

Elk River High School Band

Orlando Tour 2015

In the spring of 2015 the ERHS Band Department will be traveling to Florida to visit Disneyworld, Universal Studios and Cocoa Beach. This tour marks the first time that the Elk River Band is touring the sunny state of Florida. In the past 15 years we've been to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Italy, New York, Cleveland, Chicago 2xs, New Orleans 3xs, San Diego, St Louis, Hawaii and most recently to Ireland. Being this is a Disney AND Universal Studios tour, it is going to be sensory explosion for everyone with all of the amazing things that we'll see, hear, feel and taste and imagine. Lifetime memories are what await those that travel to Orlando in 2015 with the Elk River Band.

Here are some great things to know about for the trip.

General Timeline – (these dates will be finalized when the tour has enough participants)

- May – Initial Meeting Informational
- June – Nonrefundable deposit of \$150 due June 2nd **Make checks payable to ISD 728**, fundraisers begin
Chaperones selected
- July - No payment collected
- August – 2nd payment \$200 total \$350 Due in Mr. Rosner Mailbox by August 18th.
Address of School: ERHS attn: John Rosner/ 900 School St./ Elk River MN 55330
Chaperone meetings begin monthly 30 minutes prior to each band booster meeting.
- September – 3rd payment \$200 total \$550
- October – 4th Payment \$200 total \$750
- November – 5th Payment \$200 total \$950
- December – 6th Payment \$200 total \$1150
Rooming list determined and submitted.
- January – Final Payment to be determined
(This amount, if any, depends on final air costs and number of participating students)
- February – Schedule for 2 rehearsals tbd
- February – Late in the month (possibly early March) – Final Tour Meeting
- March – Schedule for 2 rehearsals tbd
- March 30th – Farwell Concert 7pm
- Mar 31st to April 4th – **ORLANDO TOUR 2015**

Fundraising

We have lots of opportunities to help fund this trip already in the works. Fundraising will be run according to the interest from students and parents. The more interest we have, the more opportunities we'll have. From car washes to Chipotle nights, there are a variety of fundraising opportunities to bring the cost of the trip down. Some fundraising creates funds for the entire trip and lowers everyone's cost, while others are direct to individual band accounts. All Elk River band students will have a band account created for them once any money is raised for it. A schedule of fundraising will be available at www.erband.org.

Tour Itinerary

The tour itinerary is constantly being updated as we see fit. The first one you see today will likely be very similar to the last however as performance times are negotiated we may need to rearrange some of the parts within it. Refer to this first itinerary as the plan for what we are going to do but be flexible if some things change.

Chaperoning

The ISD 728 requirements for tours are that we have 1 chaperone per 10 students. That would be 5 chaperones including the director(s) for 50 students. Chaperones can sign up if they are interested in participating online at erband.org/Orlando-tour-2015.html. A questionnaire will be up on the website shortly for parents interested in chaperoning. Priority will be given to a chaperone that is a nurse, doctor or teacher. The qualifications are as such:

COMMON CHAPERONE TRAITS

- Likes students and is liked in return. Has the ability to tolerate the things that typify today's youth.
- Maintains a level of respect & control at all times.
- Flexible and able to think on their feet. Are responsible for helping to maintaining order.
- Works well in a group. Maintains a sense of humor.

CHAPERONE DUTIES

- Maintain knowledge of the daily itinerary AND stick to it. Your agenda is the band tour's agenda.
- Ensure that all students are accounted for and that they are on the bus.
- Know the student guidelines/policy.
- Communicate with the Director (*report any problems immediately*).
- If for any reason a student is held back at the hotel, the Chaperone must stay with the student.
- Ensure that all students behave appropriately at the place of accommodation.
- Before departing, do a sweep of the hotel to ensure that all belongings are taken.
- Be responsible to perform any other tasks/duties designated by the Director.

Once Chaperones are determined, a deposit of \$150 will be due. Approximate final cost for chaperones will also be determined after the June 2nd date when all students have signed up and number of chaperones selected.

Trip Payments:

The tour will be broken down in to smaller bits to make it more manageable. As we get closer to the tour and airline tickets are purchased we will see the final cost, which is estimated between \$1100 and \$1300. If you wish to pay off the tour in larger chunks you may pay one check to cover until November for \$950 and before the December payment we should have all final costs determined.

Payments are due on the first school day of each month unless otherwise indicated.

Performance and Instruments

We will be performing at Disneyworld, both on a stage and in their workshop studio. This means we will be bringing our instruments along. After we determine who is going on this tour, we will make arrangements to either have some parents drive them down to Florida or pay for the flight costs.

Other information

1. Sign up for remind101 – text: @ertour2015 to 612-260-4362 ← this is an awesome tool to use.
2. Check the website to get updated information – especially the calendar
3. Contact the director with questions: john.rosner@elkriver.k12.mn.us
4. Help out. The more people we have helping make this tour a success the more awesome it's going to be. You can do this be just showing up to a tour meeting or offering to help those that are already volunteering.
5. What to bring, how much spending money, travel questions, etc. will be answered at the tour meeting in late February or early March.