

I am excited to formally propose a travel opportunity for our high school band students during the 2026–2027 academic year. **This trip is the exact same proposal from earlier in the year, just pushed to our next school year.** I am proposing that the band travel to **Orlando, Florida**, from **Tuesday March 30 to Saturday April 3, 2027** to participate in the **Disney Imagination Campus Soundtrack Sessions: Instrumental Workshop** at **Walt Disney World**.

This trip continues our band travel cycle, following our previous successful experience in Nashville. While the Nashville trip provided a strong musical focus, this year we are seeking a destination that offers a more age-appropriate and student-friendly balance of education and engagement. Orlando provides the perfect blend of enriching opportunities and enjoyable experiences for our students.

### **Educational Value of the Disney Imagination Campus Workshop**

The **Soundtrack Sessions: Instrumental** workshop is an immersive, standards-based learning experience that aligns directly with our music education goals. Endorsed by the **National Association for Music Education (NAfME)**, this program offers our students the opportunity to:

- **Rehearse and record** authentic Disney music scores in a professional studio environment
- Develop skills in **sight-reading, ensemble training, tone quality, and intonation**
- Understand **musical phrasing, dynamics, and articulation** in real-world performance settings
- Learn directly from **professional Disney musicians** about careers in the recording and film industry
- Participate in a culminating experience where their recorded performance is synced to Disney film footage

These workshops meet many of the **National Core Arts Standards**, reinforcing what we do in the classroom and providing students with a unique opportunity to apply their learning in a professional setting. Students will walk away with enhanced musical proficiency and a deeper understanding of what it takes to succeed as a professional musician.

## Trip Details

- **Dates:** March 30-April 3, 2027 (Tuesday-Saturday)
- **Tour Company:** Bob Rogers Travel (highly reputable in student music travel – We have already begun working with them to design a safe, efficient itinerary)
- **Estimated Cost:**
  - Estimated at **\$1395 per student** if we have 40 people go, **\$1,265 per student** if we can get 50 people to go

We are actively working to reduce this to **\$900–\$1,000** through:

- Fundraising efforts already underway
  - Targeted grant applications
  - Potential sponsorships and donations
- **Inclusions:**
    - Transportation
    - Hotel accommodations
    - Disney park tickets with educational workshop access
    - Most meals
    - Workshop fees and materials
    - Professional tour manager and chaperone support
    - Hired security guard to help supervise students overnight

## Trip Pricing & Payment Info

The total cost of the trip is \$1,395 per student. We understand this is a significant investment, so we have multiple fundraisers planned to help reduce individual costs. In addition, grant applications are already submitted to help support the group.

A non-refundable deposit and registration would be due to secure a spot. After the deposit is paid, each student will receive a personalized donation link that can be shared with friends and family who may wish to contribute directly.

We're committed to making this trip as accessible as possible and will continue seeking ways to ease the financial burden for families.

Deposit	September 4, 2026	\$200
2nd Payment	October 15, 2026	\$239
3rd Payment	November 15, 2026	\$239
4th Payment	December 15, 2026	\$239
5th Payment	January 15, 2027	\$239
Final Payment	February 15, 2027	\$239

## Why This Trip Matters

This isn't just a theme park trip—it's a rare and valuable **educational opportunity** that brings our students' musical learning to life. They will be challenged to meet high expectations, work collaboratively as an ensemble, and receive direct feedback from industry professionals. It's an unforgettable way to expand their musical understanding and expose them to career paths in music and media.

Beyond the classroom, this trip will also:

- Build student confidence and independence
- Strengthen camaraderie and team skills within the band
- Motivate students to strive for musical excellence

Thank you for your continued support of our music program and our students. I am including a sample itinerary with this document. I am happy to provide more specific educational standards or additional documentation from Disney and/or Bob Rogers Travel upon request. I hope to move forward with planning pending your approval and support.

