

SO CAL '24



MEAD HS BAND & COLOR GUARD
MAY 22 - MAY 27, 2024



INTRODUCTION LETTER

Greetings!

As director of the Mead High School Band, I would like to express my excitement for this experience for our students. I am first and foremost committed to working closely with our administrators and nurses to provide a safe, educational, and memorable opportunity. I am also committed to working with all available resources to ensure all of our students have financial access to this special experience.

As mentioned above, the students will receive safe, educational, and memorable experiences that include musical, social, and cultural growth. Aside from my personal experiences on many, many occasions, I have first-hand professional experiences planning all phases of \ travel opportunities in Southern California with our very own Mead HS performing arts students. These experiences have included everything from airfare to meals, lodging, transportation, performances, equipment, safety and security.

Let me emphasize to everyone that this is not simply another fun Disney trip. The planned itinerary will show our students engaged in learning and performances for a large amount of our time in Southern California. The Grammy Museum, Griffith Observatory, Santa Monica Pier, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame mark just a few of our educational and cultural experiences.

Our musical experiences include adjudicated, competitive performances at the Anaheim Heritage Festival by WorldStrides where we hope to enroll our Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band, Jazz 1 and Jazz 2, and percussion ensembles. We have also been accepted, by audition, to be featured in a parade through Main Street, U.S.A. Disneyland - how exciting to represent our community!! And finally, we will be participating in one of Disney's educational workshops "You're Instrumental" in a state-of-the-art sound studio. In this workshop, our students will get a glimpse into the life of a studio musician and even get to record the soundtrack for a popular Disney animated film.

Of course there will be "fun" times to be had as you spend your Memorial Day Weekend with us. The beach, Disney Parks, and Medieval Times dinner show. There's something for everyone!

I am thankful for your trust in allowing your student to experience this wonderful opportunity and am excited about the amazing, meaningful, lifetime memories your student will hold with them for years to come.



Rob Lewis
Director of Bands
Mead High School

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates of Travel: Wednesday May 22, 6:45 AM - Monday May 27, 10:31 PM

Person In Charge: Rob Lewis, rob.lewis@mead354.org

Destination: Anaheim, California and surrounding areas
(Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Fullerton)

Students Attending: Current and active students of the Mead HS Band & Color Guard program

Traveler List: [CLICK HERE](#)

No. of Students: Estimated 102

No. of Adults: 1 teacher and 8 chaperones

Teachers and Instructors:
Rob Lewis

Chaperones:
Babcock, Carrie
Baker, Kori
Baker, Matt
Dinges, Dave
Lamanna, Jaime
Miller, William (Chip)
Moore, Angelica
Short, Amanda

CLICK HERE for doc with pictures of our chaperone team!
(coming soon)

No. of School Days Missed: 2 - Wednesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 23, 2024
(Friday May 24 is a non-school day for snow make up)

ITINERARY OVERVIEW - subject to change & adjustments

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 - Travel Day to Anaheim

- 5:00 AM report to Spokane Int'l Airport (GEG). Travel on your own
- 6:45 AM air travel to the LAX and Anaheim area
- 9:27 AM morning arrival to LAX
- Grocery and lunch stop en route from LAX to Anaheim Hotel
- Early evening hotel check in at [THE ANAHEIM HOTEL](#)
- ~~Mid/late afternoon rehearsal~~ No rehearsal
- Free time and dinner in Disney Parks (using Disney Meal Voucher)

Thursday, May 23, 2024 - LA Sightseeing/Culture Day

- Sleep in!
- Morning - group breakfast at hotel
- L.A. Sightseeing
 - [The TLC Chinese Theatre](#), [Hollywood Walk of Fame](#) (lunch on your own)
- Dinner at Santa Monica Beach (provided by chaperones) [Santa Monica Pier](#),
- Sunset at [Griffith Observatory](#)

Friday, May 24, 2024 - Heritage Festival Day - The Rose Center Theatre, Westminster, CA

- Morning - onsite grab-and-go breakfast from chaperones
- Band students - Performances at the [Heritage Festival by WorldStrides](#)
 - 9am Perc Ens, 9:15am Perc Ens, 10am Jazz 2, 11am Jazz 1, 12:20pm Symphonic Band, 1:30pm Wind Ens
- Color Guard - observe performances and/or dance session at nearby university
- Lunch onsite at performance venue
- Mid/late afternoon return to hotel, freshen up, change, relax
- [Dinner at Medieval Times](#)

Saturday, May 25, 2024 -

- Morning - onsite grab-and-go breakfast from chaperones
- Band & Color Guard - ["Marching Band Performance" Parade](#) through Disneyland, 1:45PM event time - Parade from It's a Small World to Main St USA
- Free time in the Disney Parks (lunch and dinner via Disney Meal Voucher)
- Evening attendance at Heritage Festival Awards Ceremony

