Overview of tonight’s meeting

- Chance for everyone to see the itinerary for the trip
- What all is included with the trip?
- What parks are we visiting?
- How are we traveling to Orlando?
- Where will we be staying?
- Cost of the trip
- Fundraising opportunities for students
Overview part 2

- Goal of this meeting is to get a list of who is interested in traveling as the Liberty Music Department to Orlando
- We have a link to view our website for forms and docs. Please complete the form at the end of this PowerPoint
- A meeting like this will generate questions that we hope to answer
  - Your music teachers will answer questions the best we can tonight following the meeting
WHY TRAVEL?

- See new places and experiences
- Insightful clinics/performances
- Reward for all the hard work
- Musical groups have lots of outside the school day requirements
- Group bonding and friendship
- Represent our school, ambassadors of Liberty High School
Fundraising Opportunities

- The music department has ‘Student Trip Accounts’ where we manage student money fundraised throughout their time in High School. We can subtract these amounts from the trip amount to help offset the trip cost.
- Music Department Fundraisers coming this year - we have seen students fundraise a HUGE amount of money to offset the trip cost
  - Cookie Dough Fundraiser
  - Fruit Sale Fundraiser
  - Band students can earn money on the mattress sale
MUSIC DEPT. TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

- All music teachers at Liberty have traveled with groups before
  - Orchestra to New York City in April
  - Jazz Choir to Dallas in January
  - Band students did a lot of little trips on Charter coaches last year
- Past trips with music groups to Orlando specifically, we do it because it’s the best experience for the students, nice weather, and the parks are very safe inside.
SCHEDULING LIBERTY’S TRIP

• TRIP DATES: Wednesday, April 19 - Tuesday April 25 (it's wrong on the poster)

• NO CLASSES FOR THE DISTRICT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21 or Monday April 24
  • WANTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DAYS OFF -WE ARE GETTING A 6 DAY TRIP AND MISSING ONLY 2 DAYS OF CLASS
  • ‘BIG TRIPS’ LIKE THIS ARE EVERY 3 YEARS – NEXT ONE IS IN 2026
  • BETTER WEATHER IN FLORIDA IN APRIL – ALSO WAY LESS CROWDS IN THE PARKS

• DEPART WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL BY 4:30PM

• RETURN TUESDAY EVENING/NIGHT 9/10:00PM
TRANSPORTATION

• CHARTER COACH - this is our home!
  • PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS, EXCELLENT COACHES, QUALITY PEOPLE
• We will stop about every 2.5 hours (longer intervals at night)
LODGING
Residence Inn
Lake Buena Vista

• POOL, LOBBY, GIFT SHOP, FITNESS ROOM, ETC.

• WE ARE NOT THE ONLY PEOPLE STAYING AT THE HOTEL, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT

• BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL EACH MORNING (hot buffet style breakfast)

• ROOMS WILL BE SUITES, 7 STUDENTS PER ROOM

• 1 King, 2 Queens, Pull out sofa + Kitchenette, some have 2 bathrooms

• STANDARD IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION RULES FOR HOTEL BEHAVIOR (COMMON SENSE)
The Performances at Disney

- The groups will be traveling as a concert band, orchestra, concert choir and having their performances at the same times. Students in multiple groups will have to choose (please consider the ensemble balance).
- Each group will have 2.5 hours of a workshop/clinic led by one of Disney’s composers/conductors/educators (yes the people who wave their arms on the soundtracks).
- The end goal is a full video edit with OUR ensembles performing during the scene of a Disney movie.
- Incredibly rewarding for the kids. Yes families can come to the clinics with us but the performance is NOT designed for an audience.
Departure Day Wed. April 19

- Drop off ALL luggage when you arrive to school on the auditorium stage.
- Doors to the Auditorium will be locked during school.
- Attend school as normal - **MAKE SURE YOU COMMUNICATE TO YOUR TEACHERS ABOUT YOUR ABSENCES**
- Band and Orchestra people - after 2nd/3rd period - place your instrument near your luggage on stage.
- After School we will all meet in the auditorium and dismiss FROM THE AUDITORIUM
  - Parents wishing to ‘send their wishes’ can meet their children outside of Liberty as we walk towards the buses.
Travel day, Thursday April 20

