

Perry Hall Band Boosters Disney World Trip 2023

Hello Parents and Students!

The **Perry Hall Band Boosters** parent organization is proud to announce that we will be returning to **Disney World in 2023!** The purpose of this trip is to allow the music ensembles to perform in an open concert setting in Disney World. **This trip will be sponsored by the Perry Hall Band Boosters, NOT BCPS.** There will be a Band, a String Orchestra, a Mixed Choir, and a Guitar Ensemble performing in a Disney World venue. Any student taking a band, orchestra, chorus, or guitar class is eligible to attend this trip. Exact times and locations of the performances will be announced at a later date.

The trip will take place during MLK weekend. We will depart for the trip on **Thursday, January 12th at 2pm** and arrive back at Perry Hall High on **Monday, January 16th around 5pm**. Students will miss a half school day on **Thursday, January 12th** and a full school day on **Friday, January 13th**. The absences will be considered unexcused as it is not an official BCPS sponsored trip. Students will be responsible for touching base with their teachers and making up any missed work. We will travel to and from Orlando on chartered coach buses. The buses will remain with us while in Orlando and provide our transportation to and from performance venues, Disney World theme parks, and any other stops along the way.

We will be traveling with **Academic Travel Services** tour company again this year. They were phenomenal during our last several trips and we are looking forward to working with them again.

The cost of the trip will range from **\$950-\$1050* per student** or **chaperone (cost is dependent upon the number of students attending)**. The cost includes:

ATS package which includes: Transportation; Lodging at Disney recognized "Good Neighbor" hotel/resort; 3-day passes to WDW Resort Parks; 3 breakfasts and 3 \$20 Disney dining cards; Full-time tour director services; Performances in one of WDW Resort Parks; Liability insurance coverage.

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*The cost range of the trip is dependent on a minimum of 120 students. **If the number of students registered is less than 120, we can not guarantee that the cost will remain below the maximum stated above.** Any room with fewer than 4 students or 2 adults costs more per person. The overage charge helps offset these costs which cannot be determined until final numbers have been submitted.

The only other costs to consider will be for food and souvenirs. Each person on the trip will need to purchase dinner on the ride down and breakfast and lunch on the ride back. Each person will also be on their own for one meal each day. Plan for approximately \$10-\$15 per meal in Orlando and additional money for souvenirs while on the trip.

Students will need to return the registration form

(https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMW3a8GlFaK3P6t5Vdiu7jveF288lqmneHvOvBeIR6KByFZg/viewform?u sp=send form) along with a **\$250 deposit by** <u>Monday, June 13, 2022</u> in 1 of 2 ways:

- 1. Place the printed registration form and a check made out to "Perry Hall Band Boosters" in a sealed envelope and place it in the yellow and black box marked "Band Boosters" in the PHHS band room.
- 2. Submit the registration form and make the deposit electronically via the Band Boosters Square site (*phhsbb.square.site*) beginning Friday, June 3, 2022 **for an additional fee** (total for deposit will be **\$257.78**).

The deposit is <u>refundable</u> if you submit a written request for refund by Friday, September 8th to <u>Disney@perryhallbandboosters.org</u>. After this date, no refunds will be issued on the deposit. Once registered for the trip, the payment schedule is as follows (a fee will be assessed for electronic payments):

Monday, September 19th:\$250 due *Monday, October 17th:\$250 and medical forms due *Thursday, November 10th:final payment due *

*LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY OF \$5 PER DAY STARTING 2 DAYS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

Deposits are due by Monday, June 13th, 2022, but late deposits will be accepted until Friday, September 8th until the maximum number of reservations have been filled. While things have improved, we are still in a worldwide pandemic. Please be aware that any student who gets sick and tests positive for COVID prior to returning home will not be allowed to travel back on the bus with the group. Their parent/guardian will be contacted and be responsible for getting their child home, along with any additional expenses incurred for the extended stay of their student and an adult. Travel insurance can be purchased and will range in price depending on age and type of coverage selected. Insurance can be purchased after the initial deposit is made, and is not sponsored by the Perry Hall Band Boosters. Go to travelinsurance.com for pricing and details.

In order to help offset the cost of the trip, students will have the opportunity to fundraise. An account will be set up for each student and any specified trip fundraiser profit will be deposited into this account and apply directly to the balance of the trip. <u>This will affect your last payment, so please do not submit your last payment until you receive an invoice with a final balance.</u>

If you would like to go on this trip as a **parent chaperone** or a **Registered Nurse** please also register using our Google Document. Chaperones must be 21 years of age or older. The cost for the chaperones is the same as the cost for the students. Nurses, however, attend free of charge since they will be responsible for managing and dispensing medicine and assisting with medical care throughout the trip. Nurses will be selected based on seniority and number of children traveling.

There will be limits on the number of students and chaperones attending. **The first 135 students who submit their google registration form <u>and</u> deposits will be accepted. All additional students will be put on a waiting list until 160 students have been registered. Then those on the waiting list and any additional students will be accepted. Similarly, the first 12 chaperones who turn in their google registration form <u>and</u> deposits will be accepted. All additional students will be accepted. All additional chaperones will be put on a waiting list until 150 students have been registered. Then up to the first 4 additional chaperones will be accepted. Dependent upon student registration, more chaperones might be accepted.**

All trip travelers & parents need to sign up for updates through REMIND services.

STUDENTS:

To receive text messages, send "@disney23st" to 81010 To receive push notifications, visit remind.com/join/disney23st on your phone's web browser

CHAPERONES:

To receive text messages, send "@disney23ch" to 81010 To receive push notifications, visit remind.com/join/disney23ch on your phone's web browser

PARENTS:

To receive text messages, send "@disney23pa" to 81010 To receive push notifications, visit remind.com/join/disney23pa on your phone's web browser

Students will be expected to attend rehearsals outside of the school day to prepare for these performances. Dates and times for these rehearsals will be established by each director and all questions regarding these rehearsals should be sent to the director in charge of each ensemble.

We are also expecting that students planning to participate in the trip to Disney World will conduct themselves with maturity and responsibility not just on the trip, but in the months leading up to the trip. All students are expected to maintain positive attendance, behavior, and academic records to demonstrate to their directors that they will be able to participate in the trip in a mature fashion. <u>If a student is involved in disciplinary action or has poor behavior or academic</u> <u>performance, his/her participation may be cancelled without receiving a refund. Additionally, any student who fails to conduct themselves appropriately on the trip may be sent home at the expense of the family.</u>

There will be an upcoming <u>MANDATORY</u> meeting (date and time TBD) for all trip travelers and their parents in the PHHS Auditorium. Any student, chaperone, or nurse who does not attend the meeting will be automatically dropped from the trip without a refund.

If you have any questions about the trip, please speak with your c director or direct questions to <u>disney@perryhallbandboosters.org</u>. We are VERY excited about this trip, and we hope to perform with our largest musical ensembles in school history! #gatorstakeDisney

Sincerely,

The Perry Hall Band Boosters