

Stevenson Band 2023 Tour - Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida Initial Deposit Letter

For many years, Group Travel has provided the Stevenson Band and Color Guard students with wonderful performing and educational opportunities, as well as a chance to relax and play together, and visit places of cultural and entertainment interest. We are so excited to be offering these opportunities again!

The Stevenson Band and Color Guard will be traveling to **Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida on February 16 – 20, 2023**. Anticipated highlights of the trip will include:

- A parade performance in Disney's Magic Kingdom*
- Soundtrack Session Workshop (Band Students) and a Dance Disney Workshop (Color Guard)
- Visits to the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, MGM Studios
- Universal Studios Park

Students will be departing from Stevenson on Thursday afternoon, February 16th at the end of the school day. Students will miss class on Friday, February 17th. There is no school on Monday, February 20th.

Trip Eligibility

All Band and Color Guard students enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year/season are invited to participate in the trip.*This opportunity will be open to all Band students, including those who are not members of the marching band. Additional information regarding a performance opportunity for those non-marching band students will be shared at a later date.

If at any time prior to the trip, a student violates the Stevenson Student Code of Conduct and or the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, the administration, dean, and trip sponsors may choose to disqualify that student from trip participation. In this case, the student may forfeit any non-refundable deposits.

Trip Cancellation

Should a student who has signed up to participate choose to withdraw from the trip, they will forfeit deposit amounts as follows:

1. Any deposits paid to vendors/service providers that those entities consider non-refundable
2. Any deposits that would raise the per-person trip costs for other student participants (e.g. the withdrawing a student's fractional cost of charter busing).

Costs

Initial deposits are due May 20th, 2022 for any student wishing to participate on this trip. *The estimated total cost of the trip is \$ 1,600.* This total includes:

1. Air and ground transportation
2. Lodging

3. Sightseeing and entertainment expenses
4. Meals
5. Additional expenses related to the trip

Stevenson High School also requires all students to get trip insurance through our travel company (Tour-Rific of Texas) at an additional cost of \$54 per student. If this trip is canceled, 100% of the money would be refunded. Insurance must be purchased at this link: [Trip Insurance](#)

Please enter the trip amount of \$1600 and proceed with your purchase. This portion must be completed prior to trip registration.

IMPORTANT: Note that this is an *ESTIMATED* amount that we consider to be a *WORST CASE* price for the trip. Airline prices fluctuate and we will not have final ticket pricing and availability until 6 months before travel dates.

All participating students will be required to make deposits according to the following schedule:

- **May 20, 2022** **\$300 Initial Deposit**
- June, 2022* * no payment (band fees and supplies ordered in June)
- July 29, 2022 \$250 Payment
- August 26, 2022 \$250 Payment
- September 23, 2022 \$250 Payment
- October 21, 2022 \$250 Payment
- November 18, 2022 \$300 Estimated Payment

Payments

ALL Disney payments will be made through the Stevenson School Store. Please click here [HERE](#) to register and make your initial deposit for the trip. Future payment links will be provided after the registration deadline.

Student Fundraising dollars will be tracked through the January 27th, 2023 deadline by School Operations. At that time, funds will be applied and appropriately refunded to families. Families can contact School Operations (ajohnson@d125.org) with any questions and can check their current account balances on the BPO website by clicking here [Student Funds](#).

Please note: ALL families should expect to pay for the trip in full with funds being applied at the end of the fundraising period. Exceptions will be made for families who already have enough funds raised to cover the full cost of the trip. School Operations will contact you directly to coordinate.

If a student does not make deposits on time per the schedule, they may be dropped from the trip, and will forfeit non-refundable amounts on deposit.

Fundraising

It is a principal goal to provide all students the opportunity to raise all necessary funds for any trip through school-sponsored fundraising activities. Any student who fails to raise sufficient funds through such projects will have to make up the difference out of his/her own money in order to participate in the trip.

Your first opportunity for fundraising is an easy one! Students should treat this like a “Go Fund Me” opportunity. Take advantage and start early. For easy donations send the link below to family and friends. Be sure they have your students' information to make a donation to their trip.

Family and Friends, help me get to Disney with the band in 2023 by contributing to my fundraising efforts. Click below to make a donation to my trip fund. [2023 Band Trip Donations](#)

- 1) The Band Parents Organization coordinates fund-raising projects with the Band Directors and the Student Activities Director.
 - 2) Each student will receive information on every fundraising project, including a timeline for completion, and deadlines for turning in orders and money.
 - 3) Students must meet all deadlines for turning in orders and money to be assured a part and profit in the project.
 - 4) All profits earned by an individual student in a fund-raising project will be tracked by School Operations. These funds will accumulate through the year, and may only be used for SHS Band Trips.
 - 5) Whenever a trip is planned, students and parents will receive detailed information which will include COSTS, and DEADLINES for PERIODIC DEPOSITS to accounts. Many of the expenses of travel must be paid well in advance of a trip, making prepayment necessary. While deposit deadlines will be coordinated with fund-raising projects, students who do not raise sufficient funds during a given project may need to use his/her own money to meet deposit deadlines.
 - 6) Funds will carry over from year to year; No transfer of funds between students will be allowed, except within the same family; Unused funds remaining in accounts of graduating Seniors or students moving out of the district will be moved into the Band Student Activities Account. (See 6-A for exception.)
- 6-A) If a student is unable to attend a trip he/she had been saving for, PERSONAL money that was deposited in the individual account (i.e. funds other than those raised through school-sponsored projects) will be refunded less any "non-refundable" amounts arising from non-refundable costs (such as: airline tickets already purchased; student's share of bus costs; any other non-refundable expense incurred before the student withdrew from participation in the trip). No money earned in a school-sponsored project can be refunded- only saved in the account as described in 6, above.

Code of Conduct

Co-curricular trips taken by Music Department performance groups are educational experiences and do serve to enhance the curricular objectives of the ensembles. However, they are **voluntary** activities and are *not* part of the curriculum or required course work.

Students may not be able to participate on extended trips if they violate Stevenson High School rules and regulations detailed in the [Stevenson Student Guidebook](#). It is understood that violations of these rules may result in the suspension or termination of a student's involvement in this travel experience. Please take time to read and understand the policy regarding exclusion from trips based on prior violation of the [Stevenson Student Code of Conduct and Co-Curricular Code of Conduct](#), found on the AESHS Website.

It must be understood that although one adult will be present on each trip for every 10 students attending, the students will be in positions of responsibility for their behavior. The adults on these trips – both teachers and parents –are voluntarily agreeing to take on a large responsibility when they agree to travel with our students. There needs to be an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust among students and responsible adults. For this reason the following rule is in effect:

If at any time prior to a trip, any student is found to be in violation of Stevenson High School Guidelines, particularly those concerning: attendance issues; ongoing eligibility concerns; insubordination/ disrespect; dishonesty; conduct endangering others; inappropriate language; use of alcohol or illegal drugs; use of tobacco; littering; vandalism/theft; gambling - the school reserves the right to deny that student the privilege of participating in a(ny) future trip(s).

Other Information

If you have any questions about this trip, please call or email the band directors.

If you are not currently signed up for Band for next year and you've had a change of heart, you may still contact your high school counselor for a Course Selection Change Request!

We hope everyone will join us for this exciting tour, and join their friends and fellow members for the fun!