- We will arrive in Orlando around 7:00pm
- We will have a BIG pizza party at the hotel ballroom that night, chance for you all to enjoy the hotel
- 10pm Bed Checks, security will monitor rooms
- 11pm lights out get ready for an early morning
Magic Kingdom
Fri. April 21

- 7am Breakfast, everyone eats.
- The iconic Disney Park - its BIG.
- Has theme parks within a theme park: Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland, Tomorrowland
- 10pm load buses, bed checks immediately
Universal Studios
Islands of Adventure
Sat. April 22

• 6:50am breakfast, everyone eats
• Like Roller Coasters? This is your day.
• Like Harry Potter? This is your day.
• Like Jurassic World? This is your day.
• Islands of Adventure is Theme Parks within a Theme Park: Comic Book, Cartoons, Jurassic Park, Hogsmeade, Dr. Seuss, Simpsons, and many more!
• 10pm meet at the buses
Animal Kingdom
Sun. April 23

- 6:40am breakfast, everyone eats
- BRING INSTRUMENTS TODAY!
- Band Clinic at 10 am, Choir Clinic at 12:30pm Orchestra Clinic at 2pm
- CHECK THE ITINERARY CLOSELY!
- Expedition Everest, Safari, River Rapids, Avatar, and ANIMALS!
- Depart at 8 pm to begin packing up at Hotel
Hollywood Studios
Mon. April 24

- 7:15a room sweeps begin, its move out day
- Breakfast once your bags are moved out
- Star Wars and Toy Story themed areas
- Meet as a group for VIP seating and dining for the fireworks show to wrap up our trip!
- 9:00pm load buses and leave Orlando
Travel Day, Tuesday, April 25

- We will arrive home Tuesday evening around 9:30/10pm
- Upon arrival, unload buses, bring any instruments inside, hug your family,
- See you at School on Wednesday!
Chaperones?

- We would love to have a ratio of one chaperone per 10 students - however, there is no ‘guideline’
- Cost will be the same as the students but for a double occupancy room
- Same admission to the parks as well as meal tickets the students get
- The ‘chaperoning’ is checking students at bed checks and breakfast. You do not need to monitor the students constantly in the parks
Trip Inclusions

• The cost of the trip depends on the number of students - more students actually lowers the cost - this is why we chose to travel all together.

• We are using a travel company based in Iowa, Group Dynamic Travel, run by an experienced former music educator who has done this for many, many schools.

• All student and chaperone payments are made to Liberty Music (we send the company checks)

• Cost includes: Transportation, Lodging, Admission to Parks, Meal Cards in Parks, Music Clinic

• Some meals are at student cost, including all while en-route to Florida
Trip Cost

• The anticipated cost is between $1350 and $1450 per student
  • The total cost will shift based on the number of travelers

• We will break it into trip payments - all payments to “Liberty Music”
  • Sept. 29 - $275 non-refundable deposit
  • Oct. 27 - $350 Payment 1
  • Nov. 30 - $350 Payment 2
  • Jan. 13 - $350 -$450 Final payment
Cancellation of Trip

If the trip is cancelled, the company we are working with is much more transparent with reimbursement. Covid-19 really forced tour groups to develop a plan in the contract.

• In the event of total cancellation, families will be refunded as much as possible (a final ‘worst case scenario’ will be produced once we have our final enrollment)
• Since our last payment date is 90 days before the trip, we will have strong ability to get our money back
Individual Cancellation?

• What if I am no longer able to attend the trip and I have made payments?
  • If you are able to cancel before the final payment on January 13th you may be able to get a refund, minus the $275 deposit
  • After January 13, we cannot guarantee a refund
• Trip Insurance
  • No travel company is allowed to ‘include’ trip insurance to everyone, it must be option
  • Our travel company is affiliated an insurance company, families can and should explore their options. (plans start at $44 with a ‘cancel for any reason’ at $87)
  • tinyurl.com/mpwz3kej
What's Next? The final slide

• We need to know who wants to go.
  • Complete the google form on our website
  • libertymusicdept.com/orlando-2023
• Trip deposit of $275 by Sept. 29