

OWOSSO "TROJAN" MARCHING BAND FLORIDA TRIP 2025
RULES, REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND TRIP TIPS

Please note that this document is subject to change in an effort to meet the needs of the group and requirements of Owosso HS TMB, Owosso Public Schools, Bennett Travel, Disney and Universal. Participating parties will be notified of significant changes but it is the student and parent's responsibility to stay informed.

Because of the nature of this trip and the responsibilities involved, there will be rules, regulations, and guidelines governing all of the student activities during the course of the tour. These will be necessary to make the experience both pleasant and successful. Failure to adhere to these rules could result in school disciplinary action, expulsion from further band activities, and/or a call to the parents indicating that their student will be sent home on a flight at the student's/family's expense.

Student Eligibility Criteria

All students participating in the TMB Florida trip must be an enrolled member of the OHS Concert or Symphony Band and in good standing. Students who have offenses resulting in Band disciplinary action or school disciplinary action may not be eligible for the trip or may be removed from the trip at any point.

Requirements for Trip Participation

1. Have final payment completed according to the payment schedule
2. Make sure that your signed medical release form is updated and submitted. Get your form [HERE](#).
3. Have phone numbers stored in your phone for parents/guardians, chaperones and roommates in case of emergency.
4. Medications must be turned in to directors with COMPLETE information prior to the trip. Students may not have their own medication, it will be distributed by their chaperone. Students who do not follow this may face severe consequences.

OHS BAND GUIDELINES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

1. All OHS Student Handbook and OHS Band Handbook rules and regulations determining student conduct will be in effect. Rules, regulations and expectations from Bennett Travel, Disney, Universal or similar will also be in effect.
2. Students must follow the guidelines listed in the itinerary.
3. Students must stay with the group. Students are expected to travel to and from Florida with the group. Extenuating circumstances may occur in which permission by the director(s) for students to be released to their legal guardian be granted, but only in the case where a parent or legal guardian submits a signed permission slip prior to trip departure and director permission is granted.
4. No unauthorized outsiders will be permitted to travel with the group or participate in band activities.
5. Socializing/listening to music/TV above reasonable volume levels will not be permitted.
6. Only personal entertainment devices (*with headphones*) will be allowed on the trip.
7. Each room will be assigned a chaperone. That person will be your chaperone for the entire trip.
8. Absolutely no possession, use or consumption of tobacco, vapes, alcoholic beverages, or other illegal drugs will be allowed.
9. Show respect for public and private property at all times.
10. Show respect for each other, chaperones, other band members, our hosts, and other visitors.
11. Be responsible for all personal and school-owned property, as well as the property of others.
12. No inappropriate display of affection between individuals.
13. No unauthorized participation in activities that might be detrimental to ones or another's life or physical welfare.
14. Participants shall not conduct themselves in any manner that may be detrimental to the performance or the reputation of the "Trojan Band" or Owosso High School.

HOTEL EXPECTATIONS AND RULES

1. Security has been hired and will be on guard at the hotel during lights out. Students are expected to remain in their rooms. .
2. Students must abide by all curfews. No one will be allowed to leave their room after curfew for any reason.
2. All students must remain in their own room at all times. Altering room assignments or having unauthorized people in your room is prohibited.
3. Follow the rules of the hotel, particularly in the recreational facilities. Remember, we are not the only guests in the hotel.

4. Do not use the hotel phone for ANY phone calls! Cell phone calls and texts must cease at midnight.
5. Ordering room service, door dash or similar is not allowed.