Sunday, May 26, 2024 -

- Morning - onsite grab-and-go breakfast from chaperones
- Band Workshop - ["Soundtrack Session: You're Instrumental"](#), 3:00 PM
- Color Guard Workshop - ["Immersive Storytelling"](#), 10:00 AM
- Free time in the Disney Parks (lunch and dinner via Disney Meal Voucher)

Monday, May 27, 2024 - Departure Day

- Morning - onsite grab-and-go breakfast from chaperones
- Pack, check out of hotel by 11am
- [Grammy Museum](#) and lunch on your own near Grammy Museum
- Arrive to airport approx. 5:30 PM for check in and travel home
- 7:55 PM departure to Spokane (GEG)
- 10:31 PM arrival to Spokane Int'l Airport (GEG)

WORLDSTRIDES REGISTRATION - **CLOSED**

Please complete the WorldStrides Registration by **March 14, 2024**. Worldstrides is the entity we work closely with for many of the details of the trip (performances, tickets, meals, etc). You'll need to visit worldstrides.com/register and use our **trip ID 213187**.

As you'll see in the registration PDF, this registration process ensures that:

- Each traveler's name appears on the registration list.
- Every registered traveler is protected through the USTOA Travelers Assistance Programs, and guaranteed coverage under its insurance policies, including group activities accident and illness policy.
- WorldStrides has immediate access to emergency contact information for each of our guests.
- Each traveler is aware of our Terms & Conditions and our Code of Conduct.
- Students gain access to Discovery for Credit, which offers the opportunity to earn academic credit through online coursework and travel experience. See next page for additional information.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS PDF](#)

EXPENSE & FUNDING

Philosophy Overview

It has always been our mission to find a way for all interested students to participate in our activities regardless of financial means, resources, or status. With that said, there is no doubt that a trip of this magnitude does present added challenges with regard to assisting those in need; both those that qualify for House Bill 1660, and those that do not, but would like to attend. Quite frankly, there is no fundraising campaign that would cover the entire budget for this trip so we must rely on many of our students to pay out of pocket.

Students in need of assistance must help us help them! This means participating in as many fundraisers as possible as well as paying as much as you possibly can. If these things do not happen, the entire group is in jeopardy of not being able to attend.

Funding So Cal '24

This “*Special Event Trip*” will be self-funded, primarily by the individual student attending the trip. These students will have the opportunity to participate in fundraisers and/or pay out of pocket. Financial assistance will be provided for those in financial need as resources allow. Additionally, students qualifying under the criteria of House Bill 1660 will have fees waived to comply with said bill.

It is important to recognize and be aware that our program does not receive funding assistance from travel vendors or our district for these experiences. In other words, a student that is in need of assistance or qualifies for HB 1660 is funded by our program, our booster club (Bandwagon) and its members. Again, airlines, hotels, Disney, etc. and our school district do not provide assistance in the form of complimentary rooms, seats, admission tickets, etc. and does not provide money for these students.

HB 1660 Qualifiers

Understanding the information above, and that trips of this nature may not be possible without your help (including cancellation of **this** trip) **PLEASE** make sure you contribute as much as you possibly can. Additionally, make sure you are participating in as many fundraising activities as possible.

Our Bandwagon (booster club of the Mead HS Band and Guard) is currently committed to helping raise funds necessary to fill the gap created by those that qualify for HB1660. With that said, they are limited in resources, and continue to believe in supporting all aspects of the program.

Payment note: HB1660 qualifiers will not see fees applied to their ASB account.

Please pay what you can directly to Tammy Barrington and indicate payment is for the So Cal '24 trip.

Those in need of assistance but do not qualify

Your message is similar to HB qualifiers - **PLEASE** make sure you contribute as much as you possibly can. Additionally, make sure you are participating in as many fundraising activities as possible.

Students needing financial assistance are asked to communicate the amount of money they are in need of. This information will be collected and totalled to allow our program and booster club to access and search for resources to help these students (donations, alumni sponsors, etc). Students and parents that are uncomfortable sharing with Mr. Lewis are asked to share with counselors.

The unfortunate reality for folks in this category is that if we are unable to acquire the necessary funds to assist you in meeting your price gap, we will have to have those difficult conversations about releasing your spot.

Expense Overview - Anticipated Per Person Expense

\$500.00 Transportation - *air and ground*

\$300.00 Hotel Lodging, evening security

\$590.00 Festival, Entertainment, Workshops, Museums, Park Tickets, etc

\$210.00 Meals - *1 or 2 provided each day*

\$1,600.00 TOTAL

note: Figures are approximate based on 100 students and 9 adults

Figures are an estimate and will fluctuate as air/ground figures become confirmed.

