

OMMS Band and Choir Spring Trip Information
May 1-4, 2024
Universal Studios|Orlando, Florida

VERY IMPORTANT stuff you need to know

- Deadline for enrollment/deposit is Spooky-day! October 31st, 2023 @ midnight.
- While unlikely, the Shelby County Board of Education reserves the right to cancel any out-of-state or overnight trips if deemed necessary.
- Parents are REQUIRED to purchase the additional Travel/Trip insurance with the *cancel for any reason (CFAR)* add-on for their child to attend the trip. Without purchase of insurance (with CFAR coverage) students will not be permitted to attend.
- *Gateway Tours* is our trip company and will be collecting all monies associated with this trip. Do not send money to OMMS.

Items of Note (don't skip this part)

- This trip is NOT required.
- This trip is open to any 7th and 8th grade OMMS Band and Choir student who has a record of positive participation in band/choir class. Students who continually disrupt class or who do not show their best effort will not be allowed to attend. All students who plan to attend will sign a "Academic/Behavior Contract" with the directors and their parents.
- Priority will be given to 8th grade students if we exceed our participation limit.
- *All band and choir course fees must be paid before making a deposit on the trip. Check with your director to see if you are paid in full.*
- Students stay 4 students per room. Each room has 2 double/queen beds. Choir students will room with choir students; band students room with band students.
- If your child has any major limitations (physical, mental, health), we ask that a parent/guardian attend the trip as well.
- Only paying tour-members may travel with the group. Non-tour members are not permitted to participate with the tour group in any travel, activity, performance, etc. This is for the safety of all participants.
 - Family members that are traveling on separate (not OMMS affiliated) reservations that wish to "hang-out" with their student may do so, but are responsible for all travel expenses, reservations, etc., and will not be included in any "group" activities that are specific to our groups (work-shops, meal reservations, etc).
- Students and chaperones pay the same amount.
- We have opened slots for 115 Band students, 115 Choir students, and 20 chaperones. Once slots are filled, we will move to a "waiting list". Funds won't be collected from those on the "waiting list" unless a slot opens for them on the trip. Slots are based on occupancy and group.

Make-up Work

Each student is responsible for communicating with his/her teachers and making up any work that is missed. Talk with teachers ahead of time, so that the work can be spread out and not crammed in at the last minute. Because this is a field trip, students do not receive 3 days to make up the work. Work is due before we leave or the day we return. This includes iReady time. Students who have a history of not completing their required weekly iready minutes will not be permitted to attend the trip.

Extra Rehearsals (as needed)

Students attending the trip will learn their music BEFORE we go. We will have 2-3 after school rehearsals to make sure we are prepared. Students are required to participate in these rehearsals in order to attend the trip. More information will be shared closer to the trip.

Chaperones

- Chaperones may only be OMMS staff or legal parent/guardian of the students attending.
- Chaperone spots are limited and will be filled based on the following order of criteria
 - Need/requirements of the trip (gender breakdown of students, students requiring extra assistance, etc)
 - Director discretion
 - Order of registration
- Chaperones will be expected to work. Don't sign up if you're looking for an easy vacation.
- All chaperones will be required to complete a background check through Shelby County Schools. This will be at your own expense.
- Chaperones will stay 2 adults per room. We do not have any extra rooms reserved for chaperones to have their own room. If you don't want to share a room, don't sign up to be a chaperone.
- Chaperones must ride the bus to/from the trip destination with the group and remain with the group at all times. Absolutely no exceptions.

Academic, Behavior, and Attendance Requirements

This trip is a privilege and meant to serve as a reward for a job well done. Per OMMS Administration, students with excessive school absences (excused or unexcused) will not be able to attend. This will be determined prior to the final payment due date.

We want to take students who are eager to have a good time, but who also understand certain rules must be followed. Please understand that each student selected to go must have the Administration's approval. A student who commits continuous disciplinary infractions or has a consistent history of failing grades will not be allowed to attend. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

This trip demands maturity and self-sufficiency. The students are expected to be able to carry their own luggage, wake up on their own, shower, brush teeth, put on deodorant, move quickly to maintain a strict schedule, and act responsibly.

