

**LMMS Music Department Walt Disney World Trip
Announcement and Behavioral Plan
Wed-Sun – May 13-17, 2020**

We would like to take this opportunity and give you a few details about the Music Department's upcoming Spring Trip. This information will give insight about the time frame, trip itinerary, fundraising opportunities, behavioral policy and such based on prior trip schedules. More details about the trip will follow as we get closer to the trip date. We especially want to stress the fundraising opportunities for your eighth grade student. **With the exception of the first deposit which must be paid by check or cash, all fundraising profits earned by your child will be applied to his/her trip balance.** We have had numerous students in the past who have raised enough through fundraising to pay for their entire trip. Blue Ribbon/Cheesecake sales will take place in September with a **40%** gross profit margin. 100% of the profit will go straight to this trip if the student sold their fair share of 10 items in both 6th and 7th grade or made a \$70 donation in both 6th and 7th grade. If the student did not do so, then the first \$35 of profit will go toward the music department. The profits from the Blue Ribbon Fundraiser will be applied to the second payment. A special Poinsettia fund raiser for Disney participants only will take place in November. This profit will go toward the third payment. We offer these fundraisers so that all eligible students will have the opportunity to raise the funds necessary to attend the trip. Parents will be notified of the profits and adjusted payment amounts prior to each payment.

There will be an informational parent meeting in the LMMS Theater on Tuesday, August 12, 2019 at 8pm, where parents and students will receive a packet of trip information and have the opportunity to participate in a Q/A session with the Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Directors.

Should your student choose to participate in this year's Disney trip, please know that they are joining a legacy—LMMS performance groups have participated in Disney's Magic Music Days Festival since 2002. These performances often become one of the highlights of the student's middle school experience. The package cost includes lodging at a Disney resort, charter busses, one 3 day length of stay Passport to the Walt Disney World Resort including admission to Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios, 4 breakfasts at the resort, and 3 - \$25 meal cards for use at the Walt Disney World Resort on park days, and meals on the trips to and from Florida.

We realize that this might be the first time your child may be traveling away from your family. Please be assured that your child's safety is our top priority on this trip. There will be one adult assigned to every 8 students and our rules, guidelines, and check-in points have been established to ensure the accountability and safety of each student. Due to the nature of this trip, behavioral policies, academic expectations, and trip guidelines have been established. Please realize that students attending the trip represent themselves, their families, their music programs, and Lost Mountain Middle School as a whole. Our trips have always been a great success due to the compliance of all classroom, school, and trip rules. **Please read the following Behavioral Policy used to determine a student's eligibility.**

LMMS Music Department's Behavioral Plan

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE - The band, chorus and orchestra are performing ensembles, and as such, regular attendance at rehearsals, clinics, and concerts is a necessity to ensure a quality, rewarding musical experience. The invitation to perform/workshop at Walt Disney World is a privilege and is considered a reward for the students' continued commitment to the Lost Mountain Middle School Music Program. Students are expected to attend all extra-curricular rehearsals, clinics, and concerts throughout the year. Please refer to your student's music handbook for guidelines for excused/unexcused absences. **Unexcused absences from performances or workshops can result in your child not being able to attend the trip. Doublers are expected to attend all performances for both groups.**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – In order to meet the school attendance requirements to travel with us, students must have no more than 7 unexcused absences throughout the school year. To be counted present for the school day, a student must be present from the start of day through 1:00 pm or from 1:00 pm through the end of the day.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION – 6+ days – If a student receives ISS in any class at any given time during the school year collectively resulting in over 5 days, the student is NOT eligible for the trip.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION - If a student receives OSS in any class at any given time during the school year, they will not be allowed to attend the trip.

GRADES – If a student earns a report card grade in Band/Chorus/Orchestra lower than a B, or has a report card grade lower than a B in those classes at the time of the trip, they will not be allowed to attend the trip. If a student earns a report card grade in any other class lower than a D for the first, second, or third nine-week grading periods, then they will not be allowed to attend the trip. Since year-long classes give progress reports throughout the year, and the final grade is not determined until the end of the year, the policy for trip eligibility is different for these classes. The student must have a 70 or higher at the end of the 3rd nine-week period in order to stay eligible for the trip.

REFUNDS - The first payment is \$350. \$150 of that payment is a non-refundable deposit. After Thursday, January 9, 2020, \$250.00 is non-refundable. After Friday, February 7, 2020, \$300.00 is non-refundable. After Tuesday, March 24, 2020, there are NO REFUNDS.

The music department is excited and looking forward to our upcoming trip and performance/workshop in Orlando. A packet with the details of the trip will be coming home Wednesday, August 14th (the day after the Disney Parent Meeting).

Sincerely,

Suzanne Tingle
Band Director

Jay Champion
Chorus Director

Linda Stephens
Orchestra Director

Caitlin Watts
Assistant Band Director

Kacy Bishop
Assistant Chorus Director

Catherine Bitinas
Assistant Orchestra Director

**PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS TRIP!**

Signing this document allows the student to be eligible for the Disney trip but does not guarantee their participation.

ALL 8th GRADE BAND, CHORUS and ORCHESTRA STUDENTS MUST READ AND SIGN THIS DOCUMENT as a BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

My student, _____, and I have read and accept the guidelines as stated for the LMMS Music Department Disney Trip.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Please circle group(s) –

Band

Chorus

Orchestra

LMMS MUSIC DEPARTMENT CHAPERONE INTEREST

If you are interested in chaperoning the Disney trip, please write down your name and contact information (phone & email) below. Because chaperoning a trip of this magnitude requires a lot of work, the cost is generally about half the cost.

- Please keep in mind that all chaperones will be selected based on chaperone participation during the student's 3 years in the music department.
- The number of students attending the trip completely dictates how many chaperones of each gender that we will need.
- If you feel that it is necessary for your participation depending upon special circumstances with your student, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can start the planning process.
- **Indicating your interest does not guarantee a chaperone position.**