Sincerely,

Theresa O'Deens  
Band Director  
Galion City Schools



**GALION HS BAND  
THERESA O'DEENS, DIRECTOR  
DESTINATION: ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
DATES: MARCH 30-APRIL 3, 2027**

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY  
AS OF  
APRIL 24, 2026  
*Mike Crandall, Travel Consultant  
Michelle Beaupre, Trip Operations Manager***

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

- 11:00 AM A motor coach arrives at **Galion High School** for loading.  
472 Portland Way North, Galion, Ohio 44833
- 12:00 PM Depart via **deluxe air-conditioned motor coach with DVD**. (17 hours have  
been allotted for drive time plus 3 hours for breaks, dinner on your own, and a driver change.)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

- 8:00 AM Arrive in **Orlando** and enjoy **breakfast** at the **Rainforest Café** at the **Animal Kingdom**, a wild place to shop and eat! It's a safari for the senses - the feel of mists, the sound of cascading waterfalls, the incredible visuals of lush vegetation complete with animated wildlife and live tropical fish.

***\*\*Your professional Tour Director will greet you here\*\****

- 8:30 AM Board your coaches for **Disney's Hollywood Studios** and a day of fun! Enjoy  
behind-the-scenes glimpses of Hollywood-style action with live shows, and thrilling attractions. Highlights include the **Twilight Zone Tower of Terror**, **Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring Aerosmith**, **Slink Dog Dash**, and the **Rise of the Resistance** in the new **Star Wars: Galaxy Edge**. 351 South Studio Drive

You will have **\$20 on a Disney Dining Card** to use toward dinner in the park.

- 8:30 PM Experience **Fantasmic** a spectacular, 25-minute fireworks and water show starring Mickey Mouse and a bevy of delightful Disney Characters and featuring classic Disney music and songs, laser lights and amazing hydrotechnic effects.

- 9:30 PM Transfer to the hotel to check-in for the evening.  
**Courtyard by Marriott Orlando - Marriott Village (or similar)**

**1 Private Security Guard on duty - 10:30 PM-5:30 AM**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7:30 AM Breakfast included at your hotel.

8:30 AM Transfer to the **Magic Kingdom** for a day of fun! Capture the enchantment of  
 fairy tales with exciting entertainment, classic attractions, backstage tours and  
 beloved Disney Characters with seven whimsical lands. Be sure to hit such attractions  
 as **TRON Lightcycle/Run, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, Space Mountain, the  
 Haunted Mansion, and the classic It's a Small World.**  
 1180 Seven Seas Drive

Morning scheduling *This morning is reserved for Disney Imagination Campus Workshop (pending  
 by Disney Imagination Campus):*

- **"Soundtrack Sessions: You're Instrumental"** - Immerse your students into the world of the professional musician. You will sight read and prepare a polished performance of special Disney musical selections in a "studio recording environment." A professional Disney Clinician will examine the skills, attitudes and priorities that are essential to musical excellence. This workshop culminates with a special recording of your ensemble performing music along with a portion of a Disney Animated Feature Film.

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9:00 PM Enjoy **Happily Ever After**, a nighttime spectacular that combines the magic of  
 Disney storytelling, beloved Disney characters, fireworks and so much more. This  
 show will inspire you to seek out and find your own "Happily Ever After" by showcasing  
 some of the greatest adventures Disney characters have taken to achieve their dreams  
 through the latest fireworks and pyrotechnics and original animation, plus a heart  
 tugging original score.

10:00 PM Return to the hotel for the evening.

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 2

7:30 AM Breakfast included at your hotel.  
 Check out of the hotel and board the motor coaches.

8:30 AM Depart for **EPCOT** for a day of fun! Enjoy dazzling shows, interactive  
 experiences and amazing attractions, marveling at the power of the human imagination. Be  
 sure not to miss **Soarin', Mission: Space, and Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind.** The  
 World Showcase is a collection of pavilions that wrap around the Lagoon. Inside find shops,  
 attractions and restaurants that represent the culture and cuisine of 11 countries. Highlights  
 include Norway's **Frozen Ever After** and France's **Remy's  
 Ratatouille Adventure!**  
 200 Epcot Center Drive



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9:00 PM      Enjoy **Luminous: The Symphony of Us**. Delight in a dramatic show designed to bring us all together. Marvel at a dazzling pageant of fireworks, fountains, music and lights set to an original composition. New music, along with evocative selections from the Disney songbook, come together to remind us that we are more alike than we are different.

10:00 PM      Depart for home. (17 hours allotted for drive time, plus 3 hours for breakfast and lunch on your own, breaks, and a driver change.)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**

6:00 PM      Arrive at **Galion High School**.

**THANK YOU FOR TRAVELING WITH BOB ROGERS TRAVEL.  
WE HOPE YOU HAVE MADE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES!!**