

2020

JHS Choir and Band

Trip Information

January 25-29, 2020

Orlando, FL

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2020 Orlando TRIP

Information Booklet

Dates: Saturday, January 25-Wednesday, January 29

Destination: Orlando, FL

Hotel: Disney All-Star Movie Resort
1901 W Buena Vista Dr, Kissimmee, FL 34747
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Flight Info:

Group 1

Departing (Saturday, January 25)

Southwest 5048 Richmond-Orlando 11:00 am-1:15 pm

Returning (Wednesday, January 29)

Southwest 5445 Orlando-Atlanta 10:20 am-11:55 am

Southwest 1008 Atlanta-Richmond 2:35 pm-4:05 pm

Group 2

Departing (Saturday, January 25)

Southwest 2887 Norfolk-Orlando 1:30 pm-3:40 pm

Returning (Wednesday, January 29)

Southwest 1124 Orlando-Norfolk 7:05 pm-8:55 pm

This handbook is designed to answer your questions. We have tried to include as much information about the trip as possible, so both students and parents will know what to expect. We are confident that we will have a very successful trip. After you have looked over this handbook, if you have any questions that have not been answered, please do not hesitate to call us at 259-3600.

As we prepare for our trip, our desire is for the students to have a memorable and worthwhile experience. We have had a fantastic year to date, and hope to continue our successes through the end of the year. Many, many hours have gone into planning and preparing for this trip.

Within the pages of this handbook, *we will outline a number of things that both parents and students need to be aware of before and during the trip.* Please take time to familiarize yourself with what we will be doing.

To undertake a trip of this magnitude, much is required from each staff member, band member, and parent. We ask each parent for his/her assistance. We ask each of you to discuss the details of the trip with your son/daughter and that you review what his/her responsibilities are during the trip. Please cover the general behavior and all regulations (outlined on the following pages), as well as the need for each person to do his/her part to ensure a successful trip. We believe that if we all do this, a positive and enjoyable experience will result.

Thank you for your help, and we hope that everyone involved will have an enjoyable and successful trip. It is a privilege to participate in such an adventure, and we are looking forward to a terrific time.

Sincerely,

Steve Turner and Matt Rapach

CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES

The task of a chaperone is a busy and important one. Chaperones will have many responsibilities and are to assist and be prepared as needed. We ask students to remember their function, to be cooperative at all times, and to be respectful to each and every chaperone.

- Any questions concerning chaperone duties should be referred to the directors if you are not sure what to do.
- Each chaperone will have a specified number of students. It is your responsibility to check attendance, enforce dress code, give wake-up calls, check rooms for cleanliness, curfew check, bed check and administer medication.
- At each bus stop, chaperones should make accurate head counts before leaving with your group; we want to bring back as many as we left with (it is even better if we bring back the same kids).
- Bring an alarm clock or phone. Do not rely on the desk to call you or your rooms. Do not rely on your students to wake up on their own.
- When checking your rooms, please check on each of the students in those rooms.
- Bring this handbook with you. Should changes be necessary, the chaperones will meet with the director to implement those adjustments. The directors will designate any called meetings.
- Always remind the students of upcoming activities, money they may need, times they need to know, etc.
- If you have a problem that you feel you cannot solve, please see one of the directors.
- Be visible and audible at all times. If you think you should say something to a student, you probably should.
- What you would expect of your children at home is what you may expect of all students on the trip. Anything that you feel is inappropriate is, and you are encouraged to address it.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The opportunity to visit and perform is a great honor for everyone involved in the trip. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure the success of the trip. This will be an exciting opportunity for us. To ensure that there is no misunderstanding in any area, you will find a review of our policies.