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated, and, if excessive, could result in the student being flown home at the parent's expense. Should a student break the law, the student will be turned over to local police, and a parent or guardian must come to Orlando and retrieve the student.

Dress Code

We use a modified dress code for the trip, but always want to represent OMMS and be "Nothing But the Best" with our clothing.

- Students may wear athletic shorts of modest length. If we see your "cheeks", you will be asked to change.
- Closed-toe shoes or shoes with straps around the heel are required in the park. This is a requirement of many rides within Universal Studios.

Students will wear their 23-24 OMMS Band or Choir Shirt on Wednesday, May 1st.

Thursday, May 2nd – new trip shirt 1

Friday, May 3rd – new trip shirt 2

Saturday, May 4th – Oak Mountain attire preferred

Trip Itinerary/Details and Cost

- **We are still finalizing details with Universal Studios regarding performance/workshop options. We will update our itinerary once we have that information.
- Our estimated cost is \$850- \$900 per person based on 230 students and 20 chaperones. We will know the exact amount per person once deposits have been paid and an accurate number of travelers has been established.

Cost includes

- Three night hotel accommodations at *Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort*
- Charter Bus transportation
- 2-Day/2-Park Park-to-Park admission to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure
- Breakfast at the hotel
- 2 lunch vouchers and 2 dinner vouchers for use within Universal Orlando
 - \$15 each, total of \$60
- Performance/Workshop Fees (\$38 per person)
- Two Spring Trip T-shirts
- Tour planning and Tour Guide services of Gateway Tours
- Bus Driver hotel accommodations, gratuity, and tolls
- Substitute teacher expenses for directors and medication assistant and any other incurred costs.

Payment Information

Important Points:

- DO NOT pay ahead of schedule. We understand that some prefer to pay everything at once, but in the (unlikely) event that there is a cancellation of the trip, this makes things even more difficult. We request that you follow the payment plan outlined below.
- **CHOIR STUDENTS ONLY:** If you have sponsorship funds in your choir account, your balance will be adjusted to reflect your amount owed.

Registration Information:

- ALL travelers need to create an account and register for the tour. If you have multiple people attending the tour (student and parent), you only need to create one account.
- Students under the age of 18 (all of our students) cannot create an account on their own, so please make sure that a PARENT creates the account and handles registration.
- Follow the link below and use the tour code OMMS2024TOUR to register
 - The link will be sent out when registration opens
- The first payment is due October 31st, 2023

REQUIRED Insurance - Trip Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR Insurance)

- When registering, you might see on the tour website that CFAR is optional. By federal law, travel agencies cannot require CFAR. Shelby County Schools, though, can require the insurance. We have been advised that everyone traveling on the trip must purchase CFAR coverage or they may not travel.
- The cost of CFAR(based on the trip cost) is \$40.00 per traveler. Details can be viewed upon registration. If a parent is traveling as a chaperone, they must also purchase the cancellation insurance.



My Gateway – Registering

To secure your place on the 2024 Oak Mountain Middle School Performance Tour of Orlando, each passenger must be registered on the “My Gateway” online registration system by **October 31, 2023**.

If you’ve registered on a past tour with Gateway, you are not able to log into a past account without following the steps below, personal information does not transfer over automatically.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 per passenger is also due by October 31st.

How to register on My Gateway:

- Go to: mygatewaytour.musicfestivals.com
- At the right side of the page, enter your passphrase under the “Sign Up” section.
- Enter the Pass Phrase for your tour: **OMMS2024TOUR**

Under “Create User Account” a parent or student over 18 will need to enter their name, preferred email address* and a password of your choosing to create a “User Account.”

Note: As referenced above, if your email was used on a past tour, check the box to use this duplicate email for this tour.

- When you register as a user, you must check both boxes and agree to the terms and conditions to continue.
- Once you have registered as a user on the system, you will be directed to the Dashboard and can click on the “Register your first passenger” button. You can register for multiple passengers, including yourself, from the Dashboard or the Passengers page.

Note: In passenger profile, options under “Role” are Chaperone, Staff and Student.

- At this point, Students should select “quad occupancy” and Chaperones should select “double occupancy.” Staff should select “double occupancy” unless they are requesting a single room.
- Students – Select Ensemble choice – Band, Choir, or Both
- Chaperones – Select Ensemble you are Chaperoning – Band or Choir
- Please complete all the information as accurately as possible.

