



May 20, 2021

Dear "Wildcat" Marching Unit Member & Parent/Guardian:

As most of you know, our high school marching band travels to Florida every four years and I am excited to announce that we will be returning again next year! The OJR school board just approved the trip at their last meeting, and plans are underway for what promises to be another awesome opportunity for our band!

I know that a trip like this is a major financial consideration for many folks, so I wanted to provide some preliminary information as early as possible so that you can all start to plan ahead:

DATES: We would leave from the school early in the morning on Tuesday, April 12th 2022 and return on Saturday, April 16th sometime late in the evening.

COST PER PERSON: The cost breakdown for both students and adults are as follows: (students room at the 4 students per room rate)

BAND MEMBERS:

- 4/room - \$1,845.00 per person
- 3/room - \$1,920.00 per person
- 2/room - \$2,070.00 per person
- 1/room - \$2,520.00 per person

CHAPERONES:

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TRIP ITINERARY: A *TENTATIVE* itinerary is attached for your review. Some items on the schedule have not yet been finalized and may be changed. A much more detailed itinerary will be distributed prior to the trip departure.



TRIP PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Round trip airfare from Philadelphia airport
- Hotel accommodations at Disney's "All-Star Music Resort" or Similar
- Charter buses for our transfers to and from the airports
- Dining cards provided for Breakfast and Dinner each day of the trip
- Park admissions to Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, and Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure
- Security Guards assigned to our group at the hotel in the evenings
- Marching Band Performance at either Disney or Universal, and Jazz Band Performance at Universal Studios
- U-Haul truck for our instruments and uniforms driven down to Orlando and back



TRIP ORIENTATION MEETING: You are all invited and encouraged to attend a meeting on Monday, September 20th at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium. A representative from our travel company will be there to show a video, review the details of the trip, and answer any questions you may have.

FUNDRAISERS: Some of you already have profits in your student accounts that can be used towards the trip. Additional fundraisers may be offered by our OJR band parents to help you raise funds for your trip.

PRACTICES: We will have several evening practices in late March / early April to prepare for our performance in Disney World. All trip participants will be expected to attend each practice so that we will be prepared for our performance. A practice schedule will be distributed after New Year, 2022.

PARENTS / FAMILY MEMBERS: Parents and family members are invited to come along on the trip as trip participants and band supporters. Anyone traveling along with us must have the appropriate clearances and background checks in place prior to trip departure. (It is a good idea to make sure everyone is appropriately cleared by the school district before submitting the 1st trip deposit.) Any parent coming along on the trip should follow the same payment schedule as the students. Please complete the "Adult / Family Member Participation Form" and return along with your trip deposit.

PAYMENTS: A payment schedule is included with this letter and must be strictly adhered to. Parents, please give the payment schedule careful consideration when deciding whether or not your son/daughter will be permitted to go on the trip. **All payments must be received on time and in full.** Please think about that carefully as you are deciding whether or not you are able to come on this trip. Late payments or partial/incomplete payments cannot be accepted.

TRIP REFUNDS / CANCELLATIONS / TRIP INSURANCE: Please note that if you need to pull out of the trip for any reason, and at any time, there is a cancellation policy in place which is set by our travel company. Anyone withdrawing from the trip at any time and for any reason will be subject to the cancellation policy which is outlined on the payment schedule and on the permission slip. There are no exceptions to this for any reason. It is highly advisable to consider purchasing trip insurance for a trip like this. Information on the trip insurance options will be made available prior to the first payment due, and at the pre-trip orientation meeting in September.

PERMISSION SLIP: Please sign and return the attached permission slip included with this packet along with your first trip payment (checks payable to "OJR MPO") to Mr. Mengel no later than October 1st. Parents, please indicate on the adult participation form whether you are interested in coming along and if you plan to bring along other family members.

Hopefully that should be all of the information you need. It's going to be an amazing trip and a memory-making opportunity for our band! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Thanks, everyone!

- Mr. Mengel
(610) 469-5349
tmengel@ojrsd.net



TRIP PERMISSION FORM

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MR. MENGEL BY OCTOBER 1st

“WILDCAT” MARCHING UNIT

2022 SPRING TRIP - ORLANDO, FLORIDA Disney World / Universal Studios (April 12th through 16th, 2022)

I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter _____ (name) to participate in the marching unit 2022 Spring trip to Orlando, Florida. I understand and will adhere to the payment schedule and realize that **any refunds are subject to the travel company’s cancellation policy which is outlined on this form and on the payment schedule.** I also understand that my son/daughter will be representing the Owen J. Roberts School District and Music Department and **MUST** abide by all guidelines and expectations which will be specified by Mr. Mengel in advance. I further understand that if my son/daughter is not behaving in a proper manner on the trip, I will be contacted by Mr. Mengel and may be asked to make arrangements to have them sent home.

