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Dear Band and Chorus Parents:

Plans are continuing to be made for a June 2009 RBHS Band & Chorus trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. The Band & Chorus are working hard in preparing our audition materials. The *tentative* dates are June 8th through June 13th.

To lock-in our prices, we need to collect a \$50.00 per student / chaperone. This deposit should be paid by Tuesday, September 9th. Please contact me, if you are going to be late with your payment (knowing the number of participants is needed).

After placing the deposit or making future payments, a student drops out of the trip as much as possible will be refunded up to the point that it doesn't raise the price of other students. Certain things such as meals, hotel, and tickets will not be charged to us; thus refunding parents, for those items, will not be a problem. Transportation cost may not be fully refunded.

The tentative trip itinerary would be:

Monday, June 8, 2009	Leave RBHS via 2 Peoria Charter motor coaches
Tuesday, June 9 th	Arrive at the hotel Pizza, swim, relax from bus ride
Wednesday, June 10 th	Epcot World
Thursday, June 11 th	Disney World / Magic Music Days performance
Friday, June 12 th	MGM Studios Leave for home
Saturday, June 13 th	arrive home

Based on 80 students participating, the cost of the trip would be \$600.00 per student. If more students participate, the cost of the trip would decrease (e.g. if 90 students participate, then the price would drop to \$572.00); if fewer students participate the price would increase (e.g. if 75 students participate, then the price would increase to \$616.00)

This fee includes:

- Transportation via Peoria Charter
- Hotel for 3 nights (based on 4 per room)
- Continental breakfast buffet each morning at the hotel

- 3-Day ticket - Park Hopper ticket to the Walt Disney World with access to the Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom
- 3 meal coupons to use at the parks
- Commemorative Magic Music Days lapel pin and t-shirt

Chaperones would be charged a slightly less amount, but in return are expected to take on responsibilities to insure the safety of the students. Contact me if you are interested in chaperoning. The number of available chaperone positions will be determined by the number of available seats on the bus.

To Keep Everyone Informed: A trip webpage has been added to the RB Band website. Information will be posted on the website. Hotel information (name of hotel and phone numbers) will not be posted online.

Fundraising:

In January, the Roanoke – Benson Music Boosters' fundraiser will be held. Each student participating in the trip will be allowed to use 100% of the profits of their individual sells towards the cost of their trip. I'm open and willing to work with parents who want to do additional fundraising.

Family Vacations

Some families plan extended vacations in conjunction with the Disney trip. Families may meet up with us in Florida. If a student rides the bus only one way, the cost of the trip will not be lowered. However, if a student travels to and from Florida with his or her family, then the cost of that student's trip would be adjusted to not include transportation. I can arrange for additional Disney tickets for family members and/or hotel rooms, but only at the hotel that the band/chorus is staying at. Please contact me if you have questions about family vacation plans in conjunction with the trip.

Student Safety

The safety of your child will be the number one responsibility of the directors and chaperones while on the trip. Students will be expected to follow trip rules to ensure their safety.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Steve Hayes
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