

FLORIDA TRIP 2024

Day 1 (Monday, April 1)

- 5:30am - Arrive at Piedmont High School Band Room
 - Follow signs for luggage placement and medicine drop off
 - Double check your black socks and marching shoes are in your uniform bag.
 - Pack your basic bathroom stuff (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush) in your carry on bag for the bus ride.
- 6:15am - Quick meeting in band room
- 6:00am - Buses arrive at Piedmont
 - Pack up equipment
 - Take instruments and uniforms to buses
 - PARENTS HELP loading equipment in storage compartments underneath the buses along with Student Helpers.
- 6:30am Leave for Florida, relax, and go to sleep
 - Stop throughout the trip for bathroom and stretch breaks
 - Lunch in Jacksonville (pay on your own)
- 4:00pm - Arrive at Disney Springs
 - Students will be in groups with chaperones.
 - Dinner at Disney Springs (pay on your own)
- 8:30pm - Load buses and go to hotel for check-in
 - All personal belongings go to the hotel room.
 - All uniforms, instruments, etc stay on the bus.
- Room Checks - TBA

Park operating hours and performance times may change if Disney decides to do so. If this should happen our time schedule will change slightly, but our day to day schedule will remain the same.

Day 2 (Tuesday, April 2) MAGIC KINGDOM

- Set your alarm for 6:00am.
- 6:15am - Breakfast at hotel – INCLUDED (grab something light such as fruit, dry cereal, etc). Stay away from dairy, sweets, and greasy foods.
- 7:15am – Load the Buses.
- All uniforms and instruments must be loaded on the buses.
- Drop off and Pick up will be at the Magic Kingdom.
 - NO park hopping until after the performance.
 - All groups will spend the morning in the Magic Kingdom.
 - Park hours are 9am to 9pm
 - Early entry at 8:30am
 - Spend the morning in the Magic Kingdom.
- 1:00pm – Student Groups need to meet at the Golden Oak Outpost which is to the LEFT of Tiana’s Bayou Adventure (formerly Splash Mountain) in Frontierland.
 - Chaperones CANNOT go backstage. Chaperones can use this time to relax, ride rides, shop, or find a good spot to watch the parade.

- 2:30pm – Parade performance in the Magic Kingdom. The Pride of Piedmont will be showcased as the pre-parade performance before the “Disney Festival of Fantasy” Parade.
 - After the performance (approximately 3:45pm) chaperones need to wait at Pirates of the Caribbean. Students will meet them there from the backstage entrance to the LEFT of the Pirates ride entrance.
- LUNCH and DINNER – DISNEY DINING CARD
- Spend the day the rest of the day at Magic Kingdom
- Groups may park hop if they would like.
- 7:00pm - ALL groups must be back in the Magic Kingdom.
- 9:00pm - report to Transportation and Ticket Center to load buses
 - To get to the bus, you will need to take a ferry or monorail back to the TTC (Transportation and Ticket Center).
 - Here’s a secret. Take the RESORT monorail to the TTC. It will stop at the Contemporary Resort first, but just wait and the next stop is the TTC. The lines for the resort monorail are usually much shorter than the express monorail.
- Arrive back at Hotel. Shower and get some sleep.
- Room Checks – TBA

Day 3 (Wednesday, April 3) ANIMAL KINGDOM and EPCOT

- 6:15am - Breakfast at hotel – INCLUDED (grab something light such as fruit, dry cereal, etc). Stay away from dairy, sweets, and greasy foods.
- 7:15am Load the buses.
- Drop off will be at the Animal Kingdom
 - Animal Kingdom opens at 9am with early entry at 8:30am.
 - Groups do not have to stay at Animal Kingdom.
 - If you plan on going to another park, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SCAN IN AT ANIMAL KINGDOM FIRST.
 - Then you can go to the park exit and go to another park using Disney Transportation (IT’S FREE).
- LUNCH and DINNER – DISNEY DINING CARD
- 8:00pm - ALL groups must be in EPCOT.
- EPCOT closes at 9pm.
- We will all meet at the buses when the park closes after the fireworks.. Mr. Lukac will let all chaperones know the location of the buses once they arrive.
- Arrive back at Hotel.
- Room Checks - TBA