BUS EXPECTATIONS AND RULES

1. No smoking or vaping by anyone.
2. No sitting on the arms of seats and keep feet off of seats.
3. No using items which would cause a mess or irritate others.
4. Use appropriate volume and language at all times on the bus.
5. Deposit all garbage in appropriate containers.
6. Keep all personal items stored in the upper storage racks and keep them organized.
7. Do not adjust the windows.
8. Keep flip-up trays closed when not in use.
9. Do not leave personal items, such as purses or other valuables unattended.
10. Keep the restroom clean and only use it in case of emergency.
11. Snacks and small coolers will be permitted on the bus. All garbage must be disposed of appropriately.
12. Anyone who does not abide by the bus rules will be assigned a particular seat and/or be subject to other disciplinary action.
13. The hours of 11:00pm – 7:00am are reserved for sleeping (lights out).
14. During the trip you will be sharing space with others. Please keep in mind the comforts of everyone, not just your own.
15. We will make regular rest stops during the trip. (Approximately every 2 hours)
16. OVERNIGHT TRAVEL ON BUSES WILL REQUIRE SAME SEX SEATING - TIME ANNOUNCED IN ITINERARY.
17. ALL MOVIES WILL NEED PRIOR APPROVAL BY DIRECTORS BEFORE BEING SHOWN (THIS INCLUDES PERSONAL DEVICES AS WELL) - NOTHING OVER PG RATING.

THE ABOVE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO HAVE A TROUBLE-FREE EXPERIENCE. THESE RULES ARE NOT DESIGNED TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM HAVING A GOOD TIME, BUT ARE PRACTICAL REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW THE BAND TO BEST REPRESENT OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL AND OUR COMMUNITY, WHILE PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE INVOLVED.

WHAT TO TAKE

4. Remember your cell phone charger! Consider a portable charger as well.
1. Luggage should be tagged (tags provided) for easy identification and limited to ONE small suitcase and ONE carry-on bag per person.
2. The carry-on bag (tagged!) should contain whatever is needed for both the bus ride and the first park day (change of clothes, personal hygiene items, etc.) REMEMBER SUNSCREEN & HYDRATION TO STAY HAPPY!!
3. Be sure to bring sunscreen of 30 SPF or higher and pack that in your carry on!
4. Pack casual, but neat attire – the temperature can vary greatly from day to day, so please plan appropriately (bring a sweatshirt/jacket). Pack enough clothes for 6 days plus one emergency set of clothes.
5. Work with your roommates to try to pack some items together.

6. Be sure you have your marching uniforms in its labeled garment bag. Have it cleaned, pressed, and fitted properly. Uniforms will be transported to Florida by the trailer and truck provided by the boosters. **You will be asked to bring your uniform in the garment bag to school in advance of the trip so they can be loaded on the trailer. MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM PARTS AND PIECES ARE IN YOUR BAG. More info regarding this will follow soon.** You will not need your concert uniform. You will not have access to the garment bags until the parade!
7. Be sure all instruments are properly cleaned, tagged and packed. **(YOU WILL NEED BOTH YOUR MARCHING INSTRUMENT AND CONCERT INSTRUMENT.)** Everyone will be responsible for their own instrument(s), luggage and equipment. Supervisors will be assigned for loading purposes, but not to handle and carry the equipment.
8. Luggage tags will be available and are to be filled out and attached to each item –personal and school-owned.
9. Bring enough money for souvenirs, snacks and other personal items. (Use your best judgment, but \$100-200 should suffice)
10. You must pack a lunch for the first part of the trip. The band boosters will provide water at the start of the trip. If you prefer a different beverage, please understand that you may **only bring a beverage in a sealed can.** Empty water bottles can be brought on to the bus and filled at the first rest-stop.
11. Bring a small pillow for sleeping on the bus. Also, you might want a small blanket as it can get cold, especially at nighttime.
 - ★ **REMEMBER, ALL MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED AND INCLUDE “FAMILY STYLE”, BOX LUNCHESES AND OTHERS ARE CASH BACK. ALL MEALS ARE PAID FOR AS PART OF THE TRIP PRICE. MONEY OR MEAL TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT DESIGNATED TIMES. If you would like additional food, please bring additional spending money.**
 - ★ **WE MUST HAVE AN UPDATED MEDICAL RELEASE FORM TURNED IN TO THE BAND OFFICE BEFORE LEAVING**
 - ★ **CONTACT MRS KOWALCZYK, MR. STERK, OR MRS MITCHELL FOR ANY OTHER NEEDS OR CONCERNS.**

LET'S ALL FOLLOW THESE RULES AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!!