Fundraising Opportunities

Our programs have prided themselves on the fundraising opportunities we provide both through the Mead HS ASB and through our booster organizations. Listed below are just a few that are available that our students and families will have access to in an effort to help themselves and their peers in the group reach the funds needed.

Available Fundraisers - Gonzaga University concessions, Hoopfest Pepsi Tents, Poinsettia sales, Pacific NW Marching Band Championships (group), dine out fundraisers (group), car washes, program ad sales. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on fundraising AND please stay connected with our Bandwagon emails (pantherbandwagon@gmail.com)

Payment Schedule - (*RECOMMENDED*)

September, 2023 \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Due

October, 2023 \$300 Payment Due

November, 2023 \$300 Payment Due

December, 2023 Take a break - NO PAYMENT

January, 2024 \$300 Payment Due

February, 2024 \$300 Payment Due

March 1, 2024 \$300 Payment Due

This final payment is now set at \$300.

The overall per person price is now \$1,600. Although we have done our best to reduce the overall cost, rising prices in just about every aspect of our economy has forced the per person price to actually be higher than \$1600. However, the group-based school fundraisers will assist in covering funds needed above \$1600 per person.

March 1, 2024 Release Date - Travelers who are not fully paid will unfortunately need to be released on this date. This means travelers should be fully paid into the So Cal trip by this date. After this date, funds paid will be non-refundable if a traveler cancels. There could be exceptions for emergency-type situations. Documentation will be required by our trip vendors/agencies (airlines, admission tickets, hotel room charges, etc). Refunds are not guaranteed and subject to processing and review by those agencies.

Payment Methods

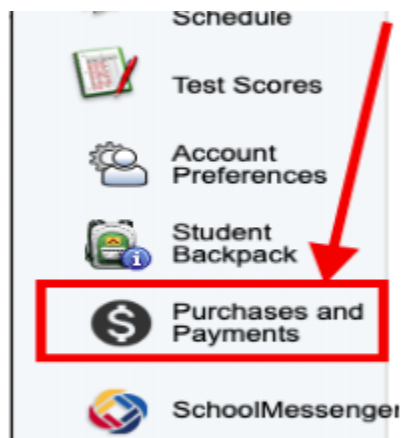
In Person

Please visit Tammy Barrington in the Mead HS Business Office for in person payments. Tammy will be able to accept cash, check, or card. Make checks payable to Mead High School with "So Cal 23/24" in the memo line.

Online

Students will be very successful assisting with online payments access :D They should be able to login to PowerSchool and see "Purchases and Payments" in the menu/list of items on the left side, towards the bottom.

As a parent, you may also have a login - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the login page to *Touch Base* to access online payments.



Once you have logged in to your account, select the appropriate student. Under this student's account, you should see a sum of Unpaid Fees/Fines. These fees/fines will also be listed in the "Fee/Fines" button. All but the last payment for this trip should be listed (last payment to be listed as expenses become finalized). On the next screen you will be able to select the payments you would like to make for this trip, add them to your cart, and checkout.

Using Funds from the Bandwagon

Many of our students will engage in fundraising with our Bandwagon (Booster club of the band). Those students wanting to access funds from the Bandwagon to pay band fees will need to follow this process:

1. The parent or student must contact the treasurer to find out what funds they have available. Carrie Babcock- bghootiefan@msn.com
2. The parent or student must ask the treasurer to go to school and make a payment for posted band fees using the funds.
3. Treasurer will confirm a payment was made. Parents and/or students can see the payment within PowerSchool made once the school posts the payment.

Refunds

First and foremost, as refund scenarios arise, we are here to help you as much as we can. We, the teachers, bookkeepers, etc., do not hold onto money for reasons of penalty, convenience, etc. If we are able to retrieve funds from our vendors, and refund requests don't cause a loss of funds to our travelers or overall budget, we will return funds to you.

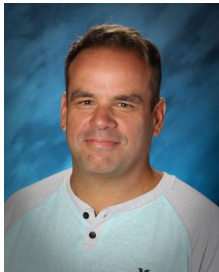
There are many contingency plans in place for unforeseen, unfortunate circumstances such as illnesses, family emergencies, etc. To address them in a general sense, as payments are made, refunds are very challenging and in many cases not possible. However, our travel agencies have indicated there could be case-by-case considerations that will be reviewed provided there is significant documentation. It will likely be the responsibility of the traveler (and parents/guardians) to provide this documentation and pursue those refunds.

