



8th Grade Orchestra Trip 2019

Universal Studios, Orlando, Florida

March 22-25, 2019 (Friday-Monday)

Itinerary

Friday, March 22nd

7:00am-Depart Dickerson

* One rest area stop

1pm-arrive in Gainesville for lunch at student union

3:00pm-Clinic/performance with director of UF Symphony Orchestra

5pm: Depart for Orlando

7:30pm-Dinner at Pizzeria Uno

9:30pm-Hotel check-in

11pm-Light's out

Saturday, March 23rd (T-shirt #1)

8:00am-Breakfast in hotel

9:00am-Full day at Islands of Adventure

*lunch and dinner vouchers provided

9:00pm-Meet at bus, return to hotel

11:00pm-Light's out

Sunday, March 24th (T-shirt #2)

9:00am-Breakfast at the hotel

10:00am-Load bus for Day 2 in parks, lunch and dinner vouchers provided

9:00pm-Meet at buses, return to hotel to pack

11:00pm-Light's out

Monday, March 25th

8:00am-Breakfast at hotel, room inspection/check-out

9:00am-Depart hotel for home (lunch stop, money provided)

*One-two rest stops on the way home

5:30pm-Estimated arrival time at Dickerson Middle School

Rules and Expectations

- ❖ Cobb County District and Dickerson school rules apply
- ❖ Dress code applies*
- ❖ Representing state, city, district, school, orchestra program
- ❖ No bus hopping: same bus the entire trip
- ❖ Students can be sent home at parent expense

*Same gender rooms
at all times

*No boy / girl seating
on bus

*Groups of 3 DMS Orchestra
at all times



Let's get packing!

- ❖ One small luggage (carry-on size)
- ❖ Backpack / small bag for bus
 - ❖ Label everything! You will be given 3 luggage tags
- ❖ Instrument: Label prior to departure
- ❖ It's Florida: take rain gear and sunblock
- ❖ 3-4 of the following: shorts, trip shirts, undergarments, pairs of socks, pj's.
- ❖ 2 trip shirts checked at luggage drop
- ❖ Back-up shoes, 1-2 hoodies / light jacket, flip-flops for hotel, toiletries, DEODORANT, sunglasses, hat, comfy clothes for bus ride home.
- ❖ Bus ride: blanket / pillow, chargers for technology, snacks, clear drinks with caps, headphones, entertainment-at your own risk

Day Before Trip

- ❖ **March 21st, 4:30-6:30pm:**
Luggage and instrument drop
- ❖ Covered Play Area: find wall with bus color
- ❖ Check list with adult: trip shirts, instrument
- ❖ Case of water * 24 pack
- ❖ Prescription Updates: Med forms*



Hotel: Rules & Expectations

- ❖ Students respect hotel policies, respect other guests in the hotel.
- ❖ Room check and lights out at 11pm: quiet and in bed.
- ❖ No gym, pool or common areas. Permission from chaperone to visit lobby / game room.
- ❖ Room captain: distributes room key; reports any issues to chaperone
- ❖ Chaperone inspects room before final departure.
- ❖ In room of same gender only. **No floor hopping, no hanging in halls or public areas.**

Bus & Hotel Info

- ❖ Absolutely no fast food or drinks on bus following stops
- ❖ 3 Buses: assigned by chaperone groups
- ❖ Hotel rooms: fridge, microwave, coffee maker, free wi-fi
- ❖ 4 kids per room, chaperones are 2 to a room, no kids
 - ❖ Hotel info: Springhill Suites Orlando SeaWorld
 - ❖ 10801 International Drive, Orlando 32821



Respect

All people, property, things.

Park: Rules & Expectations

- ❖ **All Dickerson orchestra students in groups of 3 or more at all times**
- ❖ Highly recommended: phone-charger, external batteries
- ❖ Coaster rider issues: make a plan, communicate on meeting place and time
- ❖ If found, re-group policy: you stay with a chaperone until we find the next Dickerson orchestra group with which you will be placed

Absolutely NO City Walk. You are to remain in the park at all times



Best Friends Forever

- ❖ Go with the flow: stuff happens
- ❖ Create shower / getting ready schedule, wake-up plan. PLEASE shower.
- ❖ Give people space
- ❖ Decide who sleeps where in advance
- ❖ Rotate groups: don't always hang with roommates / bus mates



How much spending money?

- ❖ All meals will be covered. Based on amount of food you eat, you may want to bring some extra. Fast food money will be \$10
- ❖ Some extra snack/souvenir money for 2 days in the parks
- ❖ Water is donated by you, don't waste money on purchasing it
- ❖ Pack extra snacks in luggage for hotel in evening

Remind

- ❖ Text this message: @univorc to the number 81010
- ❖ Both students and parents can do this to receive updates (could potential be early morning /late evening messages)
- ❖ **Be responsible:** PLEASE be aware of your belongings, money, etc. You are responsible for your meal cards and park tickets.



Contact

- ❖ Phone: Students will have chaperone phone numbers, group numbers.
- ❖ Directors will have all phone numbers
- ❖ Students first contact chaperone with issues / concerns
- ❖ Subscribe to Remind: you can message directors
- ❖ Adults: Hardy, Bitinas, Ms. Alford, Ms. Crain (CCSD employees), 14 parent chaperones.

Required Forms:

- * Form IFCB-6 (White FRONT / BACK): Overnight permission form (required for every student on trip, SIGNATURE on back)
- * Form JGCD-7 (Green): Students wanting to bring over the counter meds (Tylenol, cough drops, Antacid, etc) *Must be signed by nurse, list all meds you are bringing in original container
- * Form JGCD-10 (Pink): Asthma, Epi-pen, Diabetic Medications, permission to carry on them. **Must be signed by your doctor
- * Form JGCD-2 (Orange): Any prescription medication. Must be in original labeled container, only amount needed for trip. Cobb employees administer. **Signed by doctor