



BANDS OF AMERICA TRIP GUIDE

October 15 - 17, 2021

Dear Eagle Regiment Members and Parents,

The Stoneman Douglas High School Eagle Regiment will be representing our school, community, and the State of Florida. Everything we do will reflect the quality of those people and places we represent. This will be a great experience as well as an enjoyable time for our band "family." We have done our best to organize this trip for you and trust that you will do your part in making it a positive experience for all of us. The purpose of this trip guide is to provide information and outline policies to make our trip safe and enjoyable. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in abiding by the policies outlined herein and by the School Board of Broward County.

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MARCHING EAGLES PARENT ASSOCIATION

BCPS Code of Student Conduct Dress Code Policy - (Consequences for violating the dress code are found in the BCPS Discipline Matrix) Section III.5 - Garments including, but not limited to, pajamas, boxer shorts, bloomers, and bustiers, which were traditionally designed as undergarments, sleepwear, or beachwear, may not be worn as outer garments. Other clothing not allowed are: leggings, tights, bodysuits, or hosiery, including those with lace trim, and bicycle racing attire unless they are worn underneath dresses, skirts, or shorts of appropriate length.

PACKING CHECKLIST

LUGGAGE

Bring ONLY ONE small piece of luggage and your Eagle Regiment show bag. Bags are to be tagged properly. Keep in mind that there will be times on the trip when you will have to carry ALL of your bags, including instrument. All bags are subject to be opened and inspected.

DAILY DRESS CODE

Friday (Bus Travel and rehearsal)

- ___ Eagle Regiment Practice Shirt (to be distributed prior to the trip & included in fees)
- ___ Black rehearsal shorts
- ___ Sneakers (no flip-flops/sandals/slippers)
- ___ Face mask

Friday (Dinner at Mall of Milinia Orlando)

- ___ School appropriate casual dinner attire

Saturday (Performance Day - Eagle Regiment Uniform)

- NO Earrings, Jewelry or Nail Polish ·Long hair must be in a bun
- ___ Tres Opulent Show Shirt
- ___ Solid Black Compression/Bike Shorts to wear under the bibbers
- ___ Solid Black TALL Socks
- ___ Dinkles Marching Shoes
- ___ CLEAN Black Gloves
- ___ BLACK face mask
- ___ Eagle Regiment Baseball Cap (either version)
- ___ Eagle Regiment Show Bag to carry above items
- ___ Instrument/Equipment (mouthpieces, reeds, drum sticks, mallets, etc.)
- GUARD ONLY: Show Costume, Show Shoes & accessories should be packed in guard bag for inspection. A garment bag may be used...chaperones can place under the bus.

Sunday (Universal Islands of Adventure / Bus Travel)

- ___ Eagle Regiment Maroon Spirit T-Shirt
- ___ Jeans or shorts (No short shorts or cut-offs)
- ___ Sneakers (no flip-flops/sandals/slippers)
- ___ Face mask

ADDITIONAL PACKING LIST

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| ___ Deodorant | ___ Toothbrush & Toothpaste |
| ___ Sleep attire for 2 nights | ___ Hair products if needed for long hair to be in a bun |
| ___ Underwear | ___ Medicine(s) given to designated chaperone |
| ___ 2 water bottles | ___ Money for 1 lunch & 2 dinners plus spending money |

TRIP & TRAVEL PROCEDURES

PLEASE COOPERATE TO ENSURE A SAFE & FUN TRIP FOR EVERYONE!

1. BE AT THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME! Know your schedule. Always be punctual. If the itinerary states to board the bus at 7AM, you should be outside at 6:45. Do not wait to leave your room at 7:00. Work out shower/bathroom schedule with your roommates to avoid being late in the mornings. Your chaperone will go over the next day's schedule with you each evening at room check time.
2. Nutrition is important for peak performance. Sweets and large amounts of caffeine should not be consumed the night before the performance. Eat a good breakfast. You need energy to get started for the day.
3. Be very courteous at all times. You are a class act, so be sure that your behavior reflects this at all times. Be sure to thank chaperones, drivers, waiters, hotel personnel, and the BOA staff. Good manners are contagious.
4. Dress appropriately. Appearance must be neat at all times when in uniform or while under observation as representatives of the band program and school.
5. Do not leave the hotel or any place we visit without director's permission.
6. **NEVER GO ANYWHERE ALONE! NEVER LEAVE THE HOTEL OR ANY PLACE WE VISIT WITHOUT A GROUP OF THREE OR MORE AND A CHAPERONE. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY!**
7. NO P.D.A. – Public Display of Affection. To do so would demonstrate a lack of respect and understanding that you are on a school-sanctioned activity.
8. Proper language is to be used AT ALL TIMES.
9. NO music should be played on buses without headphones. Be considerate of others who are trying to sleep.
10. Do not run from the bus to sights or any other place during the trip. Remember that you are young adults, not children.
11. Courtesy must be maintained while in restaurants. Speak quietly and clean up your area when finished. Eat properly and regularly to be at your best for yourself and others.
12. The use or possession of any alcoholic beverage, tobacco, or drugs which could modify behavior is absolutely forbidden at all times. Violation will result in dismissal. The presence of such substance will incriminate all in the room.

Please inform Judy Feldman, MEPA President of any medical issues. All prescription medications must be in the original container with the dosage specified on the front. Inhalers should be given to the designated Chaperone during performance times to ensure that they are readily available if needed.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, such as the declaration of a "code red" security status during the event, the following procedures will be followed:

All students will report to the designated emergency meeting location (see below) at the venue they are in, and await instructions from teachers/chaperones.

