

Concert Band Tour Southern California February 23-28, 2018

1. Hotel Accommodations Springhill Suites Maingate or Similar
2. Bus Carrier To Be Determined
3. Departure Time Friday, February 23, 2018 – 5:00 am
Tentative Time
4. Pre Trip Meetings (Student) January 11, 2018 – 7:00 pm
February 22, 2018 – 4:00 pm with Luggage
5. Return Time Wednesday, February 28, 2018
9:00 pm (approx)
6. Clothing/Necessities: **Band Concert Dress:** Black Dress Pants and Black Dress
Shoes (closed toes required), Black Belt, Black Socks, White
Collared Shirt, Blue Jeans and Sneakers for other
performances (Shirt Provided)
(Any student without proper dress will not be able to
perform and will be sent home at parents expense)
7. Suggested Items: **Other (All Clothing Must Conform to MPHS Dress Code) :**
Rain Poncho
Bathing Suit
Beach Towel
Sweatshirt (Nights Can Get Cold) and long pants
Casual clothes - no ripped jeans or torn T-Shirts
No Shirts with inappropriate logos
Comfortable Sneakers
Personal Comfort Items
8. Suitcase: Each Student is allowed to bring one standard sized
suitcase, and a carry on bag to bring on the plane/bus. The
student is also responsible for their own instruments.
Flutes, Clarinets, Oboes, Alto Saxes, and Trumpets will use
their instrument as their carry on. All others will check
instruments and carry on clothing. Percussion will be
advised on what to do.

Final directions will be clarified prior to trip based on airline regulations.

9. Money/ Meals:

Friday, February 23

Breakfast and Lunch (on your own: on plane)

Dinner - Included

Saturday, February 24

Breakfast – Hotel (Provided)

Lunch – In the Park \$\$\$

Dinner – At Disney (Provided)

Sunday, February 25

Breakfast – Hotel (Provided)

Lunch – In the Park \$\$\$

Dinner – At Disney (Provided)

Monday, February 26

Breakfast – Hotel (Provided)

Lunch – TBD \$\$\$

Dinner – At Disney (Provided)

Tuesday, February 27

Breakfast – Hotel (Provided)

Lunch – In the Park \$\$\$

Dinner – At Disney (Provided)

Wednesday, February 28

Breakfast – Hotel (Provided)

Lunch – On the Plane \$\$\$

Dinner – On the Plane \$\$\$

10. Swimming:

There will be a pool available to those granted permission by their parents (Swimming Permission Form). If time allows, we will arrange time for students to swim. Please understand that the pool is open for the enjoyment of every guest of the hotel and access may be restricted. Students may only use the pool at times designated by the staff and when chaperones are present.

11. Student Conduct:

In the event of a serious disciplinary problem, use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drug, your child will be sent home at parent/guardian expense and will face further disciplinary action. All students must have returned a student conduct form to attend the trip.

12. Luggage Check:

ALL LUGGAGE MUST BE IN THE BAND ROOM BY THURSDAY Afternoon at 4:00 PM (THE DAY BEFORE THE TRIP). Students may drop off luggage between 3:15pm – 4:00 pm. Luggage may be searched.

13. Chaperones (1 per 10): Mr. Marks, Director of Bands, MPHS
Mr. Peters, Band Director, Highland School
Other chaperones added at rate of 1:10 + nurse
14. Nurse: We will have a nurse along to distribute all medications
15. Make-up Work: Students will be given 1 day to make up missed assignments
16. Phone Calls: Students are not permitted to use hotel room phones except to call a chaperone. Pay Phones are available at the hotel
17. Internet Updates: We will try our best to update the web site each evening
<http://www.mphsarts.org>
18. Payment Policies Deposits are Due on April 3, 2017. A payment schedule has been provided. You can always pay early but never late. Any late payments may result in the dismissal of the student from the trip. All students must follow the instructions given to demonstrate that they are responsible enough to handle the requirements of the trip. No refunds can be given within 90 days of the trip. Other refunds can only be made based on the vendors' individual policies. The initial deposit is not refundable.
19. Fundraising There will be at least one individual fundraiser in the fall for student accounts and multiple group fundraisers to try and lower the cost of the trip per student. There is a fundraiser currently underway.
20. Other Band Requirements All band students attending the trip are required to attend (2) scheduled rehearsals which will be determined in September.
21. Parent Meetings There will be an information session on January 11, 2018 @ 8:00 pm in Memorial Hall
22. Potential Conflicts Students should be aware that there is the possibility of conflicts with Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Playoffs. If a student is involved in these sports they should know in advance that a conflict may occur and understand that in advance. The trip or sports schedules will not be altered for the playoffs. Any sports conflicts that develop with rehearsals will be worked out so students are not impacted.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED
FOR CHILD TO REGISTER FOR THE TRIP:**

