



Trip Packet
California 2023

Concert Band Tour Southern California December 8-12, 2023

1. Hotel Accommodations Cambria Anaheim or similiar
2. Bus Carrier To Be Determined
3. Departure Time Friday, December 8, 2023 – 5:00 am
Tentative Time
4. Pre Trip Meetings (Student) There will be two meetings scheduled in the fall once the rest of the school calendar is set.
5. Return Time Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:30 pm (approx. at school)
6. Clothing/Necessities: **Band Concert Dress:** Shirt, Blue Jeans and Sneakers for performances and workshops (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 Will 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, December 8**
Breakfast (on your own: on plane)

Lunch (On your own – In-N-Out Burger)
Dinner (On your own – Downtown Disney)

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 – On the plane / at the airport

10. Swimming:

There will be a pool available to those granted permission by their parents (Swimming Permission Form). If time and weather 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 3:15 PM (THE DAY BEFORE THE TRIP). Students may drop off luggage between 7:00 am – 3:15 pm. Luggage may be searched.

13. Chaperones (1 per 10):

Mr. Marks, Director of Bands, MPHS

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.
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 March 9, 2023. 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 planned for this spring.
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 a parent/student meeting through google meet on a set date in the fall once the school calendar is set.
22. Potential Conflicts This trip was planned around sports. This will occur during preseason for the winter season and after the completion of the fall season. Any sports conflicts that develop with rehearsals will be worked out so students are not impacted.
23. How to Sign Up: Students will complete the online google form and return with a check for \$25 made out to MPHS. The first 30 students are guaranteed to have a seat. Seats 31-48 will be determined based on instrumentation and seniority. Once a student's spot on the trip is confirmed, you will have 14 days to complete the registration for the trip with the tour company and pay \$225 plus the cost of "Cancel for Any Reason" travel insurance (approx.. \$100). All other payments will go directly to the tour company via credit card.

24. Who is eligible: A student must be in grades 6-11 and currently in good standing with one of the band performing ensembles. Students must also be enrolled in band class during the 2023-2024 school year.
25. What is included: Roundtrip Airfare based on an estimate of \$550 per person
Roundtrip Transportation to and from airports
4 nights of accommodations at hotel Cambria or similar
4 breakfasts at the hotel
3 Disney Meal Cards - \$25 each
3 Day Disney Park Hopper Ticket
Soundtrack Recording Session
Disney Technology Workshop
Performance at Santa Monica Pier
Dedicated Private Security for the group in hotel
Tour Escort from Tour company upon arrival
Chaperones
All taxes, tips, and service charges normally payable for services above.

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

Deposit \$25
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

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Timeline:

February 14 – Trip Approved by Board of Education

February 16 and 17 – Trip information distributed in Classes

February 28 – Virtual Meeting with Highland Kids during Morning Band

March 2 – Deposit window opens at 7:50 am

March 10 – Deposit window closes at 2:00 pm

March 13 – Students notified if they are on the trip

March 27 – Students must have completed their online registration, deposits, and purchase of trip insurance.

April 15, May 15, June 15, July 15, September 15 – Payments Due of \$275 on tour company website.

July 1 – Medical Forms can start to be completed

October 15 – Final Balance Due (if any)

October 15 – Medical Forms Due

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

Friday - December 8, 2023

- 5:00 am – Depart from MPHS for EWR
- 5:45 am - Arrive at JFK Airport/EWR
- 8:15 am – Depart on Alaska Airlines Flight (Tentative)
- 11:35 am - Arrive at LAX
- 12:30 pm – Lunch at In-N-Out Burger (at own expense)
13425 Washington Blvd.
Marina Del Ray
- 2:15 pm - Performance at Santa Monica Pier
- 3:00 pm - Time to explore the Pier and the beach
NO SWIMMING! ANKLES ONLY!
- 5:00 pm – Leave Santa Monica Pier
- 6:00 pm – Check into Hotel
Cambria Hotel and Suites
101 E Katella Ave
Anaheim, CA
- 7:00 pm – Dinner at Downtown Disney (on your own)
Enjoy Downtown Disney in groups
- 9:00 pm – Meet at Compass Between the two parks
- 9:30 pm – Watch Fireworks from the Esplande
- 10:00 pm – In Hotel Rooms!

Saturday – December 9, 2023 (Disneyland First)

- 6:30 am - Wake Up
- 7:00 am - Breakfast in Hotel (included)
- 7:25 am - Go to Disneyland Complex (Admission included)
- 8:00 am - Disneyland Opens
Group Ride to Haunted Mansion (Nightmare Before Christmas Version) at Gate Open!
- 12:00 pm – Lunch on your own
- 12:45 pm - Meet at Front of Small World
- 1:00 pm - Disney Technology Workshop
- 3:00 pm - Return to the Park
Enjoy the Park
- 5:30 pm – Meet at Lincoln to Move to California Adventure

Dinner (Disney Gift Card \$25 Supplied)

7:45 pm – Meet by Redwood Creek Challenge

8:10 pm – World of Color as a group

10:00 pm - Meet at Oswald's to Return to Hotel

Sunday – December 10, 2023 (Disneyland First)

MUST WEAR CLOSED TOE SHOES (SNEAKERS!)

6:30 am - Breakfast in Hotel (included)

7:25 am - Go to Disneyland Complex (Admission included)

8:00 am – Disneyland Opens

Each Chaperone takes their group to a different gate!

Once through, meet at the Opera House (Lincoln)

As a group, go on Subs

Free Time if time allows

8:55 am - Mr. Peters has Van at Security

9:25 am - Everyone meets at entrance to Toontown (Small World)

9:30 am - Soundtrack Recording Session (NO PHONES OUT!)

12:00 pm – Back in the Park!

Lunch (at own expense)

Park Time

3:00 pm – Meet at Lincoln to Transfer to California Adventure

Dinner in California Adventure (Use Disney Gift Card)

7:15 pm – Meet at Philharmagic

10:00 pm - Return to Hotel

Monday – December 11, 2023 (DCA First)

6:30 am - Wake Up

7:00 am - Breakfast in Hotel (included)

7:25 am - Go to Disneyland Complex (Admission included)

8:00 am – Park Time in Disney's California Adventure

This is your chance to do Carsland or Avengers Campus without major lines! Racers or Spiderman First!

Lunch (at own expense) Eat or Buy NOW!

12:00 pm – Meet at Animation Building

Group Experience – Animation Academy

1:00 pm - Transfer to Disneyland

Lunch on your own

Park time

Dinner (Use Disney Gift Card)

- 7:30 pm – Meet at Waterfront Across from Riverbelle Terrace
- 9:00 pm - Fantasmic!
- 9:45 pm - Final Ride Time
- 10:45 pm – Meet at Lincoln and return to hotel

Tuesday – December 12, 2023

- 7:00 am - Breakfast
- 7:45 am - Check out of Hotel
- 8:30 am - Arrive at LAX
- (Buy food at the Airport before boarding the plane!)
- 10:55 am - Depart LAX on Alaska Airlines Flight
- 7:15 pm - Arrive at EWR
- 11:00 pm - Return to MPHS (Approx)

Additional Resources:

In 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018 the Band Program traveled to Southern California. The website from that trip is available on the concert band page of mphisarts.org

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.mphisarts.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@mphisarts.org with any additional questions.

This trip is open to any student taking one of the Concert Band classes at the High School or currently performing in the highland school band during the 2022-2023 school year.