Through the My Gateway online registration system you can:

- Sign up for your group’s tour by completing a user registration and passenger profile.
- View payment dates, amounts, and balances.
- Make payments.
- Purchase travel insurance.
- View tour information.
- View messages posted to your user profile from your group leader or Gateway staff.



Payment Schedule:

The payment schedule listed below will also be displayed in your “My Gateway” account online. Per the terms and conditions, you agree to when registering, “Services are subject to cancellation by Gateway Music Festivals & Tours, Inc. if payments are not received by their due dates.”

	Student	Chaperone
	Quad	Double
Package Price	\$875.00	Same Prices
10/1/2023 – Non-Refundable Deposit	\$100.00	
11/28/2023	\$194.00	
1/17/2023	\$194.00	
2/16/2024	\$194.00	
3/17/2024 – Balance +/-	\$193.00	

Cancellation Date Outline:

If you need to cancel your tour registration, please login to your My Gateway account, click 'Passengers' at the top of the screen. You will see your passengers listed with 'cancel registration' next to each name. Follow the prompts to completely cancel each passenger from the tour. You will receive your refund check in 2-3 weeks upon cancellation. Your refund check will be sent to the address in your My Gateway account. Cancellation penalties will apply depending on date of cancel and penalty dates.

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Individual Cancellation Date Penalties					
based on Gateway Music Festivals & Tours Terms and Conditions					
Cancellation time frame	Up to 120 days	119 to 106 days	105 to 61 days	60 to 16 days New passenger fee* applies	15 days to departure New passenger fee* applies
		January 3, 2024	January 17, 2024	March 2, 2024	April 16, 2024
		to	to	to	to
	January 2, 2024	January 16, 2024	March 1, 2024	April 15, 2024	May 1, 2024
Land Penalties: (based on occupancy)	^^No penalty	25% of land cost	50% of land cost	75% of land cost	100% of land cost
Land - Student Quad	\$100.00	\$218.75	\$437.50	\$656.25	\$875.00
Land - Adult Double	\$100.00	\$253.25	\$506.50	\$759.75	\$1,013.00
^^Per the Terms and Conditions, cancellation fees may be subject to additional vendors' fees.					



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Performance Tour of Orlando

May 1 – 4, 2024

The following itinerary provides an overview of your tour events and timings.
****It is important to understand that times and activities are subject to change before or during the tour.**

Working Itinerary

September 13, 2023

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- Depart** Meet at Oak Mountain Middle School this morning to begin your journey to Orlando. (Approximate drive time is 8 ½ hours without stops, 520 miles.)
- Lunch** On your own enroute.
- Dinner** On your own enroute.
- Arrival** Welcome to Orlando! Your Gateway Tour Manager will greet you upon arrival.
- Hotel** Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in.
- Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort**
6550 Adventure Way
Orlando, FL 32819
Phone: (407) 503-4000

Thursday, May 2, 2024

- Breakfast** Universal Orlando Gift Card is provided for breakfast (\$15.00 value).
- Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure** Spend the day at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, including "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter." Pass through the towering Hogwarts castle gates and explore the familiar passageways, classrooms, and corridors. Go behind the scenes, beyond the screen, and jump right into the action of your favorite movies at Universal Studios, the number one movie and TV based theme park in the world (2-day park-to-park admission).
- Lunch** Universal Orlando Gift Card is provided for lunch (\$15.00 value).
- Dinner** Universal Orlando Gift Card is provided for dinner (\$15.00 value).



Friday, May 3, 2024

Breakfast Universal Orlando Gift Card is provided for breakfast (\$15.00 value).

Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure Return to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure for day two of more thrills.

🎵 Universal Studios Educational Workshop Participate in an educational workshop provided Universal Studios (subject availability and acceptance).

Lunch Universal Orlando Gift Card is provided for lunch (\$15.00 value).

Dinner Universal Orlando Gift Card is provided for dinner (\$15.00 value).

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Breakfast Universal Orlando Gift Card is provided for breakfast (\$15.00 value).

Check Out Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with the check-out logistics.

