

Douglas S. Freeman HS Bands

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DATE: September 10, 2017
TO: Parents of Band and Strings Students
SUBJECT: 2018 Spring Trip

Every other year, the Freeman Band, Strings and Chorus Departments take an extended overnight trip. The purpose of this trip is to gain musical experience in a unique environment, learn new skills and enhance teamwork. The trip is open to all 9-12 grade Freeman students enrolled in a Band, Strings or Chorus class.

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 trip will be to Disney World in Orlando, FL! This trip will be a 4 day/3 night trip, departing by bus on Wednesday, April 11th at approximately 9pm and returning Monday, April 16th at approximately 10am. Students will be out of school 2 ½ days (Thursday, Friday and Monday which is a ½ day for all students.) All students will participate in a band, strings and/or chorus Disney Performing Arts Workshop. The students will also have opportunities throughout the trip to attend shows that will expose them to many different music experiences. Each day of the trip will be spent at a different Disney World Park. It's going to be a busy but fun and rewarding trip!

The trip will be chaperoned by parents (one per eight students) as well as the music department instructors and an HCPS administrator. Student behavior will be held to the HCPS code of conduct throughout the entire trip. While students will be chaperoned, they will have free time in the parks without direct supervision. Please consider your student's ability to manage this level of independence as well as their tolerance for long bus rides and working with a large group.

Each student will need to pay \$600-\$700 to participate with the final cost/student to be determined by mid-November. The trip is all-inclusive and covers bus transportation, hotel rooms (four students per 2 bed queen room), meals, park tickets, and workshop fees.

Each student planning to attend the spring trip is required to complete the form below and return with a \$150 deposit by 9/21/17. The deposit (less \$50) is refundable until 1/11/18. After that, all fees paid are non-refundable. Note that all outstanding marching season fees must be paid by 11/30/17 in order to attend the trip.

An email will be sent out in mid-November with the final cost/student. Your student's balance owed will be noted in that email. The remaining balance can be paid in full at that time or in installments:

Sept 21	\$150 deposit
November	\$150
December	\$150
January	Balance remaining

In addition to the amount each student is paying, the Band Boosters will be funding the balance of the trip expenses. Fundraising is critical to keeping the overall cost down to both individual students and the Band Boosters. Please visit the Band Booster web page for opportunities to fundraise.

If you have questions, please contact the Band Boosters at DSFTRIP2018@GMAIL.COM



**Freeman Band and Strings 2018 Spring Trip: Orlando, FL
Registration Form**

Check and form due date: ***9/21/17***

Checks payable to: ***DSF HS BAND BOOSTERS (NO CASH ACCEPTED)***

Completed form and \$150 check can be given to Mr. Blankenship or mailed to:

DS Freeman HS Band Boosters/8701 Three Chopt Road/Henrico, VA 23229

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent email: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Please let us know if you are interested in being a chaperone Yes____ No____

Name of Chaperone: _____

Phone number of Chaperone: _____

Email of Chaperone: _____

Note: Chaperones will be charged a reduced rate. Chaperones are housed two/room.