COMMUNICATION

Adult Contacts

Mead School District Staff

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Trip Chaperones -

NAME	Phone Number
Babcock, Carrie	(509) 570-6409
Baker, Kori	
Baker, Matt	
Dinges, Dave	
Lamanna, Jaime	
Miller, Chip	
Moore, Angelica	
Short, Amanda	

Band App

Students, chaperones, and staff attending and Parents/Guardians of students, please take a moment to click on the link below and "request to join". Please be aware that during the trip this Band App group will be used a lot. If you are not on the trip, it is highly recommended to turn off notifications.



[BAND APP LINK](#) to "request to join" - Please use your first and last name for us to verify who is joining.

TRIP DETAILS

Identification (ID)

Students

Identification is not required for students under the age of 18. However, due to the nature of our travel distance, free time, and the on-the-ground areas of our trip (hotel is a large campus, parks are large, etc). We STRONGLY recommend everyone carrying identification. School ASB card is acceptable!

Students 18 years of age will need to have government issued identification for TSA!

Adults

Our teachers and chaperones will be required to have government issued identification. "REAL ID" such as passports and enhanced driver's licenses are NOT required. A state-issued driver's license is acceptable! Please visit this government website for more information on Real ID which is not in effect until May 7, 2025

Forms

Emergency Form - [CLICK HERE](#) This form is needed from all students traveling. It can be completed one time annually and will also serve as our basic permission slip. Many of the students may have signed this earlier in the year for attendance at festivals or other off campus performances. Please check your student's PowerSchool assignments to see if you've completed this form.

School Related Absence Form - [CLICK HERE](#) This form is used for students to check out and check in with teachers for what school work they might be missing while we are absent from school on 5/22 and 5/23. This serves as a bit of a contract between the student and teacher to avoid any misunderstandings about missing work.

Transportation

Flights

Our current flight contracts are secured with Alaska Airlines. Seat assignments will likely be made by Alaska Airlines. [FLIGHT LIST and CONFIRMATION NUMBERS](#) (we are all on AL 1279 outbound, AL 1280 on the return but receive different confirmation numbers)

Travelers meet at Spokane Int'l Airport via private transportation, not provided by the Mead SD. Please plan to arrive at the airport approximately 90 minutes prior to departure. If you are in need of transportation, please notify Mr. Lewis as soon as possible for help in coordinating a ride!

Flights (continued) On the morning of travel - please report to the check-in/counter area for Alaska Airlines. Once in this general area, please look for and report to your assigned chaperone! There are signs for Alaska Airlines outside the terminals as you drive up. Please report between 5am and 5:15am. No need for parents to come in, feel free to hug and kiss your kiddos goodbye from the drop off area at the airport :D

OUTBOUND FLIGHT - Wednesday, May 22, 2024

UPDATED FEBRUARY 24

AIRLINES	FLIGHT	DEPT/TIME	ARR/TIME
Alaska FLIGHT LIST	1279	GEG 6:45 AM GEG 7:30 AM	LAX 9:27 AM LAX 10:08 AM

RETURNING - Monday, May 27, 2024

UPDATED FEBRUARY 24

AIRLINES	FLIGHT	DEPT/TIME	ARR/TIME
Alaska	1280	LAX 7:55 PM LAX 7:45 PM	GEG 10:31 PM GEG 8:23 PM

Ground Transportation

Our group will be using a charter bus service for transport from LAX to the hotel, to performances, and LA sightseeing, as well as for our return from the hotel to the LAX.

Lodging/Hotel Accommodations

We are under contract with [The Anaheim Hotel](#). Check out many of the amenities located at our hotel including pools, and surrounding food options, etc. Refrigerator? Yes. Microwave? Students can go to the front desk, request and pay a one time fee of \$20 for a microwave to be placed in their room.

 Air Conditioning	 Tea/Coffee Maker	 Alarm clock
 Mini Refrigerator	 Hair Dryer	 Iron
 Complimentary Wi-Fi	 Flat Screen TV	 Desk
 Phone and Voicemail	 Blackout Curtains	 Safe

Sleeping accommodations - There are two beds in each room that are listed to be “queen” size. In my experience, these are closer to “full” size. Students can share a bed or can consider bringing along a twin air mattress to put on the floor for better sleeping arrangements (if they do not want to share).

Room sign up process -

Our process for room sign up is to have students find a total of 4 students they are comfortable with, and sign up in person with Mr. Lewis OR Nicole, our new Performing Arts assistant. If they are unable to find 4, we recommend groups of 2 that will be paired with another group of 2 to ensure there is a “buddy” in that room. The math never works out perfectly and we will inevitably end up with a single student, or group of 3 that needs to be worked through.

