

# GVHSBand Florida Trip 2018

**Friday March 23 through Wednesday March 28, 2018**

Sep 20 Informational Meeting

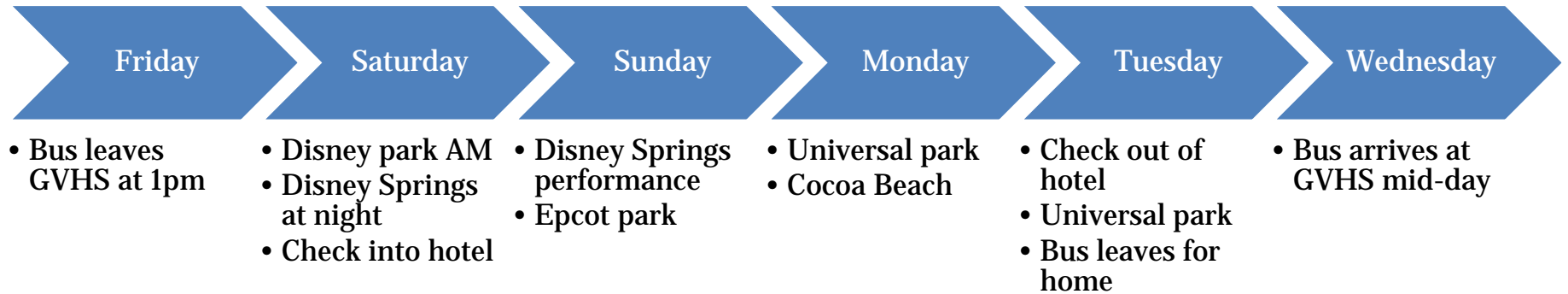


# Trip Overview

- Bus departs school on Friday afternoon
- 2 Disney park visits
- 2 Universal park visits
- Performance / Workshop at Disney Springs
- Cocoa Beach
- Bus returns mid-day Wednesday



# Timeline (tentative)



# Bus Ride

- That's a long time on a bus
  - Yes, but the kids will do just fine (we've done this before)
  - Really, they'll be OK
- Buses have video (and probably wi-fi)
- Regular rest stops
- Sounds like torture to us, but the kids will like it



# Saturday Activities

- Bus gets to Disney Hollywood Studios at/before opening time
- Kids spend the day at the park
- Lunch on own, Disney dinner included
- Disney Springs (fmr Downtown Disney) at night
- Check into hotel, kids will quickly fall asleep



# Lodging Details

- Rosen Plaza
  - 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819
  - <http://www.rosenplaza.com/>
  - Used for previous trips – great place!



# Security

- 8 GVSD Staff as Chaperones
- Overnight Dedicated Security at hotel
- Professional Tour Escort



# Sunday Activities

- Buffet Breakfast at Hotel
- Disney Springs Concert Performance (morning)
- Free time at Epcot (afternoon/evening)
- Lunch on own, Disney dinner included





# Monday Activities

- Buffet Breakfast at Hotel
- Universal park TBD (AM)
- Cocoa Beach (late afternoon) – ocean, sun & shopping
- Cocoa Beach Pier - Dinner Buffet (included)



## Tuesday/Wednesday Activities



- Buffet Breakfast at Hotel
- Check out of hotel
- Universal park TBD
- Lunch on own, Universal dinner included
- Leave Universal, buses head for home Tuesday evening (~10pm)
- Wednesday early evening (~6:30pm), buses arrive at GVHS



# Payment Schedule

- \$1179 Total Cost (could be less)
- \$250 by Fri Sep 22
- \$250 by Fri Nov 3
- \$250 by Fri Jan 5
- \$429 or less by Fri Feb 2
- Pay by Check (to QNC) or Cash – in band lockbox
- Online payments via PayPal are available, however we have to pass what they charge us for the service (2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction)
- Students must have paid 2017-18 QNC dues to be eligible for the trip (or Chorus/Orchestra booster fees)



# Communications



- A special mailing list will be set up (similar to the [messages@gvhsband.org](mailto:messages@gvhsband.org) mailing list).
  - You'll have to sign up to receive the trip emails – watch for it soon
- Florida Trip Contacts
  - Krista Thomas - GVHS Lead - [thomask@garnetvalley.org](mailto:thomask@garnetvalley.org)
  - Steve Selfridge - Director - [selffris@garnetvalley.org](mailto:selffris@garnetvalley.org)
  - Gabriella Mercincavage – QNC Treasurer – [mercincavage@gvhsband.org](mailto:mercincavage@gvhsband.org)
  - Erika Narducci – QNC Pres – [narducci@gvhsband.org](mailto:narducci@gvhsband.org)
  - Bill Waldron – QNC VP – [waldron@gvhsband.org](mailto:waldron@gvhsband.org)



