

TO: All FHS Band Members and Parents  
FROM: Dave Terrall, Band Director  
RE: Disney Trip

As all of you should know by now, the FHS Falcon Band will be going to Disney World at the end of the 2010-2011 school-year. This trip will be the only out of state trip the Falcon Band will be able to take for the next four years. It takes a lot of effort and planning from all involved to attempt a trip of this magnitude. This letter is designed to give you more information regarding this trip and the details of the trip up to this time.

The trip is scheduled for June 4-June 10. This is the Saturday following the end of the 2010-2011 schoolyear (we will leave on Saturday and return on Friday). The trip is \$1000 per student. This includes the following: Transportation (charter bus), Housing (four nights in a Disney World area hotel), approximately nine meals, and entrance into the theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Epcot, MGM, Typhoon Lagoon Water Park, Universal Studios Island of Adventure, and Medieval Times restaurant). There will a few meals and spending money for souvenirs that is not covered in the \$1000 that must be covered by the student. We will be performing at one of the Disney parks during our stay. We will be marching in one of the many parades held there, so every Band member will be involved in our performance. This will also involve taking all of our marching equipment, minus pit, and full uniforms. This in itself will be a major undertaking.

The payment schedule is as follows:

- December 1 - \$250
- February 1 - \$250
- April 1 - \$250
- May 16 - \$250

This money must be in each of the student's accounts by the dates listed. If the Band students have been participating in our fundraising activities, they should be well on their way to having their first installment. If not, they must supplement through cash. This will enable the Band Boosters to start making payments to our tour company who is handling all of our travel arrangements. It is very important that we follow the listed payment schedule. We cannot wait until the last minute to receive this money. There are many different groups that have to be paid to ensure our trip running on schedule (hotel, park tickets, transportation, etc.).

Chaperones for this trip are selected through the Band Booster Organization. If you are interested in becoming a chaperone, make sure you attend a Band Booster meeting and find out this information. Their meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. You may also check the Band web site for more information. That is at [www.fhsband.net](http://www.fhsband.net).

**The cancellation policy for the trip is as follows:** If you cancel your trip 45 days prior to our leaving, you will be reimbursed 100% of **all cash** you have paid into the trip (NOT fundraising money; that money was paid to you by someone else), minus your student's portion of their transportation expense. This ensures that all transportation cost remain the same for of the other students attending the trip. We don't want to have to come back to the Band students prior to leaving and ask for more money.

LCISD and our tour company, Super Holiday Tours, strongly suggest that all groups purchase **travel insurance**. Travel Insured International now offers Cancel for Any Reason Coverage that can apply for our trip. If you are interested, I would suggest getting on line and checking out all of the possibilities.

Last but not least, everyone needs to understand that this trip is not mandatory. We are encouraging every Band student to make the trip, especially since this will be the only out of state trip we will be taking for the next four years. I have taken this trip many times in my career; there is no better trip. There will be more information going out about this trip prior to leaving, if at any time you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the Band Hall at 832-223-3961 or check the FHS Band Web page at [www.fhsband.net](http://www.fhsband.net).

Dave Terrall  
Director of Bands  
Foster High School

Below is a letter of intent to participate in the Band Trip to Florida 2011. Please check the appropriate space and return to the Band Directors by Monday, November 22.

FOSTER HIGH SCHOOL FALCON BAND  
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“Letter of Intent to Participate”

Please check the appropriate space:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be participating in the FHS Band Florida Trip. I have read the letter, understand the cost and the dates all monies are due in my account.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not be participating in the FHS Band Florida Trip.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this letter to the Band Directors by Monday, Nov. 22