instrumental workshop backstage Epcot
9:00 p.m. Fireworks at Epcot
10:00 p.m. Depart for hotel
10:30 p.m. Room checks, next day reminders, group meeting for workshop wrap up and watch video!!!!
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Wednesday, March 28
7:00 breakfast
8:00 Depart for Disney Park #3

Lunch or supper here could be character dining ---would love lunch and supper included on this day.

9:00 Depart for hotel after fireworks (earlier for down time if kids are tired)

10:00 room checks, next day reminders, packing up group meeting

11:00 Lights Out

****This day could be a depart early for hotel for pool time or an off Disney property meal or character dining in the Contemporary resort at Chef Mickey's

Thursday, March 29

7:00 breakfast at hotel

8:00-10:00 Pool time

10:00-11:00 Load busses and check out of hotel

11:00 Depart for Disney Springs (formerly Downtown Disney) – kids can hang out, shop, video game place (include in price please)

6:00 p.m. Depart for home

Please include a buffet supper in price as a stop enroute to home.

Stops enroute

Friday, March 30, 2018

Stops enroute for breakfast freshen up, and lunch and driver switches. Return to Sturgeon Bay High School 9:00 p.m.

You **MUST** be in band to be a student on this trip. It is imperative that you get band into your schedule for the full year if at all possible. You **MUST** be in band 2nd semester to be on the trip. If you are not in band first semester, it is imperative that you regularly check in to be included in fundraising. Again, being in band the full year helps everyone to have a more successful trip and makes fundraising and getting our performance space in Disney secured. Take one for the team and get in band for the full year!!!

Because the trip band is comprised of students from both bands that don't otherwise rehearse together, we will have some outside of school rehearsals. Please plan on attending **all** of them if you are on the trip. I did my best to steer clear of athletics and other events.

The dates and times are:

Sunday, March 4, 2018 4-7 p.m. Starts with parent and student meeting at 4 p.m. in Auditorium. – **EVERYONE MUST ATTEND!** Rehearsal in band room to follow meeting.

Monday, March 5, 2018 6-8 p.m. in band room

Thursday, March 8, 2018 6-8 p.m. in band room

Monday, March 12, 2018 6-8 p.m. in band room

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6-8 p.m. in band room

Thursday, March 15, 2018 6-8 p.m. in band room

Monday, March 19, 2018 6-8 p.m. in band room

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 6-8 p.m. in band room

EVERYONE MUST ATTEND FINAL REHEARSAL!!

Friday, March 23, 2018 - **Luggage check-in - 5-8:00**

Saturday, March 24, 2018 – **Leave on trip!!!**

Thanks much and feel free to call me with any concerns.

Rehearsals will run shorter if everyone attends on time and if everyone attends all rehearsals.

Florida Trip – Band – March 24-30, 2018

By May 30, I need a preliminary trip count prior to making the first payment. Please fill out the form below and return it to school by May 30, 2017.

A reminder the payment schedule is:

\$200 due per person on May 30, 2017

\$250 due per person on September 30, 2017

\$250 due per person on December 1, 2017

\$ Balance due per person based on room size on February 1, 2018

***We will make every attempt to create rooms with 4 people.**

You are considered committed to the trip when you make your first payment. You have until Nov. 1, 2017 to change your mind and obtain a refund. Money paid will be non-refundable after Nov. 1 if you decide not to go.

Student Name

Parent or Guardian

Instrument

Parent Signature

Student Signature

_____ I anticipate going on the trip over Spring Break in 2018 with the band.

_____ I am aware that my spot is only reserved with payment on scheduled dates

_____ I am aware that if I decide not to go on the trip after Nov. 1, 2017, my money paid in can no longer be refunded.

My address and phone number are: _____

My cell phone number is: _____ My email address is: _____

My child's cell number (for trip use only) is: _____

My anticipated roommates are:

1.

2.

3.

Chaperone Volunteer Form

Please read thoroughly and complete this form and return to Mrs. Hintz ASAP or no later than October 1, 2017. All forms will be numbered in the order they are received and then the name on the form will be placed in a "lottery" drawing. Due to the immense amount of interest in chaperoning already, I feel that this will be the only fair way to do this. (I have done this before and it has worked out well.) We do the lottery drawing on October 20th and notify selected chaperones that they have been selected to chaperone. We will determine the number of chaperones needed based on the number of students committed to the trip. All chaperones will pay 50% percent of the trip cost out of pocket. If you cannot pay by the payment deadlines (which are the same as they are for the students), you forfeit your spot as a chaperone and it will be given to a chaperone selected by the band director.

Please be aware that chaperones will have several meetings they **MUST** attend in February and March to make sure we are all set with school policy and band expectations. Chaperoning a trip is a great deal of work as well as a rewarding experience.

If you are not selected to chaperone, you may still be able to **pay full price** and go on the trip if there are extra spaces on the bus that need to be filled to hold our price. We will know more about this in October. These "extra" seats will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Payment will be required to hold your place. This is only open to **parents** of band students. Please remember that a great deal of people get turned away from this annually.

Please fill out the portion below and return it to the school if you are interested in chaperoning. All chaperones are subject to background checks.

Name

Parent of

I understand the above information and am willing to chaperone if selected

Date

Phone(s)

email

Address

Signature

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