

September 10, 2011

# *FLORIDA BAND TRIP*

*November 18-24, 2011*

## **TRIP TIPS #1**

### **WE LEAVE FOR FLORIDA IN 70 DAYS!!!!**

While our departure in 70 days may seem like a long way off – it will be here faster than you realize!! I'm anxious to depart for Florida for some fun and sun! As you know, we will be traveling to Florida on charter buses with an overnight stop in Florence, South Carolina .....and traveling non-stop back to Carlisle. A lot of bus time for sure.

Our trip will include:

- A visit to St. Augustine, the nation's oldest city
- Theme parks at Universal Studios including the new  
**Wizarding World of Harry Potter**
- A parade through Universal Studios entertaining the many visitors
- See the theatrical show - BLUE MAN GROUP
- Enjoy an airboat ride through grassy marshes and a swamp;
- Visit to a local beach

And of course, there will be time to do some shopping. You will definitely be busy!

In a few weeks you will need to sign-up for a bus and also for a room (either five to a room or four to a room, whichever you have signed up for). Start to think about this *now* as we will need to forward this information to the hotel and bus company in October. Once you sign up for a bus and room, no changes please!!!

You will be receiving a packet of trip information by the end of September or beginning of October which will include Trip Rules and Regulations, Parent Permission Form, Student Agreement Form, and a school pre-arranged absence form (because you will be missing school on November 18). It will be important for you to **return** the Parent Permission Form and the Student Agreement Form, and the Pre-arranged Absence Form in a timely manner.

In preparation for our performance at Universal Studios, we will need to have a few rehearsals after the marching band season is over. If you look at a calendar, there is not much time after ACC's before we leave for Florida. I do want to keep the rehearsals to a minimum, but we must be prepared. You will be representing your school and community while in Florida and we certainly want to do our very best. We will talk about possible rehearsal times in a few weeks. We will also need to plan time to pack our instruments/equipment and uniforms and load these items on the truck.

There will be a Trip Meeting scheduled in late October or early November when we will go over last minute trip details, distribute the final itinerary, and answer any questions you may have. I will let you know when this meeting is scheduled in the next edition of ***Trip Tips***.

....and the countdown begins!

*Dave*