

Depoali Middle School Music Department
8th Grade Disneyland Trip 2025 – updated 2024-08-08
April 30 – May 3, 2025

GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

Eligibility: See the Trip Registration and Payment Form for eligibility and cancellation policies.

This is NOT a family trip. Only WCSD staff and approved chaperones can have contact with students on the trip. Students must be on the trip as listed in the itinerary. The only exception is if a family would like to pick up their child early from the trip. Once students are checked out, they may not re-join the group. If you plan to pick up your child early, you must complete a WCSD form and have Mrs. Smith sign it prior to the trip. Only parents/guardians may pick up students.

Students will choose their own groups with peers from their music class. Band, choir/piano, or orchestra students are not mixed for bus seats, hotel rooms, or chaperone groups. For bus seats and hotel rooms, students must choose students of the same gender. Chaperone groups can be mixed gender.

CONTACT INFORMATION & LOCATIONS

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1411 S Manchester Ave, Anaheim, CA 92802, Phone: 714-400-2044
Student Rooms = 6 students, 3 beds per room (one is a sofa bed) Chaperone Rooms = 3 adults, 3 beds per room (one is a sofa bed)

Disnevland: Phone: (714) 781-4636

ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

Thurs, August 15, 2024: Trip Info Meeting in Cafeteria
7:00pm This meeting will be to give info about the trip

Monday, April 21, 2025
6:30pm Chaperone Pre-Trip Meeting in Band Room (511)

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
6:30pm Mandatory student/parent meeting (*all students attending the trip and at least one parent must attend*)

Wednesday, April 30, 2025
11:45am Load bus and Depart Depoali, *Dinner stop in Bishop*
10:00pm Arrive at hotel, check in. Quiet in rooms right away.

Thursday, May 1, 2025
7:00am Wakeup & Breakfast at hotel (*included*)
8:30am Depart hotel for Disneyland/Great Adventure
Lunch and Dinner in Disneyland (you pay for these)

Thursday, May 1, 2025 (continued)

TBA Clinic for Disney Performing Arts
9:45pm Meet in front of stroller rental to head back to hotel
10:30pm Lights out and quiet upon arrival

Friday, May 2, 2025

6:00am Wakeup & Breakfast at hotel (*included*)
7:00am Depart hotel for Disneyland/CA Adventure
Lunch and Dinner on your own in Disneyland
10:00pm Meet in front of stroller rental to walk to hotel
11:00pm Lights out and quiet at hotel upon arrival

Saturday, May 3, 2025

6:30am Load Luggage on buses & have breakfast
8:00am Depart Anaheim for Reno, *Lunch stop in Bishop*
6:00pm Arrive back at Depoali (*Students will call/text when we are 30 minutes out*)

COST & PAYMENT DUE DATES – Note: All other music fees must be paid in full before trip payments will be accepted.

Students: Total Cost = \$725

Payment 1 = \$250 due by Thurs, 9/19/24
Payment 2 = \$250 due by Thurs, 11/14/24
Payment 3 = \$225 due by Thurs, 2/20/25

Chaperones: Total Cost = \$675 (see details below)

Chaperone Payment 1 = \$250 is due by Thurs, 9/19/24
Chaperone Payment 2 = \$225 is due by Thurs, 11/14/24
Chaperone Payment 3 = \$200 is due by Thurs, 2/20/25

CHAPERONES: The first payment must be made in person at the Depoali Main Office so WCSD background check paperwork can be picked up. **Please wait until September to start bringing in payments and getting the fingerprinting materials from the office.** WCSD background checks must be completed by December 1, 2024 and please note that these cost around \$55 (paid at the time of your fingerprinting). Please note you must schedule your fingerprinting appointment ahead of time, so we recommend scheduling ASAP. Chaperone space is available on a first come, first served basis according to available bus seating and student/adult ratio requirements. Please note that chaperones must ride the bus and stay with the group for the entire trip.

COST INCLUDES

- Bus: roughly \$200/person
- Wednesday/Thursday/Friday Hotel: \$116/student, \$211/adult
- Disneyland and California's Great Adventure Park Tickets: 2 Days, \$315
- Performing Arts Tickets (for students only): \$38
- Thursday/Friday/Saturday Breakfast at Hotel
- Other costs: hotel security, bus driver hotel, budget safety (\$56)

NOT INCLUDED

- Lunch on Thursday/Friday/Saturday
 - Dinner on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
 - Souvenirs
 - Churros
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REFUND POLICY: Refunds, minus the hotel deposit (\$100), will be issued for cancellations made by March 7, 2025. Hotel deposits cannot be refunded due to hotel deposit policies and deadlines. Refunds are unlikely if a cancellation is made after this date due to non-refundable payment deadlines imposed on Depoali by the hotel, bus company, and/or Disneyland.

