

Dear Band Parents,

The AHS Band will be traveling to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida from March 21-26, 2010. AHS Marching Band members (including 8th graders who march), AHS Symphonic Band members and their families are all eligible to go on this trip.

This trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your band student. Participating members will visit the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, DisneyQuest, and either Typhoon Lagoon or Blizzard Beach Water Park. Students will also get the opportunity to march in a parade at one of the major Disney parks!

The cost of the trip will be between \$600 and \$650. The more people that we have participate in the trip, the lower the cost will be. The trip cost includes charter coach transportation, three nights hotel accommodation, all meals while in Orlando, and all park admissions. The only expenses not covered in that total are souvenirs and any food that will be purchased on the bus ride there and back.

A \$200, non-refundable deposit, will be due in the middle of September for each band and family member that will be going on the trip. Our tour company, Noteworthy Tours, will bill you for the remaining payments; \$200 due in November and the balance of the trip due in early February. Detailed payment and trip information will be sent home at the beginning of the 09-10 school year but I wanted to give everyone advance notice so that they can budget accordingly.

We will have at least one fundraiser that students may participate in to help defray the cost of the trip. This fundraiser will occur after the deposit has been collected and will be applied to the remaining two payments. If a student happens to raise more money than the last two payments, he or she would be refunded the appropriate amount of his or her deposit.

With the summer months upon us, encourage your children to start saving money for their trip now. Putting aside just a little money each time they baby-sit or mow a lawn will add up fast. We want everyone to be able to participate in this amazing and fun opportunity!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at slabovitz@athenscity.k12.oh.us.

Have a great summer!



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