

# Disney World Band Trip FAQs

## What are the dates of the trip?

February 20 – 24, 2017

## What does the trip include?

Please see the itinerary for details but basically, the cost covers airfare, hotel, park admissions, four breakfast vouchers, four dinner vouchers and one lunch voucher, transportation while in Florida and the cost of the music workshops for the students.

## How much does the trip cost?

The trip cost is \$1408 for band members. Family is invited to come along. Quad occupancy price for family is also \$1408. Triple occupancy is \$1518; double occupancy is \$1638.

## What additional money would a student need?

Students will need money for four lunches (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.) The only other cost would be additional snacks and souvenirs.

## Can I drive to Orlando and save money if I want to?

If a family chooses to drive to Orlando, the cost of airfare \$450 would be subtracted from the trip cost for each family member driving. Groups of students will not be allowed to drive without a parent. Please send an email to [MBurkett@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:MBurkett@birmingham.k12.mi.us) and [grovesmarchingband@gmail.com](mailto:grovesmarchingband@gmail.com) BY AUGUST 1ST. Your balance due will change by the September payment due date. If you would like to use frequent flyer miles, you would need to opt out of the flight and make arrangements to meet us at the hotel upon our arrival. NOTE: If you choose to opt out of the airfare, Groves Band is NOT responsible for your student's supervision before Monday, February 20th at 5pm or after Friday, February 24 at 3pm.

## What if I opt out and then change my mind?

You can opt back in for the airfare, but you will be responsible for any additional costs associated with this late change. BrightSpark will have to purchase more tickets and there is no guarantee they will be able to secure airfares that match the original quote.

## How can I upgrade my student's room to a double?

All students will automatically be signed up for quads and adults for double occupancy rooms. After they are registered, we just need an email asking to make any change so that we know that we have his permission to do so. Then, Brightspark will go into their trip portal and adjust the trip price and occupancy for them.

## Will we be using Magic Bands?

Yes and no. All participant will receive magic bands that will serve as park tickets and hotel keys. As of right now, Disney does not have magic bands set up so they can be used for charging or fast passes with groups. Please know that Disney is always working to improve their programs, and we will let you know if this changes.

## Why Disney World and not Universal Studios?

The Disney music program has much more to offer than the Universal program. Plus, the Universal music program was not available during our February break. To try and tackle both sets of theme park during our trip was just not possible due to costs and time limitations.

**What is the Disney music program all about?**

At Disney we will be participating in a parade at Magic Kingdom and Disney Music Workshop at Epcot. The workshop will give our musicians an opportunity to work with a Disney conductor in a recording studio. The Disney music selected will be specifically tailored to the ability level of our group. For more information, visit [www.disneyyouth.com/our-programs/performing-arts](http://www.disneyyouth.com/our-programs/performing-arts)

**What do I have to bring?**

Bring casual clothes and personal items as you would for any trip to a theme park. As the date nears, all band students will be given a packing checklist.

**How will my instrument get there?**

All instruments and uniforms will be driven down to Orlando in a cargo truck. Students must bring their 2016 show shirt for the workshop and their marching shoes.

**How many checked bags am I allowed?**

You are allowed one carry-on. If you want to check a bag, the fee is \$25 for the first bag and \$35 for the second bag. You can make these arrangements at the airport.

**Do I have to bring my marching uniform?**

Your marching uniform will be packed in the cargo truck. You ARE responsible for bringing your marching shoes and black socks.

**What do I have to wear for the Music Workshop?**

Students will need to wear their 2016 show shirt and with appropriate pants or shorts. All clothing must follow school dress codes.

**How many chaperones will there be?**

There will be a minimum of one parent chaperone for every eight students.

**What are the responsibilities for chaperones?**

Chaperones will be asked to check in with all members of their group periodically throughout the day while in the theme parks and to do a room check each evening. All parents that are on the trip will be expected to chaperone a group of students. (Additional nighttime security is included in our package and will be provided by Brightspark)

**How are student hotel rooms assigned?**

Students will be asked to submit room requests — 3 possible roommates. Everyone is guaranteed to be with at least one of the fellow students on their list.

**Do we have to stay with my group the whole time?**

Your chaperone needs to know your whereabouts during the day and you will be asked to check in with them periodically throughout each day. Your chaperone will check you in each evening as well. You must always be with at least one other student. PLEASE be considerate and make sure that all your fellow band mates are with a group.

**Can additional family members attend the trip?**

Yes! We welcome additional family members. Please note, however, that all band parents will be expected to chaperone a group of band students.