Room List

[CLICK HERE](#) for room list and chaperones

Security

During our stay at The Anaheim Hotel, we will have security on duty! This security guard will be on duty throughout the night to ensure our safety and is hired specifically for supervising our rooms. And maybe, just maybe this security guard will make sure our wonderful, oh-so-innocent teenagers aren’t sneaking out in the night!

In addition to our hired security guards, our chaperones perform final room checks each evening and require students to remain in their rooms until a time designated each morning. (please read more in the trip expectations for the students).

Pool

Only use the pool if given permission by one of the chaperones or Mr. Lewis. A chaperone or lifeguard must be present to swim at the pool and you must be in groups of 3 students (as always). Follow all hotel/pool rules and regulations.

Park Tickets

Disney Admission - 3 Day Park Hopper Pass

This pass will allow our students to have access to the 2 theme parks. More details about “hopping” to follow. The information below is current information from Disney. Information could change

Genie - [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

This is a complimentary service to assist with planning your day by seeing wait times, show times, etc.

Genie+ Lightning Lanes and **Individual Lightning Lanes** - [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to a website with more info. Given the cost, complexity of use, and our schedule, purchasing Genie+ Lightning Lanes is discouraged. For example, by the time we enter the park on Wednesday evening, Lightning Lanes reservation times will likely be taken. “Genie+ Lightning Lanes” is currently a \$30 per-person-per-day feature for access to reservations at attractions throughout the theme parks while “Individual Lightning Lanes” is a pay-per-attraction concept for 2 very popular attractions within each of the parks.

NOTE: Students under the age of 18 will have added difficulty accessing. Under 18 years of age are not permitted to use in-app purchases. This means a parent will have to have an account, provide the student access to the account, link the ticket to the app, “connect” with students within a group that would also like to use Lightning Lanes (we need to be in groups of 3). Although the student is accessing the parent account, the ticket **MUST** be in the name of the student for entry into the park.

Free Time

This trip will allow all travelers, including students, a good amount of free time; in the parks, around the hotel, at the museums, Santa Monica, etc. Parents, please be aware that while chaperones will be present in our free time areas, we do not group students with a chaperone full time or employ elementary school-type hang-onto-the-rope groups, follow-the-leader and flag groups, a mother goose practice, or wear matching t-shirts. Here are a few things for everyone to know about our free time:

- Students are expected to be in groups of no less than 3.
- Students are expected to remain in defined areas.
- Students are expected to meet check-in times and other report times as needed/communicated
- Students are expected to follow all rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, etc of those governing all areas we find ourselves in.
- Additionally, students need to follow school policies including those outlines in our [STUDENT HANDBOOK](#).
- We also expect students to follow their “trust your gut” instincts.
- Chaperones are present in our free time areas, as well as in shifts at the hotel during those hours.

We do not do this



Meals

Our hopes are to provide the students with at least two meals per full day while in California. Unfortunately, we are unable to do so on the air travel days so travelers will need to be ready to purchase, or pack food (Wednesday 5/22 and Monday 5/27). It is possible to plan on purchasing meals while in airports and during layovers. However, you just never know if plans will be altered due to traffic on the way to the airport, long TSA lines, etc. This might mean that it could be difficult to purchase within the airport. Be prepared with extra food!

Disney Meal Vouchers

On Wednesday, each student will receive **ONE** meal certificate. On **Saturday** and **Sunday**, each student will receive **TWO** meal certificates good for lunch and/or dinner at many locations within the parks. More information to follow in this section regarding where these can be used.

Group Dinner at Medieval Times

Friday we have a group dinner at Medieval Times.

More information coming soon.

Food Allergies and Intolerances

Please email our nurses with any food allergies and/or intolerances to help us begin planning the group food plans we have worked into the trip (some grab-n-go breakfast items, group dinner, etc).

Additionally, the meal certificates and gift cards you are provided each day (2) are good at many locations throughout the parks and at our hotel. Don't be afraid to ask the folks that work at the location you are ordering food from!

A note from Disney:

"Food Allergies - Most quick-service and table-service locations can accommodate the following common food allergies and intolerances: Egg, Fish, Gluten, Milk, Peanuts, Shellfish, Soy, Tree nuts, Wheat."

