

TJ BAND TRIP 2018

DISNEY WORLD!!

The TJ Band Boosters are planning a 7 day 6 night field trip for our band students to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. We will be meeting at a regional airport (TBD) during the late afternoon/evening of Tuesday, January 9th and will return on Monday, January 15th. Please note that you will be responsible for getting yourself and your student to/from the airport. Carpooling is encouraged. Travel for students throughout the trip will be via the airline and Disney Transportation. The band will be performing on a Disney stage and/or parade as well as attending workshops with Disney instructors. There will be plenty of time to enjoy all 4 theme parks including the new Pandora – World of Avatar attraction in Animal Kingdom!

A limited number of chaperones will be permitted on the trip. Priority will be given to parents of seniors and juniors as this will be their last opportunity for a TJ band trip to Disney World. Other parents and family members are welcome to head to Disney and cheer on the band, however **all transportation arrangements for NON-CHAPERONES will be the responsibility of the individual(s)**. This includes transportation to/from the regional airport and from/to the Orlando airport and resort. The band can only make travel transportation arrangements for students and authorized chaperones. Park passes and resort rooms (in the same resort/section as the band) can be purchased through the band trip.

We will rapidly reach the deadline when we will need to know how many students will be taking this OPTIONAL TRIP. In order to hold a reservation for them, the Boosters will need the **SIGNED COMMITMENT FORM at the end of this letter and a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit according to the payment schedule per traveler returned by September 11th**.

Students and parents should be aware of some key points:

- This trip has been planned to cause minimal disruption to the normal school schedule. Only three school days will be missed (January 10-12) and will be counted as legal absences.
- **All marching band fees and outstanding charges must be PAID IN FULL at the time of deposit and remain current on trip payments.**
- **Students must meet academic eligibility requirements to participate in this trip.**
- Students will be responsible for making up class work for the school days missed. TJ administration ensures that all students attending the Disney trip will be allowed to make up any missed exams.
- Inappropriate behavior WILL NOT be tolerated and will be dealt with by Mrs. Hirschmann, Mr. Hirschmann, and the chaperones. Appropriate discipline measures will be taken by TJHS Administrators upon return to Frederick. If a student must be sent home due to disciplinary reasons, it will be the financial responsibility of the parent.

Important information:

- The trip is open to ALL marching band members, concert band members, and color guard members.
- The trip is completely optional.
- **All trip costs AND band fees must be paid in full or students WILL NOT be permitted to participate in this activity. Neither the TJ Band Boosters nor TJHS will be held responsible for costs incurred should a student be unable to attend. This includes academic ineligibility.**
- If the trip must be extended due to weather conditions, there will be additional room costs billed by Disney. Each student/chaperone will be responsible for their extra part of that bill.
- Students should plan to pay approximately \$1,250 for the trip. The final price may be slightly different and will be determined once we know how many students will be participating. The price is based on 4 students to a room, transportation costs, resort hotel room, Disney park hopper pass, (5) \$35 Disney meal cards to cover most food costs, and all group activities. Additional costs of the trip for students would be limited to souvenirs, however we would suggest that they bring some additional money for food. Parents – you know your child’s eating habits. Plan accordingly!
- Limited number of chaperones are welcome (and necessary). The cost for chaperones will be finalized once we know how many people will be going on the trip and also based on the number of chaperones per room. See payment information below.
- Chaperones are responsible for all food costs during the trip (meal cards only for students).
- Money for the trip will be due in four payments. **The first payment of \$350 will be due by September 11th and will be a NON-REFUNDABLE commitment payment for the trip.** The Band Boosters organization must make prepayments at set times to guarantee the trip itinerary and reservations. **Once commitment to the trip is made, the Band Boosters will be responsible for payment for the entire trip to the airlines and Disney for the full amount. For that reason parents and students must decide NOW if they will participate in this activity.**
- In past trips some students have covered large portions if not all of their costs by participating in fundraisers. There are multiple upcoming fundraising opportunities that can earn money towards student accounts. Please take advantage of these earning opportunities! Some students have been accumulating funds in their account – if your band fees are paid in FULL, you can use fundraising profits towards the cost of the trip.
- Music for the trip will be selected and rehearsed at the conclusion of the marching band season, however additional rehearsals for the trip may take place in the weeks prior to the event. **These practices are mandatory for trip participants.**
- Students will choose their roommates once a list of all participants is generated at a later date.
- In order to spread the cost of the trip out and allow time for fundraising by students, the payment schedule will be as follows:

