

WHS Band and Choir
Walt Disney World Parade / “You’re Instrumental” Workshop /
Universal Studios STARS Performance - Orlando
(itinerary created by Bob Rogers Travel-- bobrogerstravel.com)

Dates of Travel: December 27, 2022-January 2, 2023 (Tue.-Mon.)

The Bottom Line: \$1,423/ person for Quad occupancy*
(approx. 120 students/ 14 chaperones/ 3 directors/ 1 accompanist/ 1 nurse)
**This price is for 136 paid participants. Prices are higher for lesser occupancy and lower for higher occupancy.*

What’s Included: Disney Performing Arts **2 Day Starter® (1 park per day) Ticket to the Walt Disney World® Resorts** (these are NOT park hopper tickets)
(Magic Kingdom/ EPCOT/ Hollywood Studios)
2-Park 2-Day Park-to-Park Ticket to Universal Orlando Resorts
(Universal Studios Florida® **AND** Universal’s Islands of Adventure®)
“Soundtrack Sessions” soundtrack recording workshop @ Disney
Parade & choral performance @ one of the Disney Parks or Universal’s STARS Parade
Buffet breakfasts at the hotel
Two \$15.00 meal cards for use in the Disney parks
One meal card for Universal
Group dinner on arrival
Group dinner before departure @ **Hard Rock Cafe** at Universal Studios
Group Travel Video Souvenir + Tracking/Messaging App Package

Deluxe Motorcoach transportation
All fees and admissions
All taxes and tips

Four nights in hotel (Springhill Suites)
Professional tour escort and two night security guards
Insurance coverage

Payment Schedule:

Oct. 1, 2021- \$100 initial deposit and registration (fundraising money **will not** be used for this first deposit)
Nov. 19, 2021- \$100
Jan. 31, 2022- \$200
Apr. 15, 2022- \$200
Jul. 1, 2022- \$300
Sep. 1, 2022- \$200
Nov. 7, 2022- final payment of remaining balance

The following itinerary is tentative and subject to change. This is just to give an idea of our typical scheduled while in Orlando:

Tue. 12/27	Wed. 12/28	Thu. 12/29	Fri. 12/30	Sat. 12/31	Sun. 1/1
11:00 a.m. Buses arrive/ Begin loading 12:00 Noon Depart for Orlando (meals en route are at student expense)	5:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel SpringHill Suites Lake Buena Vista Time TBA Pizza dinner at hotel Security on duty 10:30 p.m. each night	7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel 8:00 a.m. Depart for Disney Hollywood Studios *Meal card incl. IMPORTANT NOTE: Performance times will be assigned once audition materials have been approved. We won't know the exact date and time until we have been assigned that by Disney or Universal. 10:00 p.m. Return to hotel	7:30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel 8:30 a.m. Depart for Universal Orlando Resort *Meal card incl. IMPORTANT NOTE: Performance times will be assigned once audition materials have been approved. We won't know the exact date and time until we have been assigned that by Disney or Universal. 10:00 p.m. Return to hotel	7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel 8:00 a.m. Depart for EPCOT *Meal card incl. 9:00 p.m. Enjoy New Year's celebrations from around the world! 12:30 a.m. Leave for hotel following New Year's Eve Fireworks	7:30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel 8:30 a.m. Check-out and load buses 9:00 a.m. Depart for Universal Orlando 5:00 p.m. Dinner provided @ Hard Rock Cafe at Universal City Walk 7:00 p.m. Board motor coaches and depart (arrive back in Wamego approx. 10:00 p.m. 1/2/23)

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE ABOUT THIS TRIP:

1. We will be performing twice in Orlando. One performance will be a parade through either a Disney park or Universal's Macy's Holiday parade pending our audition acceptance. Our second performance will be a sight-reading workshop called "You're Instrumental." This workshop offers a glimpse into the world of soundtrack creation, performance, and production. Utilizing a professionally equipped studio rehearsal facility, a skilled Disney clinician guides students through the many layers of soundtrack preparation, from sight-reading and intonation basics to studio-performance techniques and more, culminating in the recording of a specially prepared, age-appropriate soundtrack to an excerpt from a Disney animated film that we will be given a copy of at the conclusion of the event. This will not only be a great opportunity for our kids to explore the world of the professional musician, but it will be educational as well since they will be working on their sight-reading and group performance skills.
2. The cost difference between this trip and the 2018 trip for a quad occupancy is (including the addition of night security) is about \$300--we typically see an increase of \$100/year.
3. For the first time, the band and choir will travel together. We are doing this for several reasons: 1) We typically set it up so that the band and choir would alternate every two years between groups--his school year, 2020-2021, would have been the Choir's year to travel; 2) By going together in 2022, we will have more paid participants which will bring the cost down for everyone; and 3) Students that are involved in both Band and Choir will only have to raise money for one trip rather than two.