- Lunch, Dinner, or Rest Stops - Buses
- Competition sites - Buses
- Hotel - Lobby
- Universal - Main entrance

All students shall have cell phones on, but WILL NOT place calls. Instead, they shall await a call from chaperones with the next set of instructions. Students and chaperones will proceed back to the hotel and meet in the lobby. No student shall enter his/her own room or a chaperone room until instructed to do so.

Once in the hotel, the following actions will be carried out:

- Chaperones will keep students in one area.
- Chaperones will begin contacting parents to confirm that students are safe and inform them to await further instructions.
- Band Director will contact school administration for the course of action to be followed. School administration will be contacted at home or cell phone numbers after school hours.

If it is deemed necessary to immediately return home, Band Director will begin arrangements for transportation back to Stoneman Douglas High School. Parents will be contacted and given a detailed plan of arrangements.

School administration shall assist in answering parent concerns until students arrive home safely.

HOTEL RULES & PROCEDURES

1. Be considerate at all times, especially in the hotel. Be particularly careful about loud noises in the mornings and evenings.
 - Instruments are NOT to be played in your rooms.
 - Please close doors quietly. Door slamming causes disturbances to others.
 - Be reasonably quiet in your rooms. Don't speak loudly! TV volume should be kept to a level not heard in the hallway or adjoining rooms.
 - WALK in hallways. Running creates noise and causes accidents. Never run!
2. BOYS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN GIRLS' ROOMS AND GIRLS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN BOYS' ROOMS, even if a chaperone is present. Avoid the appearance of any wrongdoing in this area by staying completely out of the vicinity of rooms of the opposite sex. This also applies to rooms of other bands and young people. Additionally, students in same gender relationships are also not allowed to be in each other's rooms.
3. Parents, siblings and alumni are not allowed in student rooms.
4. Do not block hallways, entrances, or open areas by sitting on the floor.
5. Elevators in large hotels during large volume times are in great demand. DO NOT make frivolous trips on elevators. You might consider using the stairs instead of elevators during peak times.
6. Be sure to be in your room at or before the designated curfew time. After room check, you may NOT leave your room for ANY reason until wake-up time the next morning. This means that you may NOT get a coke, borrow something from next door, go make a phone call, or ANY other excuse! THE DOOR IS TO REMAIN SHUT AND LOCKED!
7. Outside phone calls are not allowed from the rooms. Do not take your phone off the hook. We may need to reach you.
8. Ordering room service or any other outside service is prohibited. Parents may not purchase food for their child's room.
9. Be very careful with hotel property, especially in your rooms. If anything is damaged or missing, you will be charged and incur a penalty upon our return to school. Chaperones will check each room.
10. Keep your belongings together in your room. Check-out will be much easier. Students are required to place all towels in the bathtub, garbage in garbage cans (you will be given an extra garbage bag by your chaperone if needed) and linens on the bed prior to room check. IT IS NOT THE CHAPERONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PICK UP YOUR ROOM.

SCHOOL BOARD RULES ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE DURATION OF ANY TRIP.

All rules apply just as if you were on the school campus. While on a trip, we are constantly in public view and your conduct must reflect the highest standards. EVERYTHING you do is a direct reflection on the band. In this setting, you're not acting as an individual, but as a representative of the MSD band. Infractions of conduct mentioned above are grounds for severe disciplinary action including suspension or dismissal from Stoneman Douglas High School and/or the band program.

CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES

Our chaperones are truly appreciated for their generous donation of time and energy to make this trip not only possible, but safe and enjoyable. Do not hesitate to take responsibility for heading off any problems you may see arising with any of our students. Also, do not hesitate to compliment all of the outstanding behavior we expect to see on this trip.

1. Please keep the trip booklet with you at all times. Keeping us on track will be one of your most important functions.
2. Arrive early on Friday morning to assist with loading.
3. For safety/emergency reasons, there will be no room or bus changes. The hotel room lists must be accurate and we cannot be altering bus lists. Please help anyone wanting a change to understand that this is not possible.
4. Check each room upon entering and inspect for damage to the room before students enter.
5. Be familiar with each of your student's special needs, medications, allergies, etc.
6. Help your group plan carefully to avoid being late to the next event.
7. Help keep noise level down in hallways, rooms, restaurants, etc. Don't hesitate to speak to ANY student, if necessary, not just those in your group. Remind students to keep TV volume at a reasonable level in rooms.
8. Remind students NOT to leave the hotel unchaperoned for any reason. For safety, they should go in a group of three or more anywhere they go, including public restrooms, elevators, for snacks, etc.
9. Be aware of our dress code and don't hesitate to send ANY student back to his/her room to change if dressed inappropriately.
10. P.D.A. (Public Displays of Affection) and the use of foul language are prohibited. Please speak to ANY students violating these rules.
11. Meet briefly each evening just before curfew time (location TBA) to go over any schedule changes, etc. Following the meeting, do your evening room check making certain that all students are present, the room is reasonably neat, etc. PLEASE use this time to review the next day's schedule so all are dressed appropriately and at breakfast on time. REMIND students to deadbolt their doors and that NO ONE is allowed to leave their room after curfew. The halls will be monitored. BE SURE that your group knows your room number in the event of an emergency and that it is OK to call, if necessary.
12. At check-out time Sunday morning, meet your students IN THEIR ROOM for a final room check. Make sure nothing is damaged or missing and that nothing is left behind. The room captain should be helpful in making these checks. Only after everything is in order should the group be allowed to leave the room for loading.

Broward County School Board rules and regulations are in effect with regard to use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and/or non-prescribed drugs or substances. Report IMMEDIATELY any problem in this area to Judy Feldman, MEPA President.

One of your best tools will be your positive attitude, especially when everyone is tired. Being proactive instead of reactive will help keep things on track and make for a safe and enjoyable trip! HAVE FUN EAGLE REGIMENT!

As always, Be Positive, Be Passionate, and Be Proud to Be an Eagle!