<https://disneyland.disney.go.com/faq/dining/special-dietary-needs/>

Meal Plan (summary from information above)

- Wednesday 5/22
 - Breakfast - at home prior to airport report (please pack food for air travel)
 - Lunch - On your own. Grocery store/fast food (\$ need money)
 - Dinner - Disney Meal Voucher/Coupon
- Thursday 5/23
 - Breakfast - Group breakfast at the hotel
 - Lunch - On your own during our L.A. sightseeing (\$ need money)
 - Dinner - dinner at Santa Monica Beach/Pier (Bandwagon will provide)
- Friday 5/24
 - Breakfast - Grab-n-go at hotel from chaperones (muffins, fruit, etc)
 - Lunch - lunch onsite at festival venue (box lunch w/sandwich, etc)
 - Dinner - Medieval Times group dinner (menu coming soon)
- Saturday 5/25
 - Breakfast - Grab-n-go at hotel from chaperones (muffins, fruit, etc)
 - Lunch - Disney Meal Voucher/Coupon
 - Dinner - Disney Meal Voucher/Coupon
- Sunday 5/26
 - Breakfast - Grab-n-go at hotel from chaperones (muffins, fruit, etc)
 - Lunch - Disney Meal Voucher/Coupon
 - Dinner - Disney Meal Voucher/Coupon
- Monday 5/27
 - Breakfast - Grab-n-go at hotel from chaperones (muffins, fruit, etc)

- Lunch - On your own near Grammy Museum (\$ need money)
- Dinner - On your own in airport (\$ need money)

Medication

Please make sure to check with our nurses as soon as possible. Many of you may have already received a message similar to this one ...

In reviewing the list of students who will travel with Mr Lewis this school year, I have your student as someone who may need to carry medication overnight. All medication (prescription and OTC) will need documentation, and your child will be able to carry it on their person and administer it themselves. Please complete and return the attached forms for each medication. Please make sure the dates for permission from the physician and yourself are for the full duration of the school year - today until 8/31/24. Physician signatures are required.

[CLICK HERE](#) for High School Medication Request Form

[CLICK HERE](#) for High School Self Carry Medication Request Form

Our nurses will pass along pertinent information and prepare us for making sure your son/daughter is taken care of on the trip.

Please don't share! Chaperone and/or students should not share medicine! Many of our travelers could have unknown allergies to medications, and unfortunately, we have experienced the side effects while on trips.

Packing List

Performance Items ☐ Marching Uniform - shako, jacket, bibs, gauntlets, shoes ☐ Concert formal attire (black dress, tux, etc) ☐ Instrument/equipment (marching and concert) ☐ Music folders ☐ Sticks/Mallets and other handheld percussion Miscellaneous ☐ Medication (NOTIFY NURSES and complete necessary forms for self-carry!) ☐ Coins/Dollars (vending machine) ☐ Ziplock bags or waterproof phone holders (water rides) Toiletries ☐ Shampoo/conditioner ☐ Soap ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste	Clothing ☐ Underwear ☐ Socks ☐ Walking shoes & flip flops/sandals (bring multiple pairs in case of rain) ☐ Shorts ☐ Long pants ☐ Swimwear ☐ T-shirts ☐ Tank tops ☐ Pajamas ☐ Light jacket/ hooded sweatshirt ☐ Raincoat ☐ Hat (sunny!) Personal ☐ Wallet ☐ Identification ☐ Money/Debit Card ☐ Cell phone and charger ☐ Cell phone battery pack/backup charger
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☐ Hairbrush ☐ Hair ties ☐ Lotion ☐ Deodorant ☐ Make up	☐ Book ☐ Games/cards ☐ Sunglasses ☐ Sunscreen ☐ Water bottle
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Luggage Allowances and Information

Checked Baggage

First thing to know ... **WE ARE NOT CHECKING ANY BAGS ON ALASKA AIRLINES!**

In an effort to save our group over \$7,000 (\$35 per bag x 111 travelers x flight to LA x flight to Spokane) we will be loading all checked size baggage onto our band trailer. Travelers will need to limit themselves to ONE suitcase for us to be able to fit all of our equipment, uniforms, luggage and other needed items onto the trailer. Our plan is to load the trailer on Sunday, May 19 likely mid-morning into the mid-afternoon.

Carry On Baggage

Please see the excerpt below from Alaska Airlines website [CLICK HERE](#) for Alaska's carry on baggage information. Additionally, please [CLICK HERE](#) for Prohibited and Restricted Items

Alaskaair.com ..

The carry-on bag size limit for flights has changed to 22" x 14" x 9" - these dimensions include the wheels and handles. Be sure to measure your bag carefully before you fly.

You'll still be allowed one carry-on bag and one personal item such as a purse, briefcase, or laptop bag. To help make the boarding process as smooth as possible for everyone, make sure that your items are within the size limits described below, so they'll fit into the overhead bin or under the seat in front of you.

Please refer to our [Batteries and Electronics page](#) for information about Smart bags, Self-Propelled bags, eBags, and bags that can charge electronic devices.

One small personal item such as a purse, briefcase, or laptop bag, and medically necessary items will be allowed on board.

One piece of carry-on sized luggage (maximum dimension 22" x 14" x 9" or 45 linear inches, including wheels and handle) will be allowed free of charge.

PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOP INFORMATION

WorldStrides Heritage Festival

Schedule of Performances on Friday, May 24

- 9:00 AM - Mead HS Percussion Ensemble (4th Period)
- 9:15 AM - Mead HS Percussion Ensemble (3rd Period)
- 10:00 AM - Mead HS Jazz Band 2
- 11:00 AM - Mead HS Jazz Band 1
- 12:20 PM - Mead HS Symphonic Band
- 1:30 PM - Mead HS Wind Ensemble

[CLICK HERE](#) for a complete schedule for the Heritage Festival

Admission

Performances at these festivals are typically free of charge to audience members.

Performance Location

Our performance venue is [The Rose Center Theater](#) in Westminster, CA.

[CLICK HERE](#) for general information from WorldStrides regarding the Anaheim Heritage Festival. This site is somewhat geared towards teachers/group leaders, etc but does contain some great information. Please note that our itinerary is not what some of their models/examples show.

Disney Imagination Campus | Performing Arts | Performances | Marching Band Performances

Performance Date & Time - Saturday, May 25, 1:45 PM

Performance Location - Parade route begins at It's A Small World, passes by Matterhorn, the "hub" in front of Sleeping Beauty Castle, then down Main St USA.

- Students report to Compass at the Main Entrance Esplanade at 12:00 PM.
- Only Participants and designated Chaperones will be allowed Backstage.
- Photography and videography is not permitted while Backstage (including inside any Workshop venues).
- There are no secure storage areas for costumes, props and/or personal belongings. Our trailer will be used for any storage needs (street clothes, cases, etc).

- All of our traveling students will participate in this performance.

Disney Overview

Strike up the band and get ready for a rousing performance as you march down one of our iconic Disney parade routes! Your marching band will experience the emotion, pageantry and pride of a grand Disney tradition. Afterwards, make even more memories as you reward yourselves by enjoying the magic of our theme parks. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information from the Disney Imagination Campus website.

Disney Imagination Campus | Performing Arts | Soundtrack Session: You're Instrumental

Workshop Time - Sunday, May 26, 3:00 PM

- Students report to Guest Talent Coordinator at Downtown Disney Stage at 2:15 PM.
- Photography and videography is not permitted while Backstage (including inside any Workshop venues).
- Imagination Campus will provide all required music, percussion equipment (including sticks and mallets) and music stands.
- Comfortable and suitable clothing is required for participation.
- For the safety of the participants, stocking feet, bare feet, sandals and flip flops are not permitted.
- Only participants and designated chaperones may enter the Workshop. Additional Guests will not be permitted.
- No food or drink may be taken into the Workshop space, except bottled water with a cap.
- All of our traveling **musicians** will be participating in this workshop. (color guard students are not participating in this workshop).

Disney Overview

Experience the excitement, focus, and fast-paced energy of a professional recording studio environment. During this workshop participants will sight-read and work directly with industry professionals to create a truly magical ensemble piece. The experience culminates with a screening of their recorded work set to Disney film footage. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information from the Disney Imagination Campus website.

Disney Imagination Campus | Arts & Humanities | Immersive Storytelling

Workshop Time - Sunday, May 26, 10:00 AM

- No storage/support vehicles scheduled to arrive for this event. Only take what can be taken with you throughout the workshop.

- Please plan on meeting your Facilitator at DCA Main Entrance at 9:30 AM.
 - Only Participants and designated Chaperones will be allowed Backstage.
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- Photography and videography is not permitted while Backstage (including inside any Workshop venues).
 - You will be notified of your ending location prior to the start of your program.
 - Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing.
 - Participants are encouraged to bring a healthy snack and bottled water.
 - Photos may be taken by Teachers and Chaperones during their program, as long as it does not interfere with the experience. However, photos are NOT PERMITTED in Backstage (Cast Member only) areas.
 - Videography of any kind is not permitted.
 - Our color guard and a few interested/volunteer music students will be attending this activity.

Disney Overview

At Disney, everyone is a storyteller. In this revealing course, students will get an inside look at how Disney Imagineers create immersive environments that support the living stories of our theme parks. Through this journey they'll discover how a wide range of disciplines-from live performances and music to sculptures and culinary arts-all come together to bring stories to life inside the Disney Theme Parks.

TRIP EXPECTATIONS

Although we don't anticipate any significant problems while on our trip, it is necessary to outline some important expectations for a trip of this length and magnitude.

Mead High School Student Handbook; School Event Awareness

First and foremost, students and parents must be aware that this is a school event. ALL policies set forth by the Mead School District and [Mead High School Student Handbook](#) are to be followed by all travelers. Behavior, actions, and general conduct should be in alignment with what would be acceptable while at school.