Possible Concerns:

Trip Cancellation Insurance

Although not required, we are going to strongly recommend that everyone purchase trip cancellation insurance for this trip. For 7.02% of the trip cost (or \$99.89), here is what is covered:

Trip Cancellation - covers the cost of the trip for covered reasons

Trip Interruption- covers the cost of the trip for covered reasons

Travel Delay- \$150/day up to \$750

Medical Expense/ Emergency- Accident and medical expense up to \$20,000/ Emergency medical evacuation up to \$100,000

Non-medical emergency evacuation- up to \$25,000

Baggage and personal effects- up to \$1,500

Cancel for Any Reason- up to 75% of the non-refundable trip cost

*I can send the details of this insurance to anyone that wants it. It is included in the full tour proposal from Bob Rogers Travel.

Chaperones

We propose to take at least one adult chaperone for every ten students (not including the two directors). This would mean we hope to take ten to twelve chaperones—currently we have at least 10 parents that have expressed interest. We will also have a qualified nurse along with us who will be solely responsible for the health and wellness concerns of our students. The chaperones would have to pay their own way. However, any extra money that their child has raised in fundraising could be credited toward the amount that they owe. We will have an application process for chaperones.

Insurance

The company provides a deposit protection plan and a liability insurance policy as well as health and accident insurance for each participant. Details will be available in the trip contract.

Are students required to go on the trip?

For financial reasons, parental request, or previous responsibilities, students will not be required to attend this trip. However, in order to represent Wamego well, we would encourage all band members to attend in order to ensure a decent instrumentation and a solid sound. Since the first deposit of \$100/ person will be due in October, we will know at that time which students are serious about attending.

The initial deposit?

We are asking parents to pay the initial deposit themselves and not use fundraising money. The reason for this is that we have had issues in the past with students using fundraising money to pay for the initial deposit and then don't make any further payments. When they cancel out on the trip, it makes the price go up for everyone else. We believe that if parents have some money invested initially, we won't have as many issues with this.

What if there are discipline problems?

We will print a handbook for the trip that will include reminders of school policies and will deal with foreseeable issues. Minor discipline problems will be handled by the teachers and/ or administrator. If a student has broken a major school policy (such as smoking, drinking, or substance abuse) or any other policy to such an extreme, it may be necessary to send that student home on the next flight home at the parent's expense. Prior to the last trip, we had Officer Coleman come and talk to the parents and students at an informational meeting about the importance of always doing the right thing and not trying to bring anything along on the trip that could get the students sent home or, worse, arrested while in Florida. It was very effective.

Will my child be safe?

The chaperones and staff that we will bring with us will assure that the students will be where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there. We have been told that the hotel will only have access to rooms from the inner hallway and we will have security in the hallways for the duration of the night.

Weather

There is no formal weather cancellation policy. In the event of a weather delay, a collaborative decision on how to proceed would be made between us and the management team at Bob Rogers Travel.

Individual Accounts

Profits from student fundraising go into the Wamego High School Band account. We currently have individual accounts for each band member set up through a spreadsheet program that keeps track of how much each student has earned for each fundraiser that they participate in. Those students who have never participated in a fundraiser have no money in their account. We will have a meeting of band parents to discuss other possible fundraising ideas for the spring and summer after this trip is approved.

Bob Rogers Travel uses an Individual Online Billing System that allows them to keep track of individual student payments and bills parents directly as needed. Payments can be made at any time. Parents will have the option to make payments with their system through a bank-to-bank transfer for no fee or with a credit card for a small credit card fee. For the purposes of the individual billing system, if a student has done some fundraising through the school, we will send payments from our fundraising savings account with a breakdown of how we want money distributed to everyone's individual account, and they will credit each account appropriately. For example--if we have a fundraiser that nets \$2,000.00 and we want to divide it evenly among 100 participants, we would credit \$20.00 to each account. Or, with our individual accounts, students would be credited what they earned (such as, from the \$2,000.00 Billy Smith earned \$50, Sally Smith earned \$75, etc.).

Thank you for your time and consideration. If there are other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at richmond@usd320.com and I will be happy to answer your questions.