

# *Rocky River High School Bands*

06/07/2018

Dear students and parents,

The administration and school board have approved our trip to Walt Disney World on January 18-23 of 2019. We are in the process of applying for the performances through Disney, which has to occur no more than one year from the performance dates. The 2019 trip will be available to all members of the RRHS Marching Band. This letter is an informational aid to help you make decisions about the trip, to inform you of the approximate cost, and the time schedules for payments.

The Marching Band will be featured in a parade performance in Magic Kingdom, plus our instrumentalists will also spend some time “backstage” at a clinic with an actual Disney musician where they will learn about how professional musicians work and the demands placed upon them. A discussion of focus with large groups preparing for performance will be a big part of this session in addition to playing several songs from Disney movies. While the instrumentalists are in the studio, the Poms and Flags will attend their own clinic where they will work with a Disney professional learning advanced movement, equipment incorporation, audition techniques and show preparation. They will go through a sample professional audition and work to prepare a show.

As of this meeting, we are going on the premise that the trip will cost around \$950-\$1000 per student, regardless of which groups the student is a part. We will not know our final amount until we have a firm number of trip participants. There will be four scheduled payments. Each installment will be \$250 except for the last payment, which should cover the balance (though, if you want to make a larger payment, you may).

**All payments for this trip are expected to be made on time or before.**

**The approximate payment schedule/deadlines will be:**

**August 29th - \$250**

**September 26th - \$250**

**October 24th - \$250**

**November 28th – Remaining balance (approx. \$250)**

If there are no payments made by the September 26th payment deadline, there will not be a trip reservation held for that student. After the September payment deadline, monies paid toward a trip reservation cannot be refunded. All trip payments must be paid online using the travel company’s online system using a credit card (fees may be assessed) or by mailing checks to the travel company. At the bottom of this paper there is a trip contract; please complete it and return it to Mr. Taylor to let us know of your intention to travel with us.

All students who are participants in winter activities or sports need to be reminded that the dates of this trip might coincide with games, matches, meetings, etc. Inform your coach well ahead of time if there is a conflict.

A number of adult chaperones will be able to go on the trip with the band. The RRCS guideline is 1 chaperone for approximately every 14 students! The number of band members attending will determine the total number of chaperones. If you wish to be a chaperone **please notify Mr. Taylor ASAP**. Mr. Taylor will keep a list by date of contact and chaperones will be chosen from that list as needed.

All adults who go with us as chaperones (people who purchase the trip package) will be responsible for monitoring a group of students in addition to a variety of other duties as determined by the group. It will be fun, but chaperones should not think of this trip as a “vacation.” All chaperones will be expected to travel with the band and perform all chaperone duties at all times as expected with no variation to the performing groups’ schedules. Because of these expectations, chaperones pay a reduced amount on the trip.

All chaperones **must** have a background check and fingerprinting completed by November 2018. This can be easily done at the Board Office if you are selected as a chaperone. If you’ve already had this done, it would not be a bad idea to **make sure** that your paperwork will still be in effect and that you are still cleared during the dates of the trip.

This excursion to Florida is a fantastic experience for our kids and for the band program. Thank you for your interest in this “magical” trip.

Contact Mr. Taylor or Mr. Komperda if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Komperda & Mrs. Lewis

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## RRHS Disney Tour Intent

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am planning on participating in the RRHS Band’s 2019 tour to  
(student name)

Walt Disney World. I understand that my participation in this trip is contingent on my academic and behavioral good-standing at Rocky River High School- any deviation from this good-standing may jeopardize my eligibility for travel with the RRHS Band.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the RRHS Band’s  
(parent name)

2019 tour to Walt Disney World. I understand that I must make an initial payment by August 29, 2018 to reserve a spot, keep up with payment deadlines, and have the full balance of the trip paid by November 28, 2018 or my child will not be allowed to travel with the RRHS Band, and I will not be eligible for a refund.

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(student signature)

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(parent signature)

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(date)



