

Groves Band Booster Meeting 4-18-16

Monday, April 18, 2016 6:31 PM

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 5/7 Tag Days Fundraiser
- 5/15 Birmingham Parade
- 5/15 Band Banquet - Beverly Park Pavilion 5pm
- 5/19 Spring Band Concert
- 5/30 Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade

Visit the calendar of grovesband.com for fall dates -- We will continue to add dates to the calendar.

Disney Trip. February 20 - 24, 2017

Mark Arslanian from Brightspark Travel. (Information packet distributed, will go home with students, forms on grovesband.com)

Itinerary (subject to change, actual schedule to be finalized as trip is closer)

- Marching performance on Main Street at Magic Kingdom (big crowds!)
- Tour representative meets group at Detroit Metro Airport. Multiple flights needed to cover whole band group (40-50 per flight).
- 1st day - relaxation day (hotel All Star Resorts on property)
Meal coupon/vouchers - good at 7-8 choices per park, hotel restaurant
- Night security included overnights; written log every night.
- 2nd day - breakfast coupon, one park visit (may vary depending on final performance schedule - finalize 3-4 weeks before trip)
- 3rd day - breakfast, 2-3 hour workshop (possibly at Epcot), performance tape, several sight readings with clinician reinforcing director teachings. One of the songs will be soundtrack song from Disney film. Park visit.
- 4th day - breakfast at hotel, parade performance (3 hours). Park visit, meal coupon for dinner.
- 5th day - breakfast, Animal Kingdom, lunch, head to airport (Magical Express)
** This is a group band trip, not focused on family opportunities.
- Magic Bands - tickets in to park, open door to hotel. [MAY link to credit card for fast pass and other expenses (uncertain at this time, only if ALL pay 90 days in advance. Unlikely).]
- All transportation around complex included (bus).
- Airline TBD, pending deposit processing. Air credit \$450 if not flying.

Payment schedule (skip June pmt due to band camp payments due in June)

- Registration online with BrightSpark. Use previous account if ever taken a trip with BrightSpark. Otherwise, set up new account.
- Print out participant number when registration is complete (can link to other family members going on the trip).
- Recommend auto payment option (credit card or checking withdrawal).
- Refund guarantee protection (RGP) - optional, if desired complete at registration. Covers all cancel circumstances, no proof is required.

Chaperones

Instruments

Questions

- Kids don't need ID for TSA if under 18. Driver's license acceptable.
- Handling of medication defined by school policy.
- Depart park each night - at closing time or director discretion.
- Early pass in mornings will be available to the group, if desired.
- Band goes to parks as a whole group, not individuals or small groups.
- Buses will be dedicated to Groves transportation needs.
- Minimum number of participants - 99 people total to meet prices quoted
- Possible to add later, but need minimum number met by May 6th. Late sign up may incur price increase depending on airline costs at time of booking.
- Ratio of chaperones: 1:6 or 1:7 (max 1:10 state law). At park, students will need to check in with chaperones every few hours. Safety #1 priority.
- Parents going on trip must help out in some way. Chaperones will have a bit more schedule flexibility than in London.
- If driving to Florida, Mr. Burkett will provide instructions on how to meet up with group. Students must stay with band while in Orlando, not family side events.
- Targeting non-stop flights (75% chance). If want to use frequent flyer miles, sign up for trip with opting out of flight.
- FAQs will be posted on grovesband.com (updated as new questions come in).
- General plans are for some type of trip every two years - based on ability to fund-raise. Looking at international trip once every 4 years so each student in band for 4 years will have international opportunity.
- Will wear new marching uniforms for parade performance, show shirts for workshops.
- Student account balances can go directly to BrightSpark payments thru Treasurer checks. Email to parents will be used to manage details.
- Current 8th graders are invited (and can participate in fundraising).
- Fundraising can range from none though all/most of trip costs.
- If not taking flight, need to send that info to Wendy/Sherri/Mr. Burkett at deposit time. Adding flight back later might incur higher costs.

Tag Days

- Saturday May 7th
- Multiple time slots (2 hour blocks) and locations available (Market Fresh, Kroger Maple and Lahser, Birmingham Art Fair, Eastern Market). Depending on interest level, more locations will be secured if necessary.
- Will send out a sign-up genius within next few days.
- Tip sheet will go out for students participating.
- Students will wear marching band uniforms.
- Money goes directly to individual student accounts for those participating. (70% to individual student accounts, 30% to general fund).

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

- Online only. Shipping free if \$100 or more.
- 40% of each sale goes to student accounts.
- Register at yankeecandlefundraising.com; can post on Facebook or other social media. Very easy.
- Group number 990064232

Band Camp and 2016-17 Sign Up

- Information will be sent out shortly. Aiming to wrap up paperwork and payments before school ends in June.
- Same cost as last year (\$135 for camp). Also will collect booster dues and other fees at same time in order to set up budget for next year.

Marching Band Invitational -- Saturday October 1st

- Need Chair! Expecting event to be larger than last year.
- Planning starting earlier; more support from Mr. Burkett due to experience from last year.
- All bands attending last year have been confirmed. Aiming for 10 bands total.