PACKING LIST: A complete packing will be distributed in class in February and again in April right before the trip.

Trip Rules and Guidelines

REMEMBER, if Mrs. Smith wouldn't approve, don't wear it, say it, or do it.

****ALL SCHOOL & DISTRICT RULES WILL BE OBSERVED ON THIS TRIP!!!****

Chaperones

- We have many chaperones on this trip in addition to Mr. Barthel, Mr. Crowther, and Ms. Karl.
- Each student will be assigned a chaperoned group.
- The district has cleared all chaperones to be on an overnight trip with our students. Other adults (relatives or non-cleared parents) are not allowed to interact or be around our groups.

General Expectations

- Follow all Depoali school rules, including dress code.
- Respect others and act with courtesy at all times.
- Rules are in place to ensure that everyone can enjoy the trip for which they paid.
- No public displays of affection.
- When in doubt if something is ok, ask your chaperone or your teacher! But, if you have to ask, it's probably not ok.

Bus Expectations

- All drinks on the bus must be in plastic containers with water-tight, screw-top lids – no glass, cans, or cups.
- **Absolutely NO energy drinks on this trip – NO Monsters, NO Red Bull, etc. Don't bring them. Don't buy them.**
- Your seating choice is a privilege. If at any point you misbehave, you lose that privilege and you will be moved.
- Don't use a product or eat food with a strong smell, it could cause allergic reaction or make people feel sick.
- Keep busses clean!
- Be social! Talk to your seat mate. Limit technology.
- Music/movie/game players must be used with headphones.
- No balloons on the bus – Don't buy these in the park, they pop on the way home with the elevation change!

Park Expectations

- If park security won't allow an item from your backpack into the park, you will need to throw it away (external speakers, charging bars, instruments)
- Stay with your chaperone at ALL TIMES.
- You must wear the required music shirt at all times and you may not alter them in any way (cutting out the collar, etc)
- Never go anywhere by yourself and when in doubt check in with your teacher!
- You do not "tell" your chaperone anything, you "ask" your chaperone and make sure you receive a response.
Not: "We're going here." **Instead:** "Can we go here?"
- Whatever park your teacher tells you to be in is the park you must be in.
- You may not split or switch groups without **your TEACHER'S** permission.

Hotel Expectations

- You are allowed to go in **your room only**.
- Only **one student** may be in the bathroom at a time.
- No, we do not have time for swimming.
- Do not make calls from your hotel room phone.
- Other people will be staying in the hotel too. Keep your noise down so they can enjoy their stay.

- Pick up your towels. Hang them in the bathroom on hooks or on hangers.
- Do not leave your hotel room past curfew (call your chaperone/teacher if you have a problem).
- We have a security guard who will be patrolling during the night. They will inform the teachers of any problem rooms.

Serious Infractions

The following violations will result in the **student being sent home at the parent's expense**:

- Any broken law: possession or use of drugs alcohol or tobacco, theft, vandalism, etc. First the police will be called, then Mrs. Smith, last parents.

Other violations will result in the **student staying by a teacher's side for the remainder of the trip and a referral upon return to school**:

- Being late to a trip meeting time, hotel reporting poor behavior, unsafe behavior, leaving your group, rudeness to a chaperone, etc.
- Hotel violations: leaving your room after curfew, going in anyone else's hotel room

Other points to note (will be expanded upon at the mandatory parent/student meeting)

- **Students choose** their own groups with peers from their music class. Band, choir/piano, or orchestra students are not mixed for bus seats, hotel rooms, or chaperone groups. For bus seats and hotel rooms, students must choose students of the same gender. Chaperone/Park groups can be mixed gender.
 - Student hotel rooms = 6 students of same gender, 3 queen size beds (one is a sofa bed)
 - Chaperone hotel rooms = 3 adults same gender, 3 queen size beds (one is a sofa bed). If you're a couple, let us know to reserve a room with a single king bed.
 - Bus partners = 2 students of same gender per row. If parent is a chaperone, that student will sit with his/her parent.
 - Chaperone/Park groups are 4-8 students (mixed gender) per chaperone
- **ANY and ALL medications** brought on the trip will need a medical consent form signed by a doctor. The medical consent form will be sent home in February. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Prescriptions medications, creams, & lotions
 - Over-the-counter medications including motion-sickness relief aids, vitamins, cough drops, etc.
- **This is not a family trip.** Students must be on the trip as listed in the itinerary. Friends and/or family members may NOT meet students at Disneyland. The only exception would be if a family wants to check their child out early from the trip. Once students are checked out, they may not re-join the group. If you will need to check your child out, you must complete a WCSD form prior to the trip. That form must be signed by Mrs. Smith. Parents can request this form in the Depoali office.