Mead HS Band Handbook - Additional Expectations While Traveling

The following are portions of expectations found at www.meadbands.org/handbook that provide additional guidance and expectations for students while on a trip.

Excerpts....

Participants on school related trips are subject to all school district rules and policies while on that trip. Overnight stays will be subject to strict rules and expectations with serious consequences for violations. Any violation of travel rules/expectations may result in suspension from the activity and additional consequences for violation of general school rules. Violation of rules involving "Exceptional Misconduct" will result in immediate dismissal from the trip (Please see ["Exceptional Misconduct"](#) section below).

Expectations

1. Represent his/her school well with high levels of citizenship, musicianship, & adult-like behavior.
2. Follow rules: If in doubt, ASK first, don't "just do it". If your teachers/parents were standing next to you, would you still do it? What does your gut feeling tell you?
3. Be in groups of a minimum of three at all times (exception for bathroom use, of course).
4. Be alert to changes to schedules.
5. Stay with assigned rooms, bus, bus/plane seats, unless permission is granted by directors and others in authoritative positions.
6. Speak respectfully to all adult leaders & fellow travelers.
7. Follow policies set forth by the professional bus driver, pilots, flight attendants, etc.
8. Enter buses by giving your last name to the individual taking attendance.
9. Students may not be on buses without adult supervision. Exceptions may be for "on-and-off" trips to load or grab items left behind.
10. Stay in bus/plane seats at all stops until released by the directors, chaperones, or other persons in authoritative positions.
11. Be at assigned locations on time & stay with a group at all times.
12. A "personal audio" device with headphones is required if you choose to listen to music.

13. Be in your assigned room at designated times. At night, stay in the room & turn lights out.
14. Do not smoke, drink alcohol, take illegal drugs, etc. Prescription AND non-prescription medication may only be taken following school policy, which requires a school permission form filled out by a doctor (get one from the nurses office). Please see the section regarding ["Exceptional Misconduct"](#)
15. Refrain from PDA (public displays of affection).
16. Clean up after yourself on the bus and in other areas used near you such as hotel rooms and gyms.
17. Spend your money wisely, considering the needs of the entire trip (meals that is at the expense of the students, souvenirs, etc)
18. Be responsible for your instrument, uniform, and personal belongings throughout the trip, ALL with labels.

Hotel Guidelines

1. Students will NOT be allowed in rooms other than the room assigned to them.
2. Room Checks -
 - a. Upon evening room checks conducted by our chaperone and other adult team, students are not permitted to leave the room for any reason other than an emergency situation. This means that needs for ice and other items must be completed by room check.
 - b. Morning exit - As mentioned above, students must remain in their room for the evening until the time defined in the trip itinerary. This time is usually early enough for those early park-goers.
3. Students are only permitted to be at the hotel during time designated as such. Students should not be at the hotel during park free time or "black out" periods unless there is an accompanying chaperone for reasons of illness, emergency, etc. In general, we will be at the hotel during sleeping hours.
4. Hotel pool - students are only allowed to use the pool during designated times and when there is a chaperone present for safety reasons.
5. Outgoing phone calls, pay TV movies, & other incidental charges should not be accessible to the rooms. Please do not access them if they are accidentally available.
 - a. Any charges to the room will be the responsibility of those in the room and they will need to be explained to the directors.
6. Please keep in mind that we are among many paying customers in the hotel. Your goal is to avoid any instances of complaint phone calls to the front desk because of members of our group. Some of the common reasons for complaints are running through hallways, stairs, etc. and of course, students that are too loud with conversations (usually those that turn into screaming, yelling, etc) Complaint phone calls are followed up with phone calls from the hotel staff to Mr. Lewis which could result in extreme crankiness :/ and result in loss of free time for students responsible for the complaints.

Exceptional Misconduct

It is important to recognize that engaging in any criminal activity such as vandalism, theft, assault, etc. OR use, possession, purchase, and/or distribution of alcohol, illicit drugs, marijuana, tobacco/vape, etc. is a violation of school rule(s) and likely local, state, or federal law(s). If, and when it is determined that a student has violated these rules or laws, the student will be immediately removed from the group and trip due to exceptional misconduct. The student will be transported to the airport and flown home to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at the expense of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

WorldStrides Code of Conduct

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access additional expectations set forth by WorldStrides

PARENT AND STUDENT UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

We have read and understand the information contained in this document, and agree to participate in this incredible experience for our student(s) involved in the Mead HS Band and Color Guard program.

We are understanding of, and agree to the expectations and guidelines outlined by the Mead SD, MHS Student Handbook, additional Mead Band travel expectations, policies related to Exceptional Misconduct, and the additional WorldStrides Code of Conduct.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____