

HTHS BAND SPRING TRIP 2025 INFORMATION

Hello Parents & Guardians,

We are excited to announce that our students will be going to Disney in Orlando in the spring! While in Florida we will participate in the Disney parade and spend three days at Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, and/or Hollywood Studios. Here are many details that should answer all of your questions.

I suggest saving this email to reference as needed during the planning process.

We would love for all students to participate but please understand that this trip is optional and we respect the decision you will make for your family. We are very limited in the dates we can travel with such a large group and these dates are the only option we can make work. Students should be in good academic standing and free from discipline issues to participate. **Traveling with the HTHS Band is a privilege and we will hold our students to high expectations.**

DATES & SIMPLE ITINERARY March 20-24, 2025

- Thursday, March 20: Leave Trussville via bus to Orlando, dinner in Disney Springs
- Friday, March 21: Park Day 1
- Saturday, March 22: Park Day 2
- Sunday, March 23: Parade Performance and Park Day 3
- Monday, March 24: Return to Trussville, arrive home

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 4 Nights in a Hotel (4 students per room)
- Charter Bus Transportation
- 3 day park-hopper admission to Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, and/or Hollywood Studios
- 1 Parade Performance
- Visit to Disney Springs
- 4 Breakfasts (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday)
- 3 Disney meal cards (\$40 each)
- HTHS Band Trip T-Shirt
- Taxes and gratuities

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- 2 Lunches (Thursday, Sunday) – these will be fast food stops on our route
- Possibly 4 Dinners (Thursday) at Disney Springs, 3 park days (\$40 park vouchers included - depends on spending.)

COST

- \$1175 per student (4 per room)
- \$835 per chaperone (2 per room) (*additional fee for single chaperone room)

AMERICAN TRAVEL CONSULTING

- For the fourth year in a row, Chris Lindley with American Travel Consulting is handling all of our Spring Trip plans. He is very well respected in the band community and does a great job making sure we have everything we need to travel.
- ATC handles all payments. These are made online – see below for more information.

HOW DO I SIGN MY STUDENT UP FOR THIS TRIP?

- **STEP 1:** Fill out this Google Form to let the Band Directors know your student will or will not be attending:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Y2tJHu4FhulFBOhnaC2i0w2s6jYRNh6ZnZ-wkl7BD8A/edit>
- *Everyone must fill this out for your student regardless if they are going or not. Please fill this form out by Sept 28.*
- **STEP 2:** Register your student on the American Travel Consulting website:
 - www.americantravelconsulting.com/payment
- Click on “Register for this Trip” on the right side of the screen and follow the steps. There will be a few forms to accept. *If you attended last year’s trip it’s possible you already have an account created.*
- [Click Here](#) for step by step instructions for the ATC website registration.
- **STEP 3:** *Trip registration requires a \$100 per person deposit of which \$20 is non-refundable.

HOW DO I CHAPERONE THIS TRIP?

If you are interested in being a chaperone for this trip, please understand there are a few requirements.

- **STEP 1:** Prospective chaperones should plan to volunteer three times this school year for the Band Foundation – either in concessions and/or at the Trussville Marching Invitational.
www.hewittband.com/volunteer
- **STEP 2:** Please submit your name to the chaperone lottery by [filling out the Google Form linked here](#).
- Chaperones can choose to have a roommate (Double Occupancy) or room alone (Single Occupancy). Chaperones do not room with students.
- **Deadline to submit your name to the “Chaperone Lottery” will be Friday, Oct 4th.** Do not register for the trip or pay a deposit until you have received confirmation that you will be an official trip chaperone. We hope to be able to take everyone that wants to go as space allows.

FUNDRAISERS

- There may be fundraising opportunities offered through the Band Foundation that can benefit your student. Any fundraising money earned will be applied to the final payment in February. Rockathon pledge percentages will be credited towards the trip.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ***Who will my student room with?*** At some point in the planning process students will choose roommates. There will be 3-4 students per room. We discuss this in detail and encourage the students to choose people they can get along with for the entire trip. In the event a student cannot find roommates the directors will assist in matching students together.
- ***Do chaperones and students have to ride the bus?*** Yes, all students and official chaperones must ride the bus.
- ***Will my student be with a chaperone at all times?*** Chaperones will be in charge of a small group of students (4-5 students). This group will be on the bus together, tour the parks together, eat meals together, etc. Students must stay with their day groups at all times while touring the theme parks and will check in with their chaperones throughout the day. Chaperones will be in nearby rooms while at the hotel but will not be in the actual room with students. High expectations for hotel behavior are set by our band directors.
- ***How much money will my student need on the trip?*** Enough for two fast food meals and one moderately priced meal. You know how much your student eats. Other than that your student will be fine without any additional money unless you have a souvenir junkie on your hands. In that case you, the parent, determines how much is enough.
- ***What happens if my student gets sick?*** The student will need to notify a chaperone and if needed the chaperone will notify a director. If needed the directors will call home to discuss further with the parent. Sometimes we have had students who get so sick that they need to be checked out from the trip by a parent/guardian.
- ***Can I still travel along if I am not a chaperone?*** Of course we cannot prevent anyone from traveling to Orlando with their family but you must understand that if your student is on our official field trip then they must abide by all of our field trip rules and expectations, including being with our group at all times.
- ***Can my student be signed out at the end of the trip?*** Yes, only at the end of the trip. A student may not be signed out during the trip for any reason other than a medical/family emergency/disciplinary reason. If a student is participating with the band, they must stay with the band the entirety of the trip. If you would like to sign your student out at the conclusion of the trip Sunday morning, you may do so with a band director.

We *always* have a great time on our trips, and we're sure this one will be awesome as well!