

2010 Orlando Trip Information



Dear Instrumental Music Family,

The Liberty Instrumental Music Department will take a spring trip to Orlando, Florida **April 6-11, 2010**. The department as a whole will participate in the Disney Magic Music Days festival, an educational program that showcases accomplished high school music programs across the nation. This program promotes high quality music education and builds music appreciation in the community. All instrumental music students enrolled in a year-long ensemble class, marching band, or indoor guard are eligible to attend. This trip is purely optional and is viewed as extending and enriching our music goals and performance opportunities beyond the classroom and Eldersburg community.

Every two years the Instrumental Music Department takes an “extended overnight” spring trip. This has become tradition at our school and other high schools in Carroll County. In 2008, the Instrumental Music Department took a similar trip to Orlando and found it to be the most affordable trip location as well as a safe, student-friendly travel destination. I selected this trip again due to the economic depression facing our nation; I want as many students as possible to attend. In the future I will continue to select a different location, so please don’t miss this one opportunity to perform in Orlando over the next four years.

This year we are scheduled to perform openly in one of Disney’s four theme parks. All participating schools had to submit recordings from past concerts and performances and undergo a rigorous audition process in order to be accepted into the festival. Each of our performing groups will be schedule to perform once at a Disney property. The performance will be adjudicated, and each group will participate in a private thirty-minute clinic with one of the adjudicators.

Below you will find a sample itinerary, the cost and payment schedule, and other pertinent information. I will speak on this subject in detail at our music meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 pm in the LHS Auditorium. Please do not hesitate to call or email with questions or concerns.

Musically,

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When:

April 6-11, 2010. Students must attend school (on time) Tuesday, April 6, 2010. We depart LHS at 7 pm and return the afternoon of Sunday, April 11. Students will miss 3 days of school. These absences are excused.

Accommodations:

Hampton Inn & Suites South Lake Buena Vista
4971 Calypso Cay Way
Kissimmee, Fl 34746
407-396-8700

A hotel with interior corridors has been selected. A security guard will be on duty.

Travel Agency:

Kaleidoscope Adventures
7131 Grand National Drive, Suite 101
Orlando, FL 32819
800-774-7337

Agent: Karla Tomasewski

Transportation:

Gunther Charters
P. O. Box 348
Hanover, MD 21076
800-888-1228

All students and chaperones must travel on the transportation provided- CCPS policy.

Cost:

The cost is \$480 for students.

(Option to lower trip cost to \$380 with 5 Service Learning Hours given exclusively to the Music Boosters.)

The cost is \$580 for chaperones.

Payment Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Chaperones</u>
9/25	\$50	\$100
10/30	\$110	\$130
12/4	\$110	\$130
1/29	\$110	\$110
3/5	\$100 (or Boosters)	\$100 chaperones will pay the additional amount

All payment must be made in check form payable to the LHS Music Boosters.

Cost Includes:

- 3-nights hotel accommodations interior corridors (quad occupancy)
- 3 breakfasts and 4 Disney dining cards (\$12.00 value each)
- Disney 4-day base ticket (1 park per day)
- Transportation
- All admissions, entrance fees and taxes
- Disney Performing Arts Drawstring Backpack for each student
- Magic Music Days performance/clinic
- Lanyards and luggage tags for all participants
- Professional tour director

Reduced Cost:

The Music Boosters do a tremendous amount of work for our department. They provide us with all our instruments, music and equipment. The Boosters expect students to take an interest in their music program and help with fundraising projects. As a result, the Boosters will reduce student trip prices (only) by \$100 for students giving 5 or more Service Learning Hours to the organization. Students must complete the hours in full; parents are not eligible to earn hours for students. Hours can be used in conjunction with other club points. All five hours must be complete in order to get the \$100 reduction- no exceptions. The Boosters and Ms. Jason will track student progress. Those who do not give 5 completed hours of service to the Boosters will pay the remaining \$100 in full.

The Boosters need student help at the following events:

Gianni's Fundraiser TBA

Extravaganza 9/26

Fall Craft Fair 11/21

Gift Card Bingo 2/19

Winter Concerts 12/15 and 12/17

Pops Concert 3/5

Funnel Cake Stand (already completed)

Specialized help for Ms. Jason (limited positions with various projects)

Scholarships:

Scholarships will be made available by the Music Boosters for those students identified by the school as having financial need. Scholarships may be partial or full. This information is confidential and will only be shared with and decided by Ms. Jason, Mrs. Horneman, and Mr. Piper. Scholarship recipients are decided upon according to set criteria. Students may speak privately to Ms. Jason about scholarship interest. Ms. Jason will contact families who qualify. Students will still be expected to give 5 hours of service to the Boosters. Chaperones do not qualify for scholarships.