Depart Board motorcoaches and travel to Alabama.

Lunch On your own enroute.

Dinner On your own enroute.

Arrive Arrive back at Oak Mountain Middle School later today.



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IMPORTANT DATES

As you assign due dates for your participants, please allow enough lead time to meet the following due dates:

Payments

Forms

Cancellation Penalties

October 1st - 31st, 2023	Non-refundable Deposit - \$100 per person
November 28, 2023	Payment
December 18, 2023	Rooming List (preliminary)
January 3, 2024	Individual Cancellation Penalty: 25% of land package
January 17, 2024	Payment
January 17, 2024	Individual Cancellation Penalty: 50% of land package
February 16, 2024	Payment
March 2, 2024	Group Manifest (final)
March 2, 2024	Rooming List (final)
March 2, 2024	Motorcoach Lists
March 2, 2024	Optional insurance purchase deadline - Premium F465F - Cancel for Any Reason Plan (must be purchased 60 days before travel and prior to trip paid in full)
March 2, 2024	Individual Cancellation Penalty: 75% of land package
March 2, 2024	New Passenger Fee: \$200 (+ possible vendor fees & rate increases)
March 17, 2024	Optional insurance purchase deadline - Premium F455F - Basic Plan (must be purchased before trip is paid in full and prior to final payment date)
March 17, 2024	Final Payment - balance (based on final rooming list)
April 16, 2024	Individual Cancellation Penalty: entire land package



Optional Travel Protection Plan Information

Coverage Details for F455F & F465F

Benefit (see notes on next page)	[REDACTED]	Maximum Benefit Amount – F465F Plan
Trip Cancellation	[REDACTED]*	Trip Cost*
Cancel For Any Reason** (Only included in F465F Plan)	[REDACTED]	75% of Non-Refundable Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	[REDACTED]	Trip Cost*
Missed Connection	[REDACTED]	\$500
Travel Delay	[REDACTED]	\$200/day Maximum \$2,000
Medical Expenses / Emergency Evacuation	[REDACTED]	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	[REDACTED]	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	[REDACTED]	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	[REDACTED]	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	[REDACTED]	\$100

*Up to a maximum of \$10,000

**Plan F465F is not available to residents of the State of New York.

The plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. Please see [important disclosures](#).

Trip Price Per Passenger	[REDACTED]	F465F Cost Per Passenger
\$0 - \$500	[REDACTED]	\$10.00
\$501 - \$750	[REDACTED]	\$25.00
\$751 - \$1,000	[REDACTED]	\$40.00
\$1,001 - \$1,500	[REDACTED]	\$70.00
\$1,501 - \$2,000	[REDACTED]	\$101.00
\$2,001 - \$2,500	[REDACTED]	\$131.00
\$2,501 - \$3,000	[REDACTED]	\$175.00
\$3,001 - \$3,500	[REDACTED]	\$236.00
\$3,501 - \$4,000	[REDACTED]	\$278.00
\$4,001 - \$4,500	[REDACTED]	\$317.00
\$4,501 - \$5,000	[REDACTED]	\$357.00
\$5,001 - \$5,500	[REDACTED]	\$396.00
\$5,501 - \$6,000	[REDACTED]	\$436.00
\$6,001 - \$6,500	[REDACTED]	\$475.00
\$6,501 - \$7,000	[REDACTED]	\$514.00
\$7,001 - \$7,500	[REDACTED]	\$554.00
\$7,501 - \$8,000	[REDACTED]	\$603.00
\$8,001 - \$8,500	[REDACTED]	\$658.00
\$8,501 - \$9,000	[REDACTED]	\$714.00
\$9,001 - \$9,500	[REDACTED]	\$772.00
\$9,501 - \$10,000	[REDACTED]	\$831.00

Both plans may not be purchased after you have made final payment for your trip.

For plan F465F to qualify for the Cancel For Any Reason benefit and the Waiver of the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion, (a) the plan must be purchased 60 days prior to departure or if your trip is initially booked within 60 days of the Scheduled departure date for your trip the payment for this plan must be received within 7 days of your initial payment or deposit for this trip; and (b) you are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid. This Cancel For Any Reason Benefit does not cover: 1) penalties associated with any air or other travel arrangements not provided by Gateway Music Festivals & Tours; or 2) the failure of Gateway Music Festivals & Tours to provide the bargained-for Travel Arrangements due to cessation of operations for any reason.

