

Disney Trip 2010

We are excited to announce the plans for the Tiger Band to travel and represent Smithville in the "Sunshine State" of Florida. It is our hope that each member of the Tiger Band will be able to participate in this exciting opportunity. Careful planning and preparation is crucial for each child to be able to participate. The students will have many opportunities to participate in fundraisers organized by the Band Booster Club and the Tiger Band. The following information will describe the plan for fundraising, payments, chaperoning, traveling, etc.

1. Where are we going? Orlando, Florida
2. When are we going? 3/13/2010 thru 3/19/2010 (4 nights in Orlando)
3. How are we going to get there? Two Charter Busses
4. Where will we go in Orlando? Disney's Magic Kingdom, Epcot, MGM Studios, The Animal Kingdom, a Disney Water Park & Downtown Disney!
5. How much time will we have? 5 Days and 4 Nights
6. Where will we stay? Best Western Lakeside
7769 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Kissimmee, Florida 34747
800-848-0801 phone
7. Will any meals be provided? Breakfast everyday and one meal in the park everyday!
8. How much does the trip cost? \$550.00 per student

Chaperones

It has been a challenge in the past to find enough willing and able chaperones to participate on our trips (particularly male chaperones). We understand that it is hard for a parent to participate when they have to pay for the trip, pay for their children's trip, miss work, and use valuable vacation time. It is also difficult to ask someone to go on a trip and work the whole time knowing that they paid to enjoy the trip. Chaperoning is work and is not a vacation. The Tiger Band needs chaperones to make any trip successful. We are going to ask 10 parents to participate as chaperones in order to have an 8 to 1 student to chaperone ratio based on the number of students going on the trip. These 10 chaperones will pay a reduced rate for their trip to Orlando. The remaining cost will be covered in the cost of the trip per student. Attached is a chaperone intent form for you to fill out if you would like to be considered.

Non-Chaperones ("Friends and Fans")

I (Mr. King) feel that it is important for parents to participate and see their children participating and having fun in band. Therefore, I would like to invite other parents to go as "Friends and Fans" on this trip to Orlando, Florida. Parents who go as "Friends and Fans" will not be expected to work during the trip or follow the same itinerary as the students and chaperones. "Friends and Fans" will be able to take advantage of the same special group rate that the performers get up to a 1:1 ratio of student performers. The details for "Friends and Fans" can be found at: <http://www.smithvilleband.com/HSBand/DisneyTrip.htm> "Friends and Fans" will need to make their own transportation arrangements since there will not be room on the band's charter busses.

Funding for the Trip

Students, Chaperones and “Friends and Fans” are expected to be on time with all deposits and payments. Below is the payment or fundraised money schedule for **student performers** to follow. Chaperones and “Friends and Fans” will have a different schedule. This **“Student Performer” schedule** must be strictly adhered to:

June 1 st , 2009	"Chaperone Intent Form"
June 1 st , 2009	\$50 - 1 st half of non-refundable deposit & “Trip Agreement Form”
August 20 th , 2009	\$50 - 2 nd half of non-refundable deposit
September 4 th , 2009	\$75
October 2 nd , 2009	\$75
November 6 th , 2009	\$75
December 4 th , 2009	\$75
January 8 th , 2010	\$75
February 8 th , 2010	\$75 & “Medical Release Form”, “Trip Rules & Regulations Form”

The initial deposit of \$100 will not be refunded if you decide to back out of the trip for any reason. Refunds for other payments will be made according to the hotel’s and Disney’s refund policies. Fundraised money is not refunded and will not carry over into student’s accounts for next school year (2010-11).

Eligibility

All students will be eligible for this trip. UIL states that all students are eligible to participate in activities that occur during breaks of 1 week or longer. This is the reason we planned the trip during Spring Break.

Fundraising

Below is a calendar for fundraisers for Disney:

May 20-29 th 2009	Krispy Kreme Donuts Sale
August 5 th , 2009	Express Industries Catalog Fundraiser
October (TBA)	Catalog Sale “To be determined”
November 9-23 rd , 2009	Poinsettia Sale (Delivered December 4 th)
February 6 th , 2010	Tiger Band Garage Sale

Trip Agreement Form

Student's Intent

I plan to participate in the Tiger Band's trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida during Spring Break of the 2009-2010 school year. I will try my best to meet all deposit and payment dates as described in the Disney Trip letter entitled "Disney Trip 2010". I am also aware of the fundraisers that will be offered (the ones that are listed in the same letter). I also understand that the initial deposit of \$100 is non-refundable and that all further reimbursements are subject to the Best Western Lakeside refund policy and Disney Youth Group refund policy.

Student Signature: _____

Student's Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Please return form before June 1st, 2010

Chaperone Intent Form

Chaperone Intent

I would like to be considered to chaperone the Tiger Band's trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida during Spring Break of the 2009 - 2010 school year. I understand that this form ***does not guarantee*** that I will be selected to chaperone.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Please return form before June 1st, 2010