

**FHS Band Spring Trip to Los Angeles
March 31-April 4, 2011**

The Friendswood High School Band is going to Los Angeles next spring. During the trip, the band will perform in a music festival and enjoy the sights and sounds of Los Angeles including Universal Studios, Six Flags Magic Mountain, a tour of Hollywood and Rodeo Drive, the Star's Walk of Fame, Santa Monica pier, and other famous attractions.

DATES

The band will depart after school on Thursday night, March 31, and return on Monday, April 4. Students will miss Friday and Monday of school.

ELIGIBILITY (Grades)

To go on the trip, students must pass all of their classes on the 3rd Nine Weeks report card. The trip falls during the 1st three weeks of the 4th Nine Weeks so the Friendswood High School local eligibility rule will not be in effect.

TRIP INSURANCE

Tour Rific of Texas offers trip insurance through a 3rd part vendor if you are interested. Access this information by going to www.tour-rific.com and click "Services" to access the Travel Insurance link. If you decided to purchase this insurance, you would take care of this yourself through their website.

TRIP DETAILS

Cost of the trip per student is approximately \$950 per student for quad occupancy. The price could go up or down a little depending on the final booking and 2011 ticket prices for the attractions. The payment schedule reflects a cost of \$1000 just in case it goes up to that amount. We will try our very best to find a way to minimize the cost for checking a 2nd piece of luggage and that includes band instruments for the trip.

Included in the trip:

- Round trip air on Continental Airlines
- 4 Nights accommodations with breakfast
- Charter bus transportation in LA
- 1 piece of checked luggage, 2nd piece is an additional fee
- 2 dinners and meal coupons for Universal and Magic Mountain
- Music Festival entry fee

TRIP SIGN-UP

We will send out reservation information that will include a payment schedule and a refund/cancellation policy that will be similar to past out of state trips. This information will be available August 2 and the trip deposit of \$50 will be due on or before August 27. For new parents, payments are made on a monthly basis for the trip. We are given payment deadlines by the tour agency that we have to meet.

To help students pay the trip, the boosters have made more fundraisers available for you to earn money toward the trip. You will earn 75% of what you sell and the other 25% will go to the booster club. Here is what they have come up:

- Car Washes
- Chocolate sale
- Magazine sale
- Poinsettia sale
- Scrip (see our band website)

Of course your student could come up with summer jobs, moving, baby-sitting, etc., to help with the cost. There are no scholarships for this kind of a trip or discounts.

If you have any questions, please email Mr. Dick at gdick@fisdk12.net and I will do my best to get back to you in a timely manner. I hope everyone has a great summer and is looking forward to marching season.

Sincerely,

Gregory Dick
Director of Bands
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