**If my family goes on the trip can we sign our student out for other activities outside what is planned?**  
 No, students will be expected to participate in all activities. While at the parks, students are free to tour or dine with their families. as long as they do not abandon members of their group (No student should ever be alone in the parks!) and they still check in with their chaperone as scheduled.

**What happens if a student does not follow the rules?**

Students on this trip will be representing Groves High School and will be expected to follow all rules. According to Birmingham Board of Education policy #2340 students who exhibit behavior unbecoming of Groves High School will be sent home at their own expense.

**How can I/my student fundraise to help defer expenses for this trip?**

The Booster will run several fundraisers to give all students an opportunity to raise money for their student accounts. Watch your email for announcements and more information. Parents, If you are interested in chairing a fundraiser, please email the boosters at [grovesmarchingband@gmail.com](mailto:grovesmarchingband@gmail.com).

**Fast Passes**

We are only able to get fast passes if/when every participant is paid in full. At that time, students may plan fast passes with their friends.

**Restaurant Voucher sample:**

<p><b>Disney's All-Star Resorts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End Zone Food Court</li> <li>• Intermission Food Court</li> <li>• World Premiere Food Court</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mara</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Art of Animation Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscape of Flavors</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's BoardWalk Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BoardWalk Bakery</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old Port Royale Food Court</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Contemporary Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contempo Café</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Coronado Springs Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pepper Market</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort &amp; Campground</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meadow Snack Bar (Lunch Only)</li> <li>• Trail's End To-Go (Dinner Only)</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Grand Floridian Resort &amp; Spa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gasparilla Island Grill</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Old Key West Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good's Food to Go</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Polynesian Village Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capt. Cook's</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Pop Century Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everything POP Shopping &amp; Dining</li> </ul>	<p><b>Disney's Port Orleans Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riverside Mill Food Court</li> <li>• Sassagoula Floatworks and Food Factory</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort &amp; Spa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Artist's Palette</li> <li>• The Paddock Grill</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Wilderness Lodge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roaring Fork</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Yacht &amp; Beach Club Resort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach Club Marketplace</li> <li>• Hurricane Hanna's Waterside Bar and Grill</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flame Tree Barbeque</li> <li>• Harambe Market</li> <li>• Pizzafari</li> <li>• Restaurantosaurus</li> <li>• Tamu Tamu Refreshments</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Hollywood Studios™</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backlot Express</li> <li>• Catalina Eddie's</li> <li>• Pizza Planet</li> <li>• Rosie's All-American Café</li> <li>• Starring Rolls Cafe</li> <li>• Studio Catering Co.</li> <li>• Toluca Legs Turkey Co.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Epcot®</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric Umbrella Restaurant</li> <li>• Kringla Bakeri Og Kafe (Norway)</li> <li>• Liberty Inn (American Adventure)</li> <li>• Sommerfest (Germany)</li> <li>• Sunshine Seasons</li> <li>• Yorkshire County Fish Shop (United Kingdom)</li> </ul> <p><b>Magic Kingdom® Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Columbia Harbour House</li> <li>• Cosmic Ray's Starlight Café</li> <li>• Golden Oak Outpost</li> <li>• The Lunching Pad</li> <li>• Pecos Bill Tall Tale Inn and Cafe</li> <li>• Pinocchio Village Haus</li> <li>• Sunshine Tree Terrace</li> <li>• Tomorrowland Terrace Restaurant</li> </ul> <p><b>ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concession Stands</li> <li>• ESPN Wide World of Sports Grill</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avalunch</li> <li>• Lottawatta Lodge</li> <li>• Warming Hut</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaning Palms</li> <li>• Typhoon Tilly's</li> </ul> <p><b>Disney Springs™</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earl of Sandwich®</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">©Disney</p>
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Sample list form 2016 / 2017 will likely be similar

**Buses**

Buses will have a designated spots for their pick up each night and our tour director will communicate it to everyone on the trip.

**MagicBands**

We will have MagicBands. They will be used for the hotel room and park entry and Fast passes if we get them.

**Parade**

The parade is about 10 minutes. It begins at the front entrance and goes past the Castle and out at Adventureland. The band meets their Disney Rep. at a designated spot usually 1 ½ hours prior to their performance time. The equipment truck/trailer should arrive backstage 2 hours before the Performance time. Parents can sit anywhere along the parade route. There is no reserved seating.

**Workshop (Wednesday @ 9AM)**

Disney will send Mr. Burkett the specific information prior to your trip. Generally, the band should arrive 30 minutes prior to their Workshop and the Workshop lasts about 2 ½ hours. Only the students and directors are allowed into the workshop. The parents/chaperones will have free time to themselves.