- There is to be NO drinking of alcoholic beverages, use of tobacco products, and/or drugs at any time. Any person possessing or using drugs, tobacco, and/or alcoholic beverages at any time during the trip will have their parents notified immediately and told to pick up their child. If local law enforcement officials are involved, we cannot interfere. Other disciplinary action will be taken according to school policy.
- If at any time during the trip there is sufficient reason and/or probable cause to suspect the possession or use of contraband, luggage, rooms and personal effects may be examined.
- Students are expected to follow trip regulations, and are required to adhere to the directions of the director, chaperone, hotel personnel, festival and park staff at all times.
- If there is *any abuse of the rules or the policies stated in this manual, anyone involved with rule(s) infractions may be **sent home** at the expense of his/her family.* The parent will decide the transportation used. Upon return, the student will be referred to the high school administration.
- When we travel as a group, because we have so many people involved, it is necessary to have and to maintain a certain amount of regulations that will help insure an orderly form of conduct. Please remember that for the duration of the trip each individual must function within a group. You must discipline yourself as individuals to work within the structure of this group.
- Each person is expected to be polite to the chaperones, hotel personnel, bus drivers, staff, tour guides, and any other people we come in contact with. We want people to say they are glad we came, not say they are glad we are leaving.

Parking at the Airport

- Parking is available at the airport in several lots. There is also a passenger drop-off/pick-up lane.
- Parents who are not ticketed chaperones will not be allowed to go to the gate.

Buses

- We will be using Disney Buses for transportation while on Disney property.
- Disney will shuttle us to and from the airport via the *Disney Magical Express*.
- Choir has a dedicated bus to transport us from Animal Kingdom to our workshop at Epcot on Sunday.

Clothing

- Bring clothes that you will be comfortable in. This is **not** a fashion show, so dress casually. Remember that the plane will be cool, so dress appropriately. **BAND:** You will not be able to check into your room before you go to Disney Springs Wednesday evening. We will be doing a lot of walking, so make sure that your **SHOES** are **COMFORTABLE**.
- The hotel has a pool, so don't forget your bathing suit and sunscreen.
- Bring appropriate outerwear to accommodate the weather. It may be cold during this time of year, (especially at night) so bring some warm clothes.
- Be prepared for inclement weather; bring some sort of rain gear, jacket or sweater in case it is cool or raining. It's not unusual to rain daily in Orlando.
- Bring a small pack to hold your ID, wallet, snacks, camera, etc. But **DO NOT** bring excessive electronics (hair dryers, game systems, etc.) Bring a plastic Ziploc bag for your phone in case it rains.

Communication

- We will be using the Remind system and cell phone numbers to communicate via text to students and chaperones.
- Communication to students will include updates and information.
- **Trip Remind Group**
 - Sign up by sending **@jhstrip20** to **81010**

Emergencies/Medicine

- Chaperones will be assigned to students by room. If you are sick or injured at any point during the trip, contact your chaperone immediately.
- Any student who takes regularly prescribed medication will give the medication to the school nurse. It will be dispensed to you during the trip by school staff.
- Students who do not take regularly scheduled medication at school but need to take medication on the trip will need to fill out a school form detailing the medication and the times it is to be given. This medication must be given to the school nurse by Thursday, January 23.
- Students with inhalers or bee sting kits should keep those items with them at all times. If you have an extra inhaler or bee sting kit, it is recommended to give those to the school nurse as well.
- Under no circumstances will students be allowed to keep medication (except for inhalers/bee sting kits) in their rooms.
- Students are not allowed to have any type of body piercing or tattoos done. This is a matter for you and your parents at home, not on the spring trip.

Hotel

- Students must be in their rooms by curfew time. This is to insure that you will be prepared for our performances and activities, and to be courteous to other hotel guests. Only the **director** may extend the curfew time.
- Students are NEVER allowed in rooms of students of the opposite sex. There will be plenty of opportunities to socialize during the trip.
- Students are responsible for any damages to the hotel, and will be required to make restitution (pay for it) before we check out of the hotel. Keep your room organized.
- Once room check has taken place, you may **not** leave your rooms for any reason until it is time for breakfast the following morning. If you have an emergency, call or find your chaperone. If you want drinks, ice, or snacks during the night make sure you have them before room check. There will be **no exceptions** to this rule.

