
MORTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND
ANDY EMPEY & KATRINA FITZPATRICK, DIRECTORS
DESTINATION: ORLANDO, FLORIDA
DATES: NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 1, 2024
SUGGESTED ITINERARY AS OF AUGUST 29, 2024

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 11:00 AM **Windstar Lines** arrives at **Morton High School**; begin loading
(3-56 PAX) **350 North Illinois Ave Morton, IL 61550**
888-494-6378
- 12:00 PM Depart for **Orlando, Florida** ****Bring a lunch to eat on the coach****
(1,124 miles; 20 driving hours + 3.5 hours for meal stops + time change)
- PM Dinner en route (student cost)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- AM Breakfast en route (student cost)
 - PM Lunch en route (student cost)
 - 1:00 PM Arrive at the **Rosen Centre Hotel** ****Meet your BRT Tour Director HERE****
9840 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-996-9840
We will request an early check in
 - 3:45 PM Check in; relax and freshen up before tonight’s rehearsal
 - 3:45 PM **Buffet dinner begins** in the hotel’s Junior Ballroom
Menu to include Tossed Garden Salad, Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, Niblet Corn, Dinner Rolls with Butter & Chef’s Assorted Cookies and Fruit Punch.
 - 4:30 PM **Mandatory Band Directors Meeting** in the area outside the Junior Ballroom
The band director(s) and auxiliary instructor(s) must attend; one head chaperone may attend if desired.
 - 4:45 PM Set up for rehearsal in the Executive Ballroom
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| 5:00 PM Mass Band Rehearsal begins |
| 8:45 PM Chaperones arrive at rehearsal |
| 9:00 PM Rehearsal ends; final instructions for tomorrow are given
<i>Students may leave their instruments in the rehearsal room overnight and retrieve them in the morning prior to departure.</i> |
| Afterward Individual band meetings (optional) |

Two (2) Private Nighttime Security Chaperones on duty (10:30 PM – 5:30 AM)
 PROVIDED THROUGH THE HOTEL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

TBD	AM	Load motor coaches <i>Only band performers and a small number of essential chaperones with photo ID are permitted to attend the rehearsal. ***BRING EVERYTHING YOU WILL NEED FOR THE ENTIRE DAY**</i>
TBD	AM	Depart for Magic Kingdom

5:05	AM	Mass Band Rehearsal in the park
6:40	AM	Rehearsal ends
7:00	AM	Return to coaches; enjoy a quick snack breakfast

6:30 AM Chaperones/Family enjoy breakfast at the hotel
 7:00 AM Chaperones/Family depart for **Magic Kingdom® Theme Park**

7:30	AM	Change into uniforms
8:15	AM	Warm up
8:40	AM	Thanksgiving Parade of Bands performance begins!
9:20	AM	Performance ends; pack instruments and change out of uniforms

Afterwards Chaperones/Family depart on the Monorail for EPCOT
 9:40 AM BAND loads motor coaches; depart for **EPCOT®**
 10:00 AM Enjoy a **buffet breakfast** at the **World Showplace Pavilion**
 PM Enjoy free time in the park
 PM Lunch in the park (student cost)
 6:00 PM Group meets at the large brown gate between Canada and the UK

6:20	PM	Thanksgiving Dinner at the World Showplace <i>Enjoy a plated Thanksgiving meal complete with entertainment and awards presentation.</i>
9:00	PM	Private Dessert Party and viewing of Luminous

9:30 PM Load motor coaches at charter bus parking; return to the hotel

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 8:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 8:45 AM Load motor coaches
- 9:00 AM Depart for **Disney's Hollywood Studios**
- AM Enjoy your day in the park
Salute the world of showbiz - from the Hollywood classics of yesteryear to the best in popular entertainment. Come take center stage as the star of your own adventure - from rock 'n' roll fantasy to Broadway-style stage spectaculars; from the silver screen to the TV screen to behind the scenes. That's entertainment!
- Check out: **Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge**
Visit the planet Batuu, a remote outpost that was once a busy crossroads along the old sub-lightspeed trade routes. Fly the Millennium Falcon or get in the middle of a battle between the First Order and the Resistance!
- PM Lunch at the park (student cost)
- Stop by: **Toy Story Land**
Shrink down to the size of a toy and play in Andy's backyard. Take a ride on Slinky Dog Dash, a spin on Alien Swirling Saucers and guests favorite Toy Story Mania.
- PM Dinner in the park (**\$20 Disney Dining Card provided**)
- 9:30 PM Load motor coaches; return to the hotel

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 7:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 AM Check out of the hotel; begin loading motor coaches
- 8:30 AM Depart for **Disney's Transportation & Ticket Center**
- AM Take the ferry across and enter through the main gate
- AM Enjoy your day at the **Magic Kingdom Park®**
Explore Lands of Endless Enchantment, Where Your Fantasy Becomes a Reality. Seek out adventures, create magical memories with beloved characters and discover the fun where imagination reigns.
- PM Lunch in the park (student cost)
- Head to: **Seven Dwarfs Mine Train**
Deep inside an age-old mountain, clamber into a rustic mine train and make your way up a steep incline. At the summit, feel the wind across your face as you navigate hairpin turns and head deep into the mine shaft.
- PM Dinner in the park (**\$20 Disney Dining Card provided**)
- PM Meet at the flagpole on Main Street to view the fireworks
- 8:00 PM Depart for the Ferry and transfer to coach parking
- 8:30 PM Load motor coaches; depart for **home**
(1,124 miles; 20 driving hours + 3.5 hours for meal stops + time change)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- AM Breakfast en route (student cost)
- PM Lunch and Dinner en route (student cost)
- 8:00 PM Approximate arrival back at **Morton Community High School**