Parent Signature

Date

CANCELLATION POLICY: The following cancellation policy is set by the travel company and will apply to everyone (students/adults/family members) going on the trip:

- a. Cancellations prior to 10/22/21 – No penalty.
- b. Cancellations between 10/22/21 and 12/20/21 - \$95 per person penalty.
- c. Cancellations between 12/20/21 and 1/21/22 - \$450 per person penalty.
- d. Cancellations after 1/21/22 – NO refund and 100% penalty on total package price, unless a substitute found; less any name change fees passed on by the airlines.
- e. Trip insurance is highly recommended at an additional fee. Please visit www.travelguard.com/wcy to purchase optional trip insurance. All insurance payments are non-refundable once booked.

2022 MARCHING UNIT SPRING TRIP

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

(Payment amounts based on 4 people per room. For room situations other than 4/room, please divide your total trip amount into three equal payments.)

<u>PAYMENT #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
#1	\$615.00	October 1, 2021
#2	\$615.00	December 1, 2021
#3	\$615.00 (or balance due depending on room situation)	February 1, 2022

Please make all payments in checks and payable to:

“OJR MPO Band Chapter”

Note: If you are in a room with less than four people, your trip will cost the following amount:

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ADULT / FAMILY MEMBER PARTICIPATION FORM

“WILDCAT” MARCHING BAND

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(April 12th through 16th, 2022)**

All parents and family members are invited to come along on the trip as participants and band supporters. (Supervision of the students and/or chaperoning responsibilities will be handled by OJR marching band staff members and select adult chaperones.)

Any adult or family member who decides to come along on the trip must follow the group itinerary at all times and adhere to all trip guidelines and expectations for conduct on a school trip. Adults coming along on the trip must also have the proper security clearances and background checks in place as required by the Owen J. Roberts School District. It is a good idea to make sure everyone in your travel party is appropriately cleared by the school district before submitting the 1st trip deposit in October.

All adults or family members coming on the trip should follow the same payment schedule as the students.

If you are interested in joining us, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return along with the first trip payment for each person in your party to Mr. Mengel by October 1st:

ADULT NAME(S): _____

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS: _____

OWEN J. ROBERTS “WILDCAT” MARCHING BAND

2022 SPRING TRIP ITINERARY / ORLANDO, FLORIDA

(Note: This is a very preliminary and tentative itinerary and is subject to change...)

TUESDAY – APRIL 12th

- 4:00AM Buses depart from Owen J. Roberts High School
- 5:00AM Buses arrive at **Philadelphia International Airport**
- 7:00AM Flight departs – arrive Orlando International Airport
- 11:00AM Charter bus transfer to **Epcot Center**
- 4:00PM Group check-in inside main entrance
- DINNER Disney Dining Card provided (\$25.00) for choice of location
- 7:30PM Buses to Disney Resort for check-in (**All-Star Music or Similar**)
Check in to rooms at hotel, Time for Swimming, Etc.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 13th

- 7:30AM Breakfast at the hotel – Dining Card Provided (\$35.00) for Breakfast and Dinner
- 8:30AM Bus transfer to Disney’s **Hollywood Studios**
- 3:00 PM Group check-in inside main entrance
- DINNER Dining Card Provided for choice of location
- 9:00 PM “**Fantasmic**” Show
- 10:00PM Buses back to the hotel

THURSDAY – APRIL 14TH

- 7:30AM Breakfast at the hotel – Dining Card Provided (\$35.00) for Breakfast and Dinner
- 8:30AM Disney buses to the **Magic Kingdom**
- 1:00 PM Group check-in at main entrance – Photo in front of castle
- 3:00 PM **OJR Band Performance (Possible)** in Disney’s Main Street Parade
- DINNER Dining Card Provided for choice of location
- 9:00PM Fireworks over the castle
- 10:00PM Transfer back to hotel

FRIDAY – APRIL 15TH

- 7:30AM Breakfast at the hotel – Dining Card Provided (\$15.00) for Breakfast
- 8:30AM Charter Buses depart for **Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure**
OJR Jazz Band Performance at Universal Studios (City Walk Outdoor Stage)
- DINNER Universal Studios Meal Coupon Provided for choice of location
- 10:00 PM Transfer back to hotel

SATURDAY – APRIL 16TH

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at the hotel – Dining Card Provided (\$35.00) for Breakfast and Lunch/Dinner
- 9:00 AM Room Check-Out
- 10:00AM Disney buses to **Animal Kingdom**
- 3:00 PM Charter buses to Orlando International Airport for return flight
- 9:00 PM Approximate return to OJR