Luggage: Carry-On Bags

- Make sure your luggage is clearly identifiable with your name.
- You are allowed one checked bag and one carry-on bag.
- Your carry-on should be a small bag or backpack. For example: Small drawstring backpack. Remember you will have to keep it with you until we check into the hotel Thursday evening.
- Pack an organized carry-on bag using layers – a layer of clothes, then electronic, more clothes, and then any heavier items. This will help transportation security officers see what's in your bag. Innocent items can actually appear to be potential threats in an X-ray image, simply by the way they're packed.
- Do not pack oversized electronics (laptops, full-size video game consoles, DVD players and video cameras that use cassettes) in your checked baggage when possible. However, please be advised that you will be required to remove these items from your carry-on bag and submit them separately for x-ray screening. Small electronics, such as iPods, can remain in your carry-on. Be wary of packing sharp objects—disposable razors only.
- **3-1-1** for carry-ons = 3.4 ounce (100ml) bottle or less (by volume); 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin. One-quart bag per person limits the total liquid volume each traveler can bring. 3.4 ounce (100ml) container size is a security measure. Prepare your 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag of liquids before arriving at the airport. 3-1-1 is for short trips. If in doubt, put your liquids in checked luggage.
- **Be prepared.** Each time TSA searches a carry-on it slows down the line. Practicing 3-1-1 will ensure a faster and easier checkpoint experience.
- **Pack all your coats and jackets in your checked baggage when possible.** All coats and jackets must go through the X-ray machine for inspection.
- **When in doubt, leave it out.** If you're not sure about whether you can bring an item through the checkpoint, put it in your checked bag or leave it at home.

Luggage: Checked Luggage

- You are allowed 1 checked piece of baggage per ticketed Customer. Size and weight limitations apply.
- All luggage must have a Disney identification tag. These tags will be handed out at the airport before we check in.
- **Weight and Size Allowance:** Maximum weight is 50 pounds and maximum size is 62 inches (length + width + height) per checked piece of luggage.
- Pack to be able to return with any purchases in luggage.
- **You will not have access to your checked luggage until after we have checked in the hotel.**
- Hold on to your boarding pass and ID! Do not lose them!

Meals/Additional Money/Expenses

- If you have special dietary needs, make sure that you communicate these to your chaperone.
- See your director for any medication you need to take at breakfast.
- Breakfast: Cereal in rooms
- Lunch/Dinner:
Meal schedule
- Each person should decide for himself or herself how much money to bring for food and shopping. Menus for each park may be accessed from the www.jhsband.org spring trip web page. There will be plenty of time for shopping.
- Bring your money in small bills and do not bring personal checks.

Parks

- Bring a reusable water bottle and sunscreen.
- While in the various parks, students will check-in with their chaperones at regular intervals.
- Times and meeting places for the check-ins will be set by the chaperones.
- If you feel ill, please report to First Aid in the park and call your director. A chaperone will check in with First Aid regularly to see if there are students needing assistance.

Security Check

- Transportation Security Administration (TSA) procedures require all airlines to correctly identify all Customers. As part of this ongoing effort, the TSA has implemented the Secure Flight program, which requires airlines to ask Customers for their name (as it appears on their government issued ID).
- **Remember your ID and your Boarding pass!**
- Be courteous and helpful. The security folks are only doing their job and it's for your safety.

Telephone Calls-Extra Room Costs

- The hotel will cut off all long distance calls and in room movies before we arrive.
- All calls should be made collect, calling card or from the lobby.
- NO Calls may be made from room to room between 12:00 am – 7:00 am.
- Misuse of the telephone may result in the phone being removed from the room for the duration of our stay.
- You must check with your chaperone prior to ordering any food to the room.
- Students are to stay in groups of four or more while on the trip, including on the resort.

Valuables

- Do not bring expensive items (such as jewelry), because they will be left on the bus or hotel rooms when we are in the park. We will not have a secure place to leave them, and you will have plenty of things to do. Any valuables brought on trip will be at your own risk.
- Do not leave large sums of money in your room.

Additional Information

Southwest Airlines

<http://www.southwest.com/>

Travel Security Administration

<http://www.tsa.gov/>

Walt Disney World

<http://disney.go.com/>

Richmond International Airport

<http://www.flyrichmond.com/>

Norfolk International Airport

<https://www.norfolkairport.com/>