

# SPRING TRIP DEPARTURE DETAILS

**Group 1 (Richmond) arrival time @ GHS is 3:00am**

**Group 2 (Norfolk) arrival time @ GHS is 6:45am**

## **BEFORE YOU GO:**

1. Before you pack, check the weather for Orlando to help you know what kind of clothes to pack. It still could get cool in the evening so a light jacket would be a good idea.
2. For rehearsal on Tuesday January 21, students should have their marching shoes. All students need to bring in a white T-shirt (Band T-Shirt) and their black socks to pack into their uniform bags PRIOR to them being loaded on the trailer.

**In your uniform bag:** Uniform, Waist cape, black socks, gauntlets, band t-shirt

**Band shoes:** Please put your name in the bottom of both of your marching shoes and tie the shoelaces together. After Tuesday's practice, there will be trash bags to place your shoes for the trip by last name (Guys A-L, M-Z, Girls A-L, M-Z). After the parade we will load the shoes into the trailer (NOT in the uniform bags) so they need to be marked with your name so that you can get them back after returning to Grafton

**Hat Boxes:** These will get loaded separately in the trailer

3. **ALL Marching Band instruments MUST be loaded onto the truck after rehearsal on Friday, Jan. 24.**
4. We will not be allowing ANY fingernail polish or ANY earrings to be worn during the parade. Please do not get your nails done before leaving on the trip. This is a change in policy—please be aware of the change and do not give the chaperones any problems.
5. You will need to pack anything that you need for Universal Studios the first day into your carry-on luggage (this includes a drawstring bag to carry things in the park). Since you will be going straight from the airport to the park, you will not see any checked bags until Saturday night after getting back from the park.
6. Join the Spring Trip Remind. Text: 81010      Message: @ghsst2020  
This is one important way we will communicate during the trip.

## **WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO DEPART:**

7. When you arrive at Grafton, come into the band room with your luggage and prepare to load the buses to take us to the airport.
8. The nurse for the trip will be here a little early for parents to drop off any prescription medications that students will need to take on the trip. All prescription medications must be turned in their original prescription bottles so the nurse can see the dosage information and frequency. Please only send the number of pills that are needed for the duration of the trip. The only 2 prescription medications that students are allowed to carry with them are an asthma inhaler and an epi-pen.

## **AIRPORT REMINDERS:**

9. Be sure you know the TSA rules about getting through security. All bags will go through scanners and can be searched by TSA. Make sure you know your liquid carry on rules (consult the TSA website). Be polite and courteous to the TSA agents.
10. Southwest airlines has an open seating policy and you can choose your seat if it is open when your boarding group gets on the plane.
11. After getting through security stay with the group at the gate. Do not wander through the airport. Please let a chaperone know if you need to use the restroom so that we can make sure that everyone gets on the plane.

12. All students who are 18 MUST have their photo ID with them but it is a good idea for everyone to have it with them
13. Do not buy anything on the trip that you cannot get home on the plane through the airport.

**WHILE ON THE TRIP:**

14. Your behavior in the hotel is still a reflection of the group. Remember to act accordingly.
15. **When you are in Orlando, you cannot walk alone. Always travel in your groups. Students should NEVER walk around a theme park by themselves.** Please don't leave the designated areas that are set aside for the day. Listen for instructions and where to meet and at what time. Do not make the group wait on you.
16. I have not had to send anyone home from a trip in 23 years. Do not make this the first. Infractions that will get you sent home early are: Alcohol, Drugs or Drug Paraphernalia, Tobacco use, Shoplifting, breaking curfew and sexual relations.....
17. Please obey all rules of the hotel and the hotel pool that are established upon our arrival to Orlando. Please remember the rules for the hotel rooms. Members of the opposite sex are allowed in the same hotel room to visit providing that the door is propped open 90 degrees, and that there are at least 4 people in the room. **At no time should it be just one male and one female in a room for any reason whatsoever.**
18. You will be issued a park ticket on the bus ride from the airport. When you get your ticket, **TAKE A PICTURE OF THE TICKET WITH YOUR PHONE** in case you lose it. You will also be issued a lanyard and badge holder for your ticket and meal coupons. These have been donated to the GHBPA and they are yours to keep.
19. You will get a meal ticket each day for the park. Please find out the places that this ticket can be redeemed for food. They are different in each park.
20. Please refer to the locker guidelines at Universal Studios to make sure you understand that on some rides you will be required to put your belongings in a locker.

## STUDENT CHECKLIST

1. Instrument, band uniform, band shoes and black socks (MUST ALL be packed on the trailer)
2. Money – see the money guide
3. Photo Identification (student ID, driver's license, military ID)
4. Jacket (it can get chilly in the evening)
5. Swimsuit (for the water park and the hotel pool)
6. Extra snacks, drinks and food (please keep in mind it must fit in your personal item allowed on the plane)
7. Cell phone and charger. We also recommend a portable charger so that your phone can always have a charge.
8. Sunscreen
9. Poncho/light rain jacket
10. Small bookbag or drawstring bag to carry things in the park.
11. An extra pair of shoes (in the event that it rains while we are in the park)

## MONEY GUIDE

Meal	Type	Approx. Cost
Saturday breakfast	Eat before getting on the plane	-----
Saturday lunch	On your own (Norfolk) or included (Richmond)	\$15.00
Saturday dinner	Dining card in the park	Included
Sunday breakfast	Breakfast box	Included
Sunday lunch	On your own in the park	\$15.00
Sunday dinner	Dining card in the park	Included
Monday breakfast	Breakfast box	Included
Monday lunch	On your own in the park	\$15.00
Monday dinner	Dining card in the park	Included
Tuesday breakfast	Breakfast box	Included

Tuesday lunch	On your own in the park	\$15.00
Tuesday dinner	On your own according to your flight	\$15.00

There are 5 meals that have not been included in the cost of the trip. Approximately \$75 should cover the extra meals. Obviously, your child will ask for more money for souvenirs and extras on the trip. I recommend discussing spending limits and budgeting with your child. On every trip, there are at least 1 or 2 students that spend their money and do not have any left for the last meal or two.

## **REHEARSALS FOR THE SPRING TRIP**

Tuesday, January 21	Parade MUSIC rehearsal (inside)	2:30pm-4:00pm
Friday, January 24	Parade MARCHING rehearsal (outside)	11:30am-1:00pm
	Trailer loading	1:00pm-1:30pm

## **SPRING TRIP FLIGHT INFORMATION**

### **GROUP 1 (Richmond - large group)**

AIRLINE	DATE	DEPARTING	ARRIVING
Southwest	1/25	Richmond 6:30am	Atlanta 8:30am
		Atlanta 9:30am	Tampa 10:55am
Southwest	1/28	Orlando 5:55pm	Atlanta 7:35pm
		Atlanta 9:20pm	Richmond 10:55pm

\*\*\*You can take 1 personal item, 1 carry on piece of luggage not to exceed 24x16x10, and up to 2 bags up to 50 pounds FREE on Southwest

### **GROUP 2 (Norfolk - small group)**

AIRLINE	DATE	DEPARTING	ARRIVING
Southwest	1/25	Norfolk 10:05am	Orlando 12:15pm
Southwest	1/28	Orlando 7:05pm	Norfolk 8:55pm

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## **TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE AIRPORT**

We will be taking school buses from Grafton High School to each airport on January 25 in an effort to make sure that everyone arrives at the airport on time and gets through security as a group.

We will be taking school buses from each airport to Grafton High School on January 28. Parent pick up will be at Grafton High School. An arrival time will be estimated but students should use their cell phone to communicate the exact pick up time at Grafton