



August 8, 2011

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

As all of you know, this is the year for our band to travel back down to Disney World. This trip is the "big one" that our band looks forward to every four years. The trip was approved by the Owen J. Roberts School Board at their June meeting.

Here's some preliminary information for you to review so you can decide whether or not you would like to participate:

**DATES:** We would leave on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 sometime early in the morning and return on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> sometime late in the evening.

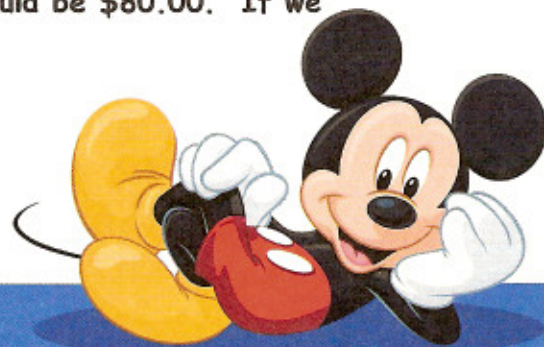
**COST PER PERSON:** The cost breakdown for both students and adults are as follows:

- BAND MEMBERS:**
- 4/room - \$1,125.00
  - 3/room - \$1,182.00
  - 2/room - \$1,295.00
  - 1/room - \$1,635.00

- CHAPERONES:**
- 4/room - \$1,125.00
  - 3/room - \$1,182.00
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***PLEASE NOTE:***

If you are interested in going to UNIVERSAL STUDIOS on one day of the trip, you may pay an extra \$65.00 for this option which is for admission to either Universal Studios OR Islands of Adventure. If you want to have a park hopper option for Universal, the price for that ticket would be \$80.00. If we get enough interest to fill up a bus, this is a possibility.



### **TRIP PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

- Round trip airfare from Baltimore airport
- Hotel accommodations at Disney's "All-Star Music Resort"
- Charter buses for our transfers to and from the airports
- Breakfast and Dinner each day of the trip
- Park admissions to Magic Kingdom, MGM, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, and Blizzard Beach Water Park
- Security Guards assigned to our group at the hotel in the evenings
- Marching Band Performance in Disney
- Band and colorguard workshops instructed by professional Disney entertainers
- U-Haul truck for our instruments and uniforms driven down to Orlando and back
- (Day at Universal Studios optional at a cost of either \$65.00 or \$80.00 additional depending on the ticket chosen.)

**TRIP ITINERARY:** A *TENTATIVE* itinerary is attached for your review. A much more detailed itinerary will be distributed prior to the trip departure.



**TRIP ORIENTATION MEETING:** You are all invited to attend a meeting on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm 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. Fundraisers will be offered by the MPO to help you raise funds for your trip. This is our way of giving you an opportunity to earn money for your trip.

**PRACTICES:** We will have several evening practices in March 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 schedule will be distributed after New Year, 2012.

**CHAPERONES:** Adult chaperones will be needed and will need to have the proper security clearances and background checks as required by the Owen J. Roberts School District. All chaperones should follow the same payment schedule as the students, and any parent is welcome to come along as a chaperone. We'll have a meeting prior to the trip departure to go over responsibilities and expectations, or feel free to call me if you are trying to decide whether or not to come along. *Please see chaperone form for more information and to sign up as a chaperone.*

**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 when deciding whether or not you are able to come on this trip.

**PERMISSION SLIP:** Please sign and return the preliminary permission slip included with this letter to Mr. Mengel as soon as possible. Parents, please indicate on the chaperone form whether you are interested in coming along as a chaperone and if you plan to bring along other family members. Also, please indicate on the slip whether or not you might be interested in going to Universal Studios during one day of the trip at an additional cost of either \$65.00 or \$80.00 each, depending on the ticket you would like.

Hopefully that should be all of the information you need. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Thanks, everyone!

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



# TRIP PERMISSION FORM

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MR. MENGEL BY OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

## "WILDCAT" MARCHING UNIT

2012 SPRING TRIP - ORLANDO, FLORIDA (Disney World)  
(April 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to participate in the marching unit 2012 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 outside 180 days of trip departure - no penalty.
- b. Cancellations inside 180 days - 120 days of trip departure - \$100 per person penalty.
- c. Cancellations inside 120 days - 75 days of trip departure - \$350 per person penalty.
- d. Cancellations inside 75 days of trip departure - NO refund, unless a substitute found; less any name change fees passed on by the airlines.