Eligibility:

Students must be academically eligible at the time of the trip in order to attend. All school work must be complete and students must get missed work from teachers prior to departure. Students on suspension or expulsion may not attend. Students must remain enrolled in a year-long instrumental music course or actively participate in marching band or indoor guard through the end of the season.

Refunds:

The first payment of \$50 is non-refundable after September 29, 2009 (per travel agency). This is for students and chaperones. After February 2, 2010, that amount increases to \$200 (transportation and hotel accommodations). After March 10, 2010 all monies are forfeited. The school or Music Boosters are in no position to reimburse parents for losses that may occur due to emergencies, loss of eligibility, or last minute schedule conflicts.

Music Preparation:

Students will prepare music in class. The number of performing ensembles largely depends on instrumentation and the number of participating students. Students will perform with band, orchestra, or indoor guard. All ensemble classes will rehearse music during their regularly scheduled class time. Mandatory after school rehearsals for Band (3/30) and Orchestra (3/31) have been scheduled from 6-9 pm.

Chaperones:

All chaperones must undergo volunteer training and complete the overnight background check- no exceptions. (CCPS employees are not required to do this.) Chaperones may be limited according to student participation, and will be accepted on a first come basis. Only one chaperone from each family will be accepted at first until it is determined that additional chaperone space is available without turning away students. Only chaperones may have contact with students; other family members may not join chaperone groups without undergoing the volunteer training and background check, and being formally accepted as a "chaperone". Although Liberty highly values family, chaperones must be committed to the students they are assigned and may not view the trip as a family vacation. Students are first and foremost. The chaperone cost is \$580. (The additional cost is due to double room occupancy.)



Sample Itinerary:

Tuesday: Depart Eldersburg, MD at 7:00 PM (approximate 17 hour trip)
April 6

Wednesday: Arrive in Orlando at noon and meet tour director
April 7 Choice of: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, or Animal Kingdom
Dinner in park with Disney Youth Dining Card (\$12.00 value)
Shopping at Downtown Disney area
Hotel check-in at Hampton Inn

Thursday: Breakfast buffet at hotel
April 8 Choice of: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, or Animal Kingdom
Dinner in park with Disney Youth Dining Card (\$12.00 value)

Friday: Breakfast buffet at hotel
April 9 Performances as scheduled by **Magic Music Days**
Choice of: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, or Animal Kingdom
Dinner in park with Disney Youth Dining Card (\$12.00 value)

Saturday: Breakfast buffet at hotel
April 10 Choice of: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, or Animal Kingdom
Dinner in park with Disney Youth Dining Card (\$12.00 value)
Depart for LHS at 9:00 PM

Sunday: Arrive home at 2:00 PM
April 11

Meals:

Only breakfast and dinner are included. We found that students can get a tremendous amount of food using the Disney meal vouchers. The voucher is good for any full entrée, sides, dessert and drink. Students may exceed the \$12 limit without penalty. The vouchers are accepted at all Disney dining areas except for some of the high-end establishments.

Additional Rules and Lights Out:

Ms. Jason will issue a set of trip rules to all students going on the trip. All school rules apply. All medications (prescription or over the counter) must have doctor's signature and correct medical documentation, be approved by the school nurse, and given directly to Ms. Jason at check-in. No student may carry any type of medication. Students will have assigned seats on buses and be closely monitored by chaperones. Students will be assigned to same-sex hotel rooms with a same-sex chaperone room close by. Lights out will be at 11:00 pm. Student hotel room doors will be "ridged" to alert chaperones that a student has opened the door during the night.

Yes, I want to Chaperone!!

Chaperone #1

Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

You must complete volunteer training and fill out an overnight background check form prior to November 1, 2009 in order to be approved by CCPS. (CCPS employees are not required.)

Please check whatever applies:

_____ Yes, I have completed volunteer training and the overnight form.

_____ I plan to attend a volunteer training session before November 1, 2009.

_____ I am a CCPS employee.

If additional chaperone space is available without turning away students, list the second chaperone from your family...

Chaperone #2

Name: _____

Please check whatever applies:

_____ Yes, I have completed volunteer training and the overnight form.

_____ I plan to attend a volunteer training session before November 1, 2009.

_____ I am a CCPS employee.