

## **FLORIDA TRIP 2022**

### **Day 1 (Sunday, April 17)**

- 8:00pm - 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.
- 8:15pm - Parade rehearsal in the stadium (gym if bad weather).
- 8:45pm - Rehearsal ends.
- 9:00pm - Buses arrive at Piedmont
  - Pack up equipment
  - Take instruments and uniforms to buses
  - PARENT HELP loading equipment in storage compartments underneath the buses.
- 10:00pm - Leave for Florida, relax, and go to sleep
  - Stop through the night for bathroom and stretch breaks

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 (Monday, April 18) ANIMAL KINGDOM**

- 6:30am - Arrive at world's largest McDonald's in Orlando for breakfast and freshen up time.
- 7:30am – Load buses and head to Animal Kingdom
- Go to Animal Kingdom for the day
  - Park hours are 9am to 7pm
- LUNCH and DINNER – DISNEY DINING CARD
- We will all meet at the buses when the park closes. Mr. Lukac will let all chaperones know the location of the buses.
- 7:00pm – Load Buses, Check-in at hotel
  - Leave all band instruments and uniforms locked on the bus.
- Lights Out - TBA

### **Day 3 (Tuesday, April 19) MAGIC KINGDOM**

- Set your alarm for 6am
- Breakfast at hotel from 6:15am – INCLUDED (grab something light such as fruit, dry cereal, etc). Stay away from dairy and sweets.
- 7:15am – Load the Buses.
- Go to Magic Kingdom for the day
  - Park hours are 9am to 9pm
  - Spend the morning in the Magic Kingdom.
  - All uniforms and instruments must be loaded on the buses.

- 1:00pm – Student Groups need to meet at the Golden Oak Outpost which is to the LEFT of 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.
- Spend the day the rest of the day at Magic Kingdom
- LUNCH and DINNER – DISNEY DINING CARD
- 9:00pm - Fireworks (watch from Mainstreet). If you are at the castle hub looking up at the castle, watch the firework show on the right side closest to the Tomorrowland bridge. There will be a separate walkway to get you to the exit quicker than walking through the main street traffic. After the fireworks, we will report back to the buses at the Transportation and Ticket Center.. It will be VERY VERY crowded trying to leave. Be patient, take your time, and keep everyone in your group close.
  - 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 will be much shorter than the EXPRESS monorail.
- Arrive back at the Hotel. Lights Out - TBA

#### **Day 4 (Wednesday, April 20) EPCOT**

- Breakfast at hotel starting at 7:00am – INCLUDED
- 8:30am – Load bus.
- Spend the day at EPCOT
  - Park hours are from 10am to 9pm
- LUNCH and DINNER – DISNEY DINING CARD
  - Meeting directly at the buses after Fireworks at Seven Seas Lagoon in World Showcase.
- 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. Lights Out – TBA

#### **Day 5 (Thursday, April 21) HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS**

- Breakfast at hotel from 6:30am – INCLUDED
- 7:30am Load the buses.
- Spend the day at Hollywood Studios
  - Park hours are from 9am to 9pm
- LUNCH and DINNER – DISNEY DINING CARD

- 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. Lights Out – TBA

### **Day 6 (Friday, April 22)**

- 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
- Late lunch with in Georgia or South Carolina.
- 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**

Springhill Suites  
 8040 Palm Parkway  
 Orlando, Florida 32836

### **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 \$15.00. 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 2022, bring a phone charger or 2, hop in line, play 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)

## **WHAT TO TAKE INTO THE PARKS**

- MASKS!!!! Don't forget masks. Bring extras and put them in a zip lock bag in your bookbag.
- If you want, you can 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.
- Suggested items (but not limited too) are a lightweight jacket for cool mornings and evenings, sunscreen, hat, bottle of water, flavored water packets (Florida water tastes icky), dry snacks, and portable cell phone charger. Disney will allow dry snacks from home, such as pretzels, cheez-its, energy bars, etc (think healthy and something with carbs). This will help you save some money too. I suggest 5 to 6 snacks per day to carry in your bookbag.
- 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.

- You may want to bring a couple of Ziplock bags so your wallet, phone, and changer won't get wet when you are on any water rides (or if it starts to rain... it is Florida).
- 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.