

McKinney North Band & Orchestra
Orlando – Spring Trip Information
August 21, 2009



Pending MISD approval, The McKinney North HS Band will be traveling to Orlando, Fl. for our annual Spring Trip. The dates of the trip are tentatively set for **May 20-23, 2010**. The trip is to include a performance, be educational, and for fun. Following is a list of things included in the trip:

Disney Magic Music Days Sountrack Session

Disney Performing Arts Soundtrack Sessions put participants in a recording studio setting where Disney music professionals teach students important sight-reading and performance concepts, and what it's like to work in the music industry. Workshop Clinicians are composers, arrangers, conductors and studio musicians, each with Disney credit to their name. Our studios are the real deal, so when students put on a pair of wireless headphones and listen to the click track, they truly learn what it's like to lay down tracks like the pros. Each 90-minutes session includes playback of actual Disney film clips with the musical score provided by your ensemble.

Soundtrack Session: Instrumental was created especially for concert bands and orchestras. Ensemble playing, the importance of sight-reading and the critical role each ensemble member plays in creating great music is reinforced in this recording session for a Disney musical score.

- 3 Nights Deluxe Accommodations at the Disney's All-Star Resort
- 3 Days Full American Breakfast at Hotel
- 3 Days Disney Park-Hopper Pass for Magic Kingdom, Animal Park, Epcot, MGM
- 3 Disney Meal Vouchers
- 1 Dinner at Bucca di Beppo
- 1 Dinner at Hard Rock Café
- Round trip air fair via Air Tran and ground transportation via motor coach.

This is a great opportunity for our students to travel and visit another part of our country. The cost of the trip is approximately \$925. We will soon lock in the final price after getting cost of the flight. The cost of the package currently includes some meals. It is our wish that all students in the band are able to go on the trip and with that in mind, the band boosters may provide fundraising opportunities for students to help offset the cost of the trip. We also are looking for parent chaperones to attend the trip with the band. Parents, if you are interested, please contact Mr. Harkey.

****All students wishing to go must pay the first payment/ deposit of \$100 by Tuesday, September 15 . Approved chaperones need to pay all payments on student due dates. Please contact Mr. Harkey if you would like to chaperone this trip.**

Thank you for such a great beginning to this school year! Your commitment, attitude and work ethic make this a very special place.

Alan Harkey
Josh Kurzweil
MNHS Band Directors
469-742-4493

NAME _____
BAND _____



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Payment Schedule

September 15	\$100.00 deposit (required to make flight reservation.)
November 1	\$200.00
December 1	\$100.00
January 18	\$200.00
February 15	\$200.00
March 12	<u>\$125.00</u>
TOTAL	\$925.00

****Payments can be made to MNHS Band Boosters by cash, check, money order or by credit card (by Paypal on the band website: www.mckinneynorthband.org)**

Eligibility Requirements

All students are subject to the state “No Pass/No Play” rule pertaining to school band trips. Each student must be eligible for participation in any band sponsored trip. Eligibility may only be gained by passing all currently enrolled classes during the grading period prior to the trip date.

No Pass/No Play Description

The "No Pass, No Play" rule is a state regulation that all public schools in Texas uphold as directed by the University Interscholastic League. For a detailed explanation of the “No Pass/ No Play” rule policy, go to <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/field/faqxc.html>.

Refunds

Refunds will be made based on contract deadlines with Director’s Choice, our travel company. After we receive a deposit from each person, they will secure our airline reservations. Generally, they are willing to refund money that has not already been committed to a vendor, i.e. American Airlines. After we make the deposit, they will provide us with a contract that specifies deadlines and refunds.

Missed Payment Deadline

Students and parents that do not meet the payment deadlines will be removed from the trip roster. If you are in a position that you will be a few days late with your payment and if you communicate to Mr. Harkey in advance, we can usually work with you.

Band Registration Fees

All monies received are first used to fulfill band registration fee obligations, before being applied to trip fees. The only exception is the initial deposit of \$100 that will be used to reserve your airline ticket.

All students and approved chaperones:

RETURN THIS PAGE WITH PAYMENT BY SEPTEMBER 15.

***Parent/Student signature indicates compliance and acceptance of the requirements of the No Pass/No Play rule and trip refund guidelines.**

Printed parent(s)
name(s): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed student
name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____