STUDENT COST = \$1250*		
PAYMENT	DUE DATE	AMOUNT
1	9/11/17	\$350
2	10/13/17	\$350
3	11/13/17	\$300
4	12/11/17	*TBD – but should be approx. \$250

CHAPERONE COST – 1 PER ROOM (SINGLE) = \$1300*		
PAYMENT	DUE DATE	AMOUNT
1	9/11/17	\$350
2	10/13/17	\$350
3	11/13/17	\$350
4	12/11/17	*TBD – but should be approx. \$250

CHAPERONE COST – 2 PER ROOM (DOUBLE) = \$1000*		
PAYMENT	DUE DATE	AMOUNT
1	9/11/17	\$350
2	10/13/17	\$250
3	11/13/17	\$250
4	12/11/17	TBD – but should be approx. \$150

NON-CHAPERONE & FAMILY MEMBER ADD-ON COSTS		
ITEM	AMOUNT	DUE DATE
5 DAY PARK HOPPER PASS	\$360/EACH	TBD based on add-on total cost. Contact Sarah Vaughn with questions.
RESORT HOTEL ROOM	\$700 (max 4 people per room)	
CHARACTER BREAKFAST	\$50/EACH	
AIRLINE/TRANSPORTATION	NOT OFFERED	

Band trip memories last a lifetime....we hope you can join us in 2018!

***IMPORTANT – BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE COMMITMENT FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT BY 9/11/17. A FORM AND DEPOSIT MUST BE RETURNED FOR EACH PERSON GOING ON THE TRIP.**

***REMEMBER, ALL BAND FEES MUST FIRST BE PAID IN FULL.**

***STUDENT ACCOUNT BALANCE QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY HIGINBOTHAM (kdh603@yahoo.com)**

***TRIP QUESTIONS? CONTACT SARAH VAUGHN (sarahkvaughn76@gmail.com) or MRS. HIRSCHMANN (Kimberly.Hirschmann@fcps.org)**

TJ BAND TRIP 2018 - DISNEY WORLD COMMITMENT & RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

INSTRUMENT: _____ GUARD MEMBER? _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

STUDENT EMAIL: _____

I have read the trip information listed in this packet and agree with the details of the commitment to the Disney World 2018 trip. I also understand that by returning this form with the \$350 deposit, I am responsible for the ENTIRE TRIP COST and NO REFUNDS are able to be given. Deposit and commitment form is due by 9/11/17. Due to tight deadlines, any reservations returned after this date cannot be added to the trip roster. I understand that the Booster organization and TJHS are NOT responsible for any expenses incurred by a student's inability to participate.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

A commitment form and deposit must be returned for each traveler. Non-chaperone attendees who wish to purchase add-on items will have a payment plan calculated.

_____ I would like to be a chaperone on this trip. My child will be in grade _____ in the 2017-18 school year.

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“PIT CREW” COMMITMENT & RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

I TECH FOR THIS SECTION: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

I have read the trip information listed in this packet and agree with the details of the commitment to the Disney World 2018 trip. I also understand that by returning this form with the \$150 deposit, I am responsible for the ENTIRE TRIP COST and NO REFUNDS are able to be given. Deposit and commitment form is due by 9/11/17. Due to tight deadlines, any reservations returned after this date cannot be added to the trip roster. I understand that the Booster organization and TJHS are NOT responsible for any expenses incurred by a student’s inability to participate.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PIT CREW (DRIVERS) COST – 2 PER ROOM (DOUBLE) = \$450**		
PAYMENT	DUE DATE	AMOUNT
1	9/11/17	\$150
2	10/13/17	\$125
3	11/13/17	\$125
4	12/11/17	\$50

**price includes pass, hotel, and character breakfast