Day 4 (Thursday, April 4) HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

- 6:15am - Breakfast at hotel – INCLUDED (grab something light such as fruit, dry cereal, etc). Stay away from dairy, sweets, and greasy foods.
- 7:15am Load the buses.
- Drop off and Pick up will be at Hollywood Studios
 - Park hours are 9am to 9pm. Early Entry at 8:30am

- If you plan on going to another park, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SCAN IN AT HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS FIRST.
- Then you can go to the park exit and go to another park using Disney Transportation (IT'S FREE).
- LUNCH and DINNER – DISNEY DINING CARD
- 8:00pm - ALL groups must be in Hollywood Studios
- We will all meet at the buses when the park closes. Mr. Lukac will let all chaperones know the location of the buses.
- Arrive back at Hotel.
- Room Checks - TBA

Day 5 (Friday, April 5)

- Breakfast at hotel from 6:30am to 7:15am – INCLUDED
- Room checks will begin at 7:30am
- Check out and depart HOTEL at 8:15am
- Early lunch in Jacksonville.
- Arrive at Piedmont HS around 7pm. We will not stop for dinner unless traffic is so bad that we will be very late to Piedmont.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Drury Hotel (Disney Springs)
 2000 Hotel Plaza Blvd.
 Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

MEALS

- Each person will receive a Disney Gift Card that will have at least \$60 value that can be used for meals and souvenirs. Typically, a combo meal with a drink, sandwich, and side item will cost approximately \$15-\$20. Once your card has a \$0 balance, you will be responsible for buying the rest of your own meals for the trip.
- Breakfast is available for all guests of the hotel each morning at no extra cost.

HELPFUL HINTS

- There is no way to experience everything you want to see and do in this short amount of time at Walt Disney World, SO DON'T TRY AND DO IT ALL!!!!
- As a group, get together prior to leaving on the trip, and decide on a couple of "must-do's" in each park. Stick to your plan, but allow for unexpected surprises along the way.
- Window shop. It's a great way to relax for a bit. Each theme park has unique items that are fun to look at and play with while cooling off in the air conditioning.
- Don't let long lines bum you out. It's 2024, bring a phone charger or 2, hop in line, play a game, watch a movie, and enjoy the rides you want to ride. Lines will happen. Take a deep breath, and deal with it.

- Pace yourself. You can't do it all. Enjoy your time with friends while at Disney!!! When you start to get tired and need a break, here are a few things you can do to rest, relax, and get some air conditioning.
- **MAGIC KINGDOM**
 - Tom Sawyer Island
 - Tiki Room
 - Carousel of Progress
 - Tomorrowland Transit Authority
 - Hall of Presidents
 - Country Bear Jamboree
 - Ride the Monorail
 - Visit a Monorail Resort
 - Eat Dinner at Monorail Resort. They all have Quick Service restaurants that you can use your Disney Meal Card.
 - Contemporary
 - Polynesian
 - Grand Floridian
 - Wilderness Lodge (by ferry only)
- **EPCOT**
 - Club Cool... FREE COKE!!!!!!!
 - Living with the Land
 - Spirit of America
 - Any show in the countries is great for a quick nap ☺
 - Canada, Japan, and France all have movies in the AC.
- **HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS**
 - Lots of shows to choose from for a nice relaxing rest.
- **ANIMAL KINGDOM**
 - Festival of the Lion King
 - Maharajah Jungle Trek (in shade and go at your own pace)
 - Pangani Forest Exploration Trail (gorillas are here)

HOW TO USE A BACK PACK IN DISNEY LIKE A PRO

- You should use your carry-on bag as your bag for the parks. All guests can take a small size bag into the parks if they want. A backpack is **HIGHLY** recommended simply for the fact it frees up your hands.
- Take only what you absolutely need. Whatever you take in the morning, will feel a lot heavier by the evening.
- Just remember that if you take a bag into the park, you will be responsible for everything the entire time. You will also have to carry your bag on all rides as well. Almost all rides have different loading and unloading areas, so you will

have to keep your bag with you while on the ride, including water rides and roller coasters.

- It is NOT recommended for a bunch of people to share one bag, simply because of weight. Plus, if the bag is too big, it may become a safety issue on some rides.
- Taking a bag with you into the parks is completely your decision, but HIGHLY recommended.
- Disney will search your bag EVERY time you pass through the front entrance of a park. Be prepared.
- Disney also has metal detectors now and they will do a body scan. Don't bring anything that could get you in trouble.