

# GlenOak Band & Strings Performance Trip 2027

Dear Band and String Families,

March 25, 2026

Our 2027 trip will be to Orlando, Florida where both the marching band and string ensemble have been invited to perform on the Universal Studios campus. This exciting 4 Day/3 Night trip will take place April 2-5, 2027. 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. All students in the high school strings ensembles and marching band are eligible to take part in this opportunity.

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 \$1874 (or less) for a student (4-person room occupancy). The total payment is broken down into five smaller payments from September through January. *Final payment is determined by the final cost of airfare, which could be less than budgeted amount.* This price includes park admission, round-trip airfare, \$175 meal card, hotel stay at Universal's Endless Summer Dockside Resort, group dinner at Universal, and all transportation to and from the airports. Details regarding the String Orchestra and Marching Band performance times are still pending. We anticipate having these details later in 2026. Our tour company has broken down the cost of the trip into five payments. **An initial \$300 deposit is required to reserve your spot on the trip by September 2, 2026.**

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 begin the registration process is completing the Student Conduct Agreement via Google Forms. Here is the link.

<https://forms.gle/i4qMjJYnyaGCfLwd9>

After submitting the Student Conduct Agreement, there will be a link for you to follow to the Trip Composers website where you can begin registration. *You can also find the link at [www.gohsband.com](http://www.gohsband.com)*

The deposit of \$300 is due before September 2, 2026 in order to receive Trip Composers Early Bird pricing. **All payments are made to Trip Composers LLC and should be made on time.** *The last date to register for the trip is October 2, 2026.* If you would like to use any fundraising credits earned through PLIMPA, we will offer this opportunity three times: May 2026, October 2026, and December 2026. A Google form releasing student credits to reduce the trip cost will be provided to trip participants and money will be transferred to your Trip Composers account. You will see the amounts deducted in your account via the Trip Composers online portal. PLIMPA will assist with providing fundraising opportunities in April and again in the Fall. **The first step is simply registering at the link above and paying the \$300 deposit (by Sept. 2 for the Early Bird Discount).** 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 before the end of the 2025-2026 school to present specific information about this trip. Be on the lookout for those meeting opportunities.

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

# 2027 GlenOak Band & Strings Trip

Marching Band and String Orchestra

## Trip Overview



Register at: <https://forms.gle/i4qMjJYnyaGCfLwd9>

### Itinerary

April 2, 2027 [Friday]

- Depart GlenOak HS on charter buses to Cleveland Hopkins Airport
- Flight information will be determined at a later date
- Upon arrival in Orlando, students transported by charter bus to Universal's Endless Summer Dockside Resort – *Students housed four per room*
- Students receive \$175 Universal meal debit card to use for meals in Orlando
- Time to visit Universal Studios Citywalk
- Group dinner (included) at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville at Citywalk
- Time to swim in hotel pool
- Overnight hotel security provided

April 3, 2027 [Saturday]

- Visit Universal Studios
- \*Performance day for Marching Band at Universal Studios (TBA)
- \*Performance day for Strings at the Universal Citywalk Lagoon Stage (TBA)
- Return to hotel at park closing
- Overnight hotel security provided

April 4, 2027 [Sunday]

- Visit Universal Studios' Epic Universe
- Return to hotel at park closing
- Overnight hotel security provided

April 5, 2027 [Monday]

- Checkout of hotel
- Visit Universal Studios' Island of Adventure
- Return to hotel, collect luggage, and shuttle to airport by charter bus (TBA)
- Flight to Cleveland Hopkins Airport
- Charter bus from airport to GlenOak HS

### Notes on the itinerary:

*\* Adjustments to the itinerary may be made if performance dates are changed. Performance times/locations will be available in early 2027. Itinerary will be adjusted once flights are purchased and park hours are determined later this fall.*