For Plan F455F the exclusion for Pre-Existing Condition will be waived provided: (a) Your payment for this Plan is received at or before the final Payment due date for your trip; and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time our plan payment is paid.

Please note: The Plan Cost is based on the package price, which is based on room occupancy. The package price is subject to change based on passenger count and inclusions. If a package price increase elicits an increase in the plan cost, Gateway will notify the group member. For questions about coverage offered call Trip Mate at 1-833-297-2255 and refer to Plan F455F or F465F (Plan w/Cancel For Any Reason). Or to view Gateway's Trip Mate plan on the website at www.tripmate.com/wpF455F or www.tripmate.com/wpF465F.

There is no application to fill out for Protection Plan coverage. Simply indicate the name of the group, the name and date of birth for the passenger for whom the Protection Plan is to be applied on the memo line of your individual check.

Please make check payable and mail to:

Gateway Music Festivals & Tours, Inc.
P.O. Box 1165
Monticello, MN 55362



Benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from:

1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane;
2. an act of declared or undeclared war;
3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard;
4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events;
5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment);
6. participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition;
7. participating in skydiving or parachuting except parasailing, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, extreme skiing, skiing outside marked trails or heli-skiing, any race, speed contests, spelunking or caving, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 120 feet (40 meters) or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive;
8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft;
9. being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician;
10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation;
11. normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion;
12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided by the Plan);
13. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Plan. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage;
14. any amount paid or payable under any Worker's Compensation, Disability Benefit or similar law;
15. a loss or damage caused by detention, confiscation or destruction by customs;
16. Elective Treatment and Procedures;
17. medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment;
18. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Plan is in effect for You;
19. a loss that results from a Sickness, Injury, disease or other condition, event or circumstance which occurs at a time when the Plan is not in effect for You;
20. Bankruptcy or Default or failure to supply services by a supplier of travel services; or
21. an assessment from a Legally Qualified Physician advising You in writing that You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You are not Medically Fit to Travel, as defined in the Plan, at the time of purchase of Coverage for a Trip.

Baggage and Personal Effects does not include:

- 1) animals;
- 2) automobiles and automobile equipment;
- 3) boats or other vehicles or conveyances;
- 4) trailers;
- 5) motors;
- 6) aircraft;
- 7) bicycles, except when checked as baggage with a Common Carrier;
- 8) household effects and furnishings;
- 9) antiques and collectors items;
- 10) sunglasses, contact lenses, artificial teeth, dentures, dental bridges, retainers, or other orthodontic devices or hearing aids;
- 11) artificial limbs or other prosthetic devices;
- 12) prescribed medications;
- 13) keys, money, stamps and credit cards (except as otherwise specifically covered herein);
- 14) securities, stamps, tickets and documents (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein);
- 15) professional or occupational equipment or property, whether or not electronic business equipment;
- 16) sporting equipment if the loss results from the use thereof; or
- 17) telephones or PDA devices, computer hardware or software.



Additional Limitations and Exclusions Specific to Baggage and Personal Effects:

Benefits are not payable for any loss caused by or resulting from:

- a) breakage of brittle or fragile articles;
- b) wear and tear or gradual deterioration;
- c) confiscation or appropriation by order of any government or custom's rule;
- d) theft or pilferage while left in any unlocked vehicle;
- e) property illegally acquired, kept, stored or transported;
- f) Your negligent acts or omissions;
- g) Your property shipped as freight or shipped prior to the Scheduled Departure Date;
- h) electrical current, including electric arcing that damages or destroys electrical devices or appliances.

Excess Insurance

The insurance provided by this Plan (except Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Emergency Medical Evacuation, Medical Repatriation and Return of Remains) shall be in excess of all other valid and collectible insurance or indemnity. If at the time of the occurrence of any loss there is other valid and collectible insurance or indemnity in place, We shall be liable only for the excess of the amount of loss, over the amount of such other insurance or indemnity, and applicable deductible.

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