

Albert Lea Band & Orchestra Florida Trip Proposal for March 2028

1. How the trip is related to the activity

Students in band and orchestra will be performing at least once at a retirement community or have a clinic at a University on the way down.

In addition to performing, students will have the opportunity to observe how Disney and Universal have integrated music into various aspects of their parks. Students will reflect on how music affects their experience in the different “lands” and on the rides.

2. Location to be visited, general itinerary, and number of school days involved

The proposed trip is to Orlando, Florida, we would leave early Saturday, March 11th and return on Thursday, March 16th. Students would not be missing any school. They would use six days of their Spring Break. Some of the items that would be on the itinerary would be:

Clinic at a University or performance at a retirement community

Three Universal Parks – Universal Studios Florida, Islands of Adventure, and Epic Universe

Two Disney Parks – Magic Kingdom and Hollywood Studios

3. Transportation Plans

We will be traveling by coach bus

4. Housing Plans

We will be staying at a hotel four nights and driving overnight once each way

5. Probable number of students involved

We are hoping to have 40-50 students involved and 5 adult chaperones in addition to two teachers.

6. Approximate individual cost

We are working with a tour company; the cost is approximately \$1,600 per person. We are trying to get the cost down to \$1,200 with funds from our 21 account and donations at concerts. This price includes a few of the students’ meals on the trip. Chaperones will be asked to pay for their trip. We are working on lowering costs but the price of fuel is what is driving the price up.

7. Plans for funding the trip, including a process for assisting families with financial needs, and how these plans are to be communicated with parents and students

We will be doing a variety of fundraisers including:

- ☐ Kiwanis & Legion breakfasts
- ☐ Lion’s Bingo
- ☐ Pastry Puffins

- Club's Choice Fundraising
- Butterbraid Fundraiser
- Money from the donation box at concerts will go to help reduce costs for students going on the trip

All fundraisers are introduced during class and information is sent home to parents. Through donations, we usually have some need-based assistance available for students who are having difficulty paying for the trip.