# FAQ

- **Can parents come along?**
  - Yes, but you have to make your own arrangements for travel, hotel, and park passes. You can accompany the group to everything except backstage at the Disney concert.
- **Can I take my student out of the trip on Tuesday and keep them with me in Florida?**
  - Yes, but it has to be pre-arranged and signed off by the school.





# Questions from the 2014 Informational Meeting

# Meeting Questions pg 1



- **Financial:**

- Q. How do we let you know our student is attending the trip?
- **A. Send in the \$250 first payment by Sept 22. NO EXTENSIONS OF THIS DEADLINE WILL BE GRANTED. Please write “Florida Trip” and student’s name on memo line of checks.**
  
- Q. Where is the lockbox? **A. In Band Room, door E129**
  
- Q. How do we pay if we are taking money from the student account?
- **A. Send email to [mercincavage@gvhsband.org](mailto:mercincavage@gvhsband.org), state that you want to use account balance for trip payment**
  
- Q. Is \$1179 the final price? **A. no, we hope it will go down**



## Meeting Questions pg 2



- Q. How do we know our QNC fund raising balance?
- A. email [mercincavage@gvhsband.org](mailto:mercincavage@gvhsband.org) to find out
  
- Q. Do you have to audition to attend the trip? A. no
  
- Departure from Garnet Valley:
  - Q. When should luggage be dropped off?
  - A. Luggage will be dropped off the morning of the trip. It will be inspected by GVHS administration, locked up, and watched by a security guard until it is put on the buses.





# Meeting Questions pg 3



- Medication:

- Q. How is medication administered?
- A. All prescription and over-the-counter medication will be managed by the student unless chaperone involvement is requested.

- Transportation:

- Q. How many kids are going? A. We don't know. It's open to Band, Chorus & Orchestra. We had 113 in 2014, would love more.
- Q. How many buses?
- A. 3 or 4, each bus can seat 55. If we get enough interest we'll get a fourth bus.



## Meeting Questions pg 4



- Q. Since it is such a long drive, will there be more than one bus driver per bus?
- A. On the long journeys to/from Florida, we will change bus drivers in the Carolinas.
  
- Q. Is there a luggage limit?
- A. No, we expect that each student will take a suitcase, a carry-on, and their instrument.
  
- Hotel:
  - Q. How many kids to a room? A. 4
  
  - Q. Do they get to pick their roommates? If so, when?
  - A. yes, by December.



# Meeting Questions pg 5



- Q. Where do the chaperones sleep?
- A. Chaperone rooms are strategically positioned at either end of the student rooms hallways and in the middle of the hall.
  
- Q. Will each student get their own key to the room? A. yes
  
- At Disney / Universal / Cocoa Beach:
  - Q. What meals are provided?
  - A. The students will have a breakfast buffet every morning at the hotel, and then they will have one other meal covered each day. Please note that during PA-FL travel days they will need to buy 2 meals (breakfast & dinner).



# Meeting Questions pg 6



- Q. When on their own how many students in a group?  
– A. minimum of 4 per group
- Q. While on the beach will the students be chaperoned? A. yes
- Q. Are the meal vouchers part of the Disney Meal Plan?  
– A. yes, students should be aware that the meal voucher can be used at one of the little stands as well as at a restaurant.
- Q. Are the Disney tickets “Park Hopper” tickets? A. no
- Q. Can the kids get fast passes for the rides with the tickets we are getting? A. yes



# Meeting Questions pg 7



- Q. Will the students be wearing the band uniforms?
- A. no, they should wear concert attire: black pants/skirts and white shirts
  
- Departure from Florida
  - Q. When/Where do we pick up our student if we are planning on staying in Florida after the band leaves?
  - A. In order to take your student, you must arrange it prior to the start of the trip. You will have to complete the school district forms, then you can meet at the park about 30 minutes before we are scheduled to leave and get your child and their luggage. You can send their instrument home on the bus (if you can find a friend to put it back in the band room).