Deposit \$150

Signed Email Confirming Online Forms Submitted

Online Forms to be Submitted

Commitment Form

Conduct Form

Swim Form

Instrument and General Info Form

**THE FOLLOWING FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED
BEFORE ANY CHILD MAY ATTEND THE TRIP:**

Medical Form (with copy of insurance card)

ID Photocopy

Itinerary – Changes may occur as number of students becomes final and availability of performance times and clinics may alter the schedule

Friday

11:00 am - Arrive in LA Area
12:00 pm – Lunch at Local Establishment (at own expense)(Most Likely In-N-Out Burger)
1:00 pm - Time at Huntington Beach
4:00 pm – Check into Hotel
5:00 pm – Dinner at Downtown Disney (included)
6:30 pm – Enjoy Downtown Disney
9:00 pm – Return to Hotel

Saturday

8:00 am - Breakfast in Hotel (included)
9:00 am - Go to Disneyland Complex (Admission included)
12:00 pm - Lunch (at own expense)
1:00 pm – Clinic # 1
4:00 pm - Park Time
6:00 pm - Dinner (Included)
7:00 pm - Enjoy Disneyland
10:00 pm - Return to Hotel

Sunday

8:00 am - Breakfast in Hotel (included)
9:00 am - Go to Disneyland Complex (Admission included)
11:00 am - Band Performance at Disneyland Resort
1:00 pm - Lunch (at own expense)
1:30 pm – Park Time
6:00 pm - Dinner (Included)
7:00 pm - Enjoy California Adventure Park
10:00 pm - Return to Hotel

Monday

8:00 am - Breakfast in Hotel (included)
9:00 am - Board GrayLine Tour of Hollywood
10:30 am - Workshop with Local Composer (Clinic #2). (Tentatively Sean O'Loughlin)
1:00 pm - Lunch (at own expense)
2:00 pm – Return by Bus to Hotel
4:00 pm – Park Time
6:00 pm - Dinner (included)
8:00 pm – Watch Fantasmic as a Group
10:00 pm - Return to Hotel

Tuesday

8:00 am - Breakfast in Hotel (included)
9:00 am - Go to Disneyland Complex (Admission included)
10:00 am - Band Recording Session Workshop
12:00 pm - Lunch (at own expense)
1:00 pm – Park Time
6:00 pm - Dinner (Included)
7:00 pm – Watch World of Color as a Group
10:00 pm - Return to Hotel

Wednesday

6:00 am - Breakfast
7:00 am - Check out of Hotel
8:00 am - Arrive at Airport
10:00 am - Depart for Home
8:00 pm - Arrive at NY area airport
9:00 pm- Return to MPHS

Additional Resources:

In 2014 the Band Program traveled to Southern California. The website from that trip is available at <http://www.mphsarts.org/calblog.html>

While not all of the details, activities, performances, and other events are the same, it should give you a feel for the idea of the trip.

You may also visit the concert band page <http://www.mphsarts.org/concertband.html> to see other venues that the concert band program has performed at.

Feel free to contact Mr. Marks at dmarks@mpsnj.org or banddirector@mphsarts.org with any additional questions.

This trip is open to any student taking one of the Concert Band classes at the High School during the 2017-2018 school year.