

## Notes from the DCHS Band/Orchestra Disneyland Trip Informational Meeting

March 8, 2012

The itinerary that was handed out is a close estimate. Flights cannot be booked until 6 months before the trip, so an exact dollar amount cannot be determined until then. Southwest Airlines is the preferred provider because they allow each passenger 2 free bags and have a more open seating system.

The order of events shown on the itinerary reflects a typical schedule. The order may change as we work with Disney to select a date to perform and schedule workshop, depending on days they have available. The day at Santa Monica Beach can be flexible according to weather as there are many other activities in that area.

Hotel accommodations will be in an all-suite hotel. Students will be assigned 5 to a room; chaperones will be assigned 2 to a room. Rooms include a bedroom with 2 queen beds, a bathroom, and a living room with a sleeper sofa. Hotel accommodations also include a hot breakfast.

The trip price includes the cost of a 2-day park hopper to Disney properties, which is required by Disney for the performance and music workshop experience.

The first deposit of \$100 will be due the beginning of May. Payments can be made using credit card, only Visa and MasterCard are accepted. ISA monies can be used by instructing the ISA coordinator to assign ISA funds to Advantage Tours. Individuals must stay current with payments, which will be required about once every 2 months.

Land only packages are available for those who arrange their own transportation (example: frequent flyers on other airlines)

Frequent flyer miles cannot be used for purchasing the flight, but can be earned during the flight.

Those families who may want to stay in California longer can ask for a later return flight. Each person requesting this must work with AdvantageEdge Tours directly.

Student instruments can be transported one of 2 ways:

1. As checked baggage (free) with the airline. Smaller instruments would be carry-ons (flutes, clarinets, trumpets, etc)
2. Or can be transported in a trailer with uniforms. This is the preferred method for string instruments. This option is being looked into.

The number of chaperones needed is yet to be determined. It will depend on school district rules and the number of students going.

The trip is being planned for 110 people. If more than 110 sign up, but cannot fill a 55-passenger bus, the cost of the trip may increase.

Fundraising plans will be set up to help individuals offset the cost of the trip. Incoming freshmen can begin now with setting up an ISA account and using King Soopers fundraising cards.

School District forms will be distributed and required for attendance.

Special dietary needs will be available at Medieval Times and restaurants. For other meals, students will have an allowance and will be able to purchase their own food.

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