

LAKOTA EAST HS BAND
ROB TANIS & KEVIN ENGEL, DIRECTORS
DESTINATION: THANKSGIVING PARADE OF BANDS
DATES: NOVEMBER 20-25, 2017

SUGGESTED ITINERARY
AS OF

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*Prior to departing for your trip, experience an **Instrumental Clinic** with **Gary Smith Associate Director of Bands Emeritus** at the **University of Illinois** and **Director of the Marching illini** at **Lakota East HS** (pending scheduling).*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 12:00 PM Motor coaches arrive at **Lakota East High School** for loading.
6840 Lakota Lane, Liberty Township, Ohio 45044
- 1:00 PM Depart via **deluxe air conditioned motor coaches with DVD**. (16 hours have been allotted for drive plus 3 hours for breaks, dinner on your own, and a driver change.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 8:00 AM Arrive in **Orlando** and enjoy **breakfast** at the **Rainforest Café** at **Disney Springs**, 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.****

- 9:00 AM Spend the day experiencing the **Magic Kingdom!** 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 **Mickey's PhilharMagic, Pirates of the Caribbean, Space Mountain, the Haunted Mansion**, and the classic **It's a Small World**.

- 1:30 PM *This afternoon is reserved for a Disney Performing Arts Workshop #1:*
- ***"Disney's 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. "Studio A" rehearsal room located in a "backstage" area of Epcot

You will have **\$15 on a Disney Dining Card** to use towards dinner in the park.

- 6:00 PM *This afternoon is reserved for a Disney Performing Arts Workshop #2:*
- **“Disney’s 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. "Studio A" rehearsal room located in a "backstage" area of Epcot
- 9:00 PM Enjoy the **Happily Ever After** nighttime spectacular! 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 Transfer to the hotel to check in for the evening.
Rosen Centre Hotel
- 2 Private Security Guards on duty – 10:30 PM-5:30 AM**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- 9:00 AM Board coaches for Cocoa Beach. (1 ½ allotted for drive time.)
- 10:30 AM Arrive at **Ron Jon’s Surf Shop**, the World's Largest Surf Shop. With 52,000 square feet filled floor to ceiling with merchandise, you will find everything from bathing suits to boogie boards, sand pails to surfboards, jewelry, knickknacks, and lotions.
- 11:15 AM Transfer to **The International Palms Resort at Cocoa Beach** for lunch and swimming on **Cocoa Beach**. (6 rooms have been reserved for changing at the hotel.)
- 12:30 PM Enjoy your **Beach-side Barbeque lunch**.
- 2:30 PM Board your coaches for the hotel.
- 4:00 PM Arrive back at the hotel to freshen up for this evening’s activities.
- 5:00 PM Enjoy a **buffet dinner** at the hotel!
- 6:00 PM **Thanksgiving Parade of Bands Mass Rehearsal** at the hotel, with **Gary Smith Associate Director of Bands Emeritus** at the **University of Illinois** and **Director of the**

Marching illini and Dr. Joe Hermann, Director of Bands at Tennessee Tech University.

Rosen Centre Ballroom

10:00 PM Following rehearsal, early to bed for tomorrow's big day!

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:30 AM Load coach for Epcot Center.

6:30 AM **Thanksgiving Parade of Bands Mass Marching Rehearsal in Epcot Center.**

8:15 AM **Buffet Breakfast** in the park. While enjoying breakfast we will have an Educational kick-off, overview and celebration of the **Thanksgiving Day Parade of Bands** at the **Walt Disney World Resort.**

Following breakfast, change into uniforms and warm-up.

10:30 AM The **Lakota East HS Band** steps-off of the **2017 Thanksgiving Day Parade of Bands!**

Following the parade, enjoy the rest of the day in **Epcot Center!** Divided into two areas, **Future World** and the **World Showcase.** Future World focuses on technological advancements, innovation and wonder, and features attractions such as **Soarin', Mission: Space,** and **Test Track.** 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.

6:00 PM Enjoy a three course, plated **Thanksgiving Dinner** at the **World Showplace in Epcot Center** with entertainment, a dessert party, and a meaningful awards presentation.

Enjoy a special performance by the **Boston Brass!!**

Following dinner, enjoy a **private viewing area for IllumiNations!**

9:00 PM Enjoy **"IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth"**, a spectacular 12-minute show, featuring breathtaking fireworks, brilliant bursts of fire, laserlight effects, dramatic fountain barges, a stirring musical score and the world's first spherical video display system- the 350,000-pound Earth Globe!

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

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 AM **Breakfast** at the hotel.
Check out of the hotel.

- 9:00 AM Enjoy the day in **Disney's Animal Kingdom**, home to more than 1,700 animals from 250 species and sprawling across 500 acres of lush landscape, it is the largest animal-themed park in the world! **DINOSAUR, Expedition Everest, It's Tough To Be a Bug,** and the **Kilimanjaro Safaris** are just a few of the attractions you don't want to miss!
- 2:00 PM Transfer to **Disney's Hollywood Studios** for the rest of the day! Enjoy behind-the-scenes glimpses of Hollywood-style action with live shows, thrilling attractions, and backstage tours. Highlights include the **Twilight Zone Tower of Terror, Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring Aerosmith,** and the **Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular.**
351 South Studio Drive
- You will have **\$15 on a Disney Meal Card** to use towards dinner in the park.
- 9:00 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 Finally, enjoy **Star Wars: A Galactic Spectacular Fireworks.** Conclude your day in a galaxy far, far away with an all-new nighttime spectacular bursting with memorable Star Wars moments.
- 10:00 PM Depart for home. (16 hours allotted for drive time, plus 3 hours for breakfast and lunch on your own, breaks, and a driver change.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 5:00 PM Arrive at **Lakota East High School.**