

# Toro Band Florida Trip

This handout outlines the important things you need to know about the Mountain View Toro Band Florida trip in December. These items were covered at the parent meeting on May 1.

Dates of the Trip: December 29, 2008 through January 5, 2009

Total Cost of the Trip: \$1,800 per student, \$1,898 for chaperones

## Payment Plan

It is very important that you follow the payment plan as outlined below. Please notice the first payment which is due on the last day of school. The first payment is non-refundable and cannot be an ECA tax credit. The rest of the payments can be tax credits, fundraising money, or personal funds.

Payment #1:	\$100	Due May 22 (Cannot be a tax credit)
Payment #2:	\$500	Due August 11 (First day of school)
Payment #3	\$500	Due September 1
Payment #4	\$500	Due October 1
Payment #5	\$200	Due November 1 (\$298 for chaperones)

Keep copies of all tax credit receipts or forms and turn them in to Mr. Burgener. The bookstore will also provide duplicate receipts which should be given to Mr. Burgener. If you are planning on using money that is already in your student travel account, you must notify Mr. Burgener before each payment is due so he knows that you would like to use this money.

## Travel Agencies

Our trip is being planned by two travel agencies. Everything related to the bowl game is being handled by Heritage Festivals. Airfare, Disney, meals and buses are being handled by Hemisphere Travel. Hemisphere requires a signed contract from each individual. Please sign and turn in the attached contract with your \$100 deposit. **NOTE: If you turned in the contract that was handed out at the May 1 meeting, please sign and return this new contract.** Hemisphere has re-designed the contract so that it is easier to understand.

## **Travel Insurance from Hemisphere**

Travel insurance is available from Hemisphere Travel. THIS INSURANCE WILL ONLY COVER THOSE ITEMS HANDLED BY THIS COMPANY. (Approximately \$1,250 of the total trip cost.) That means if you purchase this insurance, and you cannot go on the trip, you will still lose the money that was used for the Bowl Game portion of the trip. However, if you are still interested in purchasing the insurance, please mark the appropriate box on the contract, and ADD \$48 TO YOUR FIRST DEPOSIT PAYMENT to cover the cost.

### **What Is Included**

The trip cost includes the following:

- Roundtrip airfare
- Bus transportation while in Florida
- All hotel accommodations
- Gator Bowl game ticket
- All meals while in Jacksonville
- Admission fees to all Disney parks
- Concert band clinics in Jacksonville
- Disney workshops in Orlando

While in Orlando, no meals are included in the price of the trip. This is to save time in the amusement parks. Please plan on sending extra money with your child to purchase meals while in the amusement parks.

### **Chaperones**

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact Mr. Burgener at [toroband@cox.net](mailto:toroband@cox.net) immediately. We did a sign-up list at the meeting on May 1. If you are chosen to be a chaperone, Mr. Burgener will contact you the week after school is out. Please be ready to pay your \$100 deposit at that time. We will be taking approximately 30 adults on the trip. The total number of available adult spots depend on how many student spots are taken.

### **Other Information**

As more information becomes available, it will be posted on the Florida page of the band website, [www.toroband.com](http://www.toroband.com). Please check this site regularly not only for Florida information, but for general information about the Toro Band.

### **REMINDER!**

What you need to do right now is fill out the attached contract and return it to Mr. Burgener. Make your first payment to the bookstore (\$100 without insurance, or \$148 with insurance) and get a duplicate receipt to give to Mr. Burgener. Do this by May 22.