

Poplar Bluff Sho-Me Band Disney Trip



March 13-18, 2022

Meeting Agenda

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Ways To Stay Informed

- Band website www.shomeband.com
- “Poplar Bluff Sho-Me Band” on Facebook
- Remind:
 - Push notifications: open your web browser on your phone and go to rmd.at/popl. Follow instructions to sign up.
 - Text notifications: Test the message @popl to the number 81010.

Purpose of the Trip

- To give students a chance to perform at Disney.
- To give students a chance to travel out of state with the band.
- To give students a once in a lifetime experience.
- To have fun!

Booster help needed:

- We are in need of band booster members for next year.
- Booster officers to help run meetings, etc.
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
- Fundraising helpers.

Trip Inclusions

- Please see packet for all inclusions:
 - Motor coaches (not yellow buses!)
 - Hotel accommodations (three nights)
 - Security guard for hotel hallways
 - Disney dining cards (\$30 per day that we are in the park)
 - Pizza party at hotel on beach day
 - Excursion to Cocoa Beach

Trip Itinerary

- The sample that you have this evening is not finalized.
- Our performance opportunity will be determined by Disney.
 - Because of Covid issues, they are limited the number of bands that get to march.
 - If we are not selected to march, we will perform in a Disney Performance Workshop.
- Please see packet for complete itinerary.

Magic Kingdom



Epcot Center



Hollywood Studios



Holiday Inn Express South Lake



Hotel Putt-Putt Course



One of the hotel's pools



Another hotel pool



Sample Quad Room



Breakfast Area



Cost of Trip

- The total cost of the trip will depend on the number of students participating.
- I wanted the cost to be below \$1000 but still wanted to include meals at the park so students will not have to pay those out of pocket.
- We try to keep costs as low as possible but still give students a great trip that they will remember for a lifetime.
- On the next page, I will show other trips that I researched to give you a point of reference.

Other band's Disney trip costs:

- Jackson, MO - \$925 (quad occupancy)
- Tri County North - \$920
- Brecksville, OH - \$977
- Milford HS - \$1248
- East Peoria - \$1250
- Owasso - \$1258
- Bernard - \$1295
- Niles HS - \$1380
- Seneca Valley - \$1400
- Colleyville Heritage Band - \$1400
- Grove HS - \$1408
- Oshkosh West - \$1600
- Mattawa HS - \$1707

Payment Schedule

- May 18 \$100 Deposit
- August 6 \$130 Payment due
- September 3 \$130 Payment due
- October 8 \$130 Payment due
- November 5 \$130 Payment due
- December 3 \$130 Payment due
- January 7 \$130 Payment due
- January 27 Final payment due (amount will vary slightly than the payments above)

Fundraisers

- We will be setting up and running several fundraisers this year.
- If you are interested in helping with one fundraiser, please sign up at the booster table.
- If everyone helped with one fundraiser, it would help take the load off of a few parents.
- If you have an idea for an innovative fundraiser, please let us know.
- Next fundraiser we need help with – Band cards.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Can we pay for the trip using our 2022 tax return?
- Do you need chaperones?
- Is there going to be adequate supervision?
- Will there be a nurse on the trip?
- Can I drive my child down to Florida instead of having them ride the bus?
- Is there a way to make payments online?

Can we pay for the trip using our 2022 tax return?

- No...
- The problem with this is that we have to pay three different payments to the travel company throughout the year.
- Our last payment is at the end of January so we can't wait until parents receive their tax return's back.
- However, you could use some of this year's stimulus to pay towards the trip.

Do you need chaperones?

- Yes.
- We will need a few official chaperones to help with the trip (usually teachers or booster board members).
- We will have an official trip nurse.
- We cannot promise to pay for chaperone's entire trip but will try to help with the cost of their trip if the funds are available.

Is there going to be adequate supervision?

- We believe that student supervision and safety is very important.
- As you can see from the itinerary, our goal is to keep the students very busy so they don't have time to get in trouble.
- We hire a security guard to monitor the hallways at the hotel all night so students will always have someone watching their doors while they sleep.
- A school administrator usually accompanies the band to Florida.

Will there be a nurse on the trip?

- In the past three trips to Disney, we have had a nurse or nurse practitioner that has gone with us on the bus.
- It is our intent to have a nurse on this trip also.
- The nurse can help with medication and minor ailments like sunburns, personal issues, etc.
- Parents will be informed if any serious events occur and if any medical attention is needed.
- The closer we get to the trip, we will require a notarized student health form.

Can I drive my child down to Florida instead of having them ride the bus?

- The students needs to travel with the band but parents can travel to Florida on their own.
- If parents travel on their own they can usually save a couple hundred dollars off their trip (since they don't need to travel on the bus).
- Students could possibly leave with their parents and travel back with them but they would need special permission to do this.

Is there a way to make payments online?

- No – we decided to not have online payment options this year due to the cost of credit card fees.
- If you are afraid to send payments with your child, please drop them off at the front office and they will make sure I receive them.
- They can also be mailed to the high school:
 - Poplar Bluff Sho-Me Band
 - 3209 Oak Grove Road
 - Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

What do we need to do to sign up?

- Fill out the form in the back of the packet and turn in your deposit by May 18.
 - If you fundraised enough to pay for the deposit, please mention that when you turn the form in.
- Fill out the online form through Bob Rogers Travel website (more information on this later).
- Thank you for coming this evening.