



***Spring Lake High School
Band Trip to Orlando, FL
February 8 - February 14, 2023***



The Spring Lake High School Band is headed to Orlando, Florida next February. We will be departing Spring Lake High School on Wednesday afternoon, February 8, 2023, and returning home on Tuesday evening, February 14. This is a terrific, fun-filled and educational opportunity for our band students and will be an experience your child will not want to miss.

Highlights of this trip include:

- Participation in a “You’re Instrumental” music workshop with Disney professionals. Students will learn how to get the most out of rehearsals and sharpen their sight-reading skills while playing several Disney themes. The band will record some of these pieces with Disney movie footage in a studio environment.
- “Auxiliaration” workshop for the color guard members. The students will rehearse and perform a simulated Disney “special event” production with a guest Disney character.
- A performance before tens of thousands of spectators in a parade at Disney’s Magic Kingdom
- A trip to Disney Springs (formerly Downtown Disney)
- Time in the Disney theme parks: Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios
- Universal Orlando – 1 Day, 2 Park Pass to visit Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure
- Round trip transportation aboard first-class, air-conditioned, DVD equipped motorcoaches
- First-class accommodations for four nights in the Orlando area
- Four breakfasts, three dinners, four cash returns for meals, and two Disney meal coupons (all meals covered while in Orlando)
- Private night time hotel security

This trip is an optional trip open to all 2022-2023 high school band students – marching band, concert band, symphonic band, jazz band and color guard. Students going on the trip must be enrolled for the full year of band (except color guard). Students with class conflicts should contact Mr. T.

The cost for this trip is \$1,515.00 per student. The cost is based on four students to a room, transportation to and from Orlando, all group activities, and all meals in Orlando. Students will need money to purchase meals and snacks during the bus trip to Orlando and for the bus ride back home. They will also need money for any souvenir items they may want to purchase while in Orlando.

The cost for the trip is due in six payments. **The first payment of \$250 and the trip registration form is due by March 28.** This payment will secure the student’s spot for the trip. Note that the first payment is a non-refundable deposit and represents your commitment for the trip. Spring Lake Public Schools must make payments at set times so that Educational Tours (our travel company) can make reservations and guarantee the events on the trip itinerary.

There will be fundraisers available to assist students in covering the cost of this trip. The fundraiser taking place right now is the World's Finest Chocolate Spring Continental Collection. Order forms are available in the band room. Orders are due Monday, March 14. Please collect payment when taking orders. Current fundraiser profits are posted at springlakebands.org. Password – lakers. Students with a zero balance are not listed.

Some partial trip scholarships will be available through the Band Backers and band department. Student participation in fundraisers, as well as a family's financial need will be determining factors to the amount of scholarship assistance that is given. There is no scholarship money available for the initial trip payment of \$250. Partial scholarship application forms will be made available after the first trip payment.

Chaperones are welcome and necessary. Their cost is just slightly less than the student rate and is based on two chaperones per room. Parents interested in serving as a chaperone should contact Mr. Truszkowski via e-mail to be placed on a tentative list. Once a chaperone list has been created, the band directors will choose the chaperones.

Students will be assigned to a chaperone group, will have roommates picked out, and will be assigned to a bus and a seat before departure. Each student is expected to communicate with their chaperone during free time and during times when they are away from their chaperone group. Students are also expected to treat their chaperone and all other adults in a respectful manner and comply with all instructions given to them.

Inappropriate behavior WILL NOT be tolerated. All school rules are in effect during this trip. Appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken by the band directors and/or chaperones when required. In the event that a student's behavior necessitates dismissal from the trip, the parent understands that they are responsible for all costs involved in returning their student to Spring Lake and any other expenses incurred due to the student's inappropriate behavior.

While the music that will be performed in the parade will be rehearsed in class whenever possible, there may be additional rehearsals outside of the school day in the weeks prior to the trip. These rehearsals are required for all trip participants.

We will likely have extra spots available for families that would like to come along on the trip. The cost will be the same as the student rate. Please let me know if you are interested. We put all the extra family members on the same bus, so they won't be surrounded by students.

There will be a mandatory trip meeting in January of 2023 to collect medical forms and review the guidelines and rules, packing lists, travel tips, and more.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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