**EVERYONE:** Please indicate whether or not you are interested in going to UNIVERSAL STUDIOS during one day of the trip at an additional cost of either \$65.00 or \$80.00 each: (circle one and indicate your ticket preference)

YES or NO

If yes...

**\$65.00 ticket**  
(Admission to ONE park)

or

**\$80.00 ticket**  
(Admission to BOTH parks)

## 2012 MARCHING UNIT SPRING TRIP

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

(Based on a Band Member in a four-person room)

<u>PAYMENT #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
#1	\$375.00	October 3, 2011
#2	\$375.00	December 1, 2011
#3	\$375.00 (or balance due depending on room situation and/or Universal Studios option.)	February 1, 2012

**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:

**BAND MEMBERS:**

- 4/room - \$1,125.00
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# ADULT CHAPERONE FORM

## "WILDCAT" MARCHING UNIT

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(April 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

Before the trip is a 'GO', we need to make sure we have enough adult chaperones to help out or we may have to cancel the trip. I would like to have at least 20 chaperones signed up before proceeding with the trip plans. If you are able to come along as a chaperone on the trip, please include your name(s) on the bottom of this form.

### CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Chaperones will serve as a liaison between the students and myself, helping to distribute information, any tickets or passes, schedule changes, etc.
2. You will be responsible for at least one room of students - duties include: monitoring your room while we're at the hotel to make sure everyone is safe, secure, and acting appropriately, performing a room check each night before curfew, helping to keep noise levels down in the hotel, etc.
3. Help keep our group together at all times when traveling.
4. Monitor behavior on the buses throughout the trip.
5. All chaperones will need to have the proper security clearances and background checks as required by the Owen J. Roberts School District.
6. All chaperones should follow the same payment schedule as the students, and any parent is welcome to come along as a chaperone. We'll have a meeting prior to the trip departure to go over responsibilities and expectations, or feel free to call me if you are trying to decide whether or not to come along.
7. Have fun.....this trip is a break for you too, you know!

*Please return this form with the names of everyone interested in chaperoning the trip.*

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Univ. Studios Option</u>	<u>Ticket Option:</u>
CHAPERONE NAME(S):	_____	<i>Yes or No if yes...</i>	<u>\$65 or \$80</u>
	_____	<i>Yes or No if yes...</i>	<u>\$65 or \$80</u>
OTHER FAMILY:	_____	<i>Yes or No if yes...</i>	<u>\$65 or \$80</u>
MEMBERS	_____	<i>Yes or No if yes...</i>	<u>\$65 or \$80</u>

# OWEN J. ROBERTS "WILDCAT" MARCHING BAND

## 2012 SPRING TRIP ITINERARY / ORLANDO, FLORIDA

APRIL 3 – 7, 2012

*(Itinerary tentative and subject to change...)*

### TUESDAY – APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

Charter buses from OJR to Baltimore airport  
Non-stop flight departs and arrives in Orlando  
Disney buses from Orlando airport to **Disney World**  
**Epcot Day**  
Dinner in Epcot – meal voucher provided for dinner  
“*Illuminations*” nighttime spectacular show in Epcot  
Disney buses to All-Star Music resort for hotel check-in

### WEDNESDAY – APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

Breakfast at the hotel  
Charter buses to band workshop – “*You’re Instrumental*”  
Charter buses to guard workshop – “*Auxiliration*”  
Charter buses to **MGM Studios** following workshops  
Dinner in MGM – meal voucher provided  
“*Fantasmic*” nighttime spectacular show in MGM  
Buses back to All-Star Music Resort

### THURSDAY – APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

Breakfast at the hotel  
Buses to the **Magic Kingdom**  
Dinner in the Magic Kingdom  
Meet backstage to prepare for our marching band parade performance  
OJR performance in Disney’s *Spectro-Magic* parade in front of approx. 30,000 people!!!  
Buses back to All-Star Music Resort

### FRIDAY – APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

Breakfast at the hotel  
Buses to **Blizzard Beach OR Universal Studios**  
Dinner in park – meal coupon provided  
Buses back to All-Star Music Resort

### SATURDAY – APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

Breakfast at the hotel  
Room Check-Out  
Buses to **Animal Kingdom**  
Buses to Orlando airport for return flight home