

GlenOak Instrumental Performance Trip 2025

Dear Band and String Families,

May 16, 2024

As many of you have anticipated, our 2025 band and string performance trip planning has been in the works for some time. The undertaking of such a large project requires a lot of time, effort, and coordination with outside vendors. This goal with any experience is to provide a safe and memorable performance opportunity for our students.

Our 2025 trip will be to Orlando, Florida where both the marching band and string ensemble have been invited to perform on the Walt Disney campus. This exciting 4 Day/3 Night trip will take place April 3-6, 2025. The String Orchestra has been invited to perform on Saturday, April 5 and the Marching Band on Friday, April 4, 2025. Unlike previous Florida trips, we will be flying via commercial airlines. The cost of traveling by charter bus versus air is virtually the same due to rising costs of busing. More and more charter bus companies in our area are declining to make trips that exceed 9 hours, making our busing choices slim. The price-factor, along with saving 19 hours on a bus each way made the decision to fly rather easy.

We know that the cost of this trip is very important to you in deciding whether or not to participate. The cost of the trip will be between \$1475 and \$1786 for a student (4-person room occupancy). Because we are flying, we will not know the final cost until airline tickets are purchased. With that said, we anticipate the actual cost to be somewhere between \$1475 and \$1786. Our tour company has broken down the cost of the trip into monthly payments. **An initial \$75 deposit is required to reserve your spot on the trip.**

We have chosen Trip Composers tour company for this trip. This company has organized most of the band trips in the past and provided excellent service and have extensive experience with large group performance trips to Orlando, Florida. The first step is for interested students to register for the trip at this link (also included in the email). The trip code is **GLENOAKHSDISNEY2025**

<https://tripcomposers.groupcollect.com/v2/go/glenoakhdisney2025>

Monthly payments of roughly \$200 will begin in July 2024 and conclude with the balance due in February 2025. **All payments are made through each students personal account with Trip Composers. No payments should be sent to PLIMPA or teachers.** Student fundraising credits from PLIMPA will be released to Trip Composers in September and December. A form releasing student credits to reduce the trip cost will be provided to trip participants in August. PLIMPA will again assist with providing fundraising opportunities when school starts this fall. Again, the first step is simply registering at the link above and paying the \$75 deposit. Once you register, you will be asked to provide important contact information, see options for travel insurance, etc.

Note: Our tour company provides several options of travel insurance. While the option to not purchase insurance is certainly your choice, travel insurance can cover the majority of the trip cost should your student not be able to go on the trip or incur medical expenses away from home.

One of the critical aspects in undertaking such a venture is obviously the behavior of the students. There will be times during the trip when the students are not under the immediate supervision of adults, and will need to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. The opportunity to travel as a member of the GlenOak Instrumental Music Department is a privilege, not a right. Any students who cannot conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, will be sent home at their parent/guardian's expense. The director reserves the right to deny participation to any student for behavior related issues.

Directors are planning on hosting informational meetings via Google Meet in the next week or so. Please watch your email for the meeting link.

Mr. Nauss, Mr. Irwin, Mrs. Giotta, and Mrs. Laux

2025 GlenOak Instrumental Trip to Orlando

Marching Band and String Orchestra



Trip Overview

Itinerary

April 3, 2025

Please note this is not the final trip itinerary

Depart GlenOak HS via charter bus to airport
Flight information TBA.

Arrive in Orlando.

Breakfast provided.

Visit Disney's Animal Kingdom.

\$50 Disney Dining Card provided for meals.

Check into Disney's All-Star Music Resort.

April 4, 2025

Visit Magic Kingdom.

\$50 Disney Dining Card provided for meals.

*Performance day for Marching Band at Magic Kingdom (time TBA)

Return to hotel at park closing. Overnight security provided.

April 5, 2025

Visit Hollywood Studios.

\$50 Disney Dining Card provided for meals.

*Performance day for String Orchestra at Disney Springs (time TBA)

Return to hotel at park closing. Overnight security provided.

April 6, 2025

Checkout of hotel.

\$50 Disney Dining Card provided.

Visit Epcot.

Return to hotel, collect luggage, and shuttle to airport (TBA).

Charter bus from airport to GlenOak HS.

Notes on the itinerary:

*Performance times/locations will be available in early 2025. Adjustments to the itinerary may be made if performance dates are changed.

Itinerary will be adjusted once flights are purchased and park hours are determined later this fall.