

**Brazoswood
Choir
Orchestra
AFJROTC**

**Spring Trip
Proposal**

**Orlando
Florida**

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Dear Parents and Students:

The Brazoswood Choirs/Orchestra/AFJROTC have begun a successful year. We appreciate the support and help you have given us in our efforts.

The annual Spring Trip this year is **once in your high school education** opportunity to travel to Orlando, Florida. I think this trip will be both educational and entertaining for any student. Additional to the typical historical and fun things one would anticipate on a trip of this type is the opportunity for us to show off our musical abilities at a college.

During this trip the students will spend every possible moment involved in chaperoned, educational, and fun activities that are designed to educate the students and promote team building.

The cost of the trip includes transportation, food, housing, entry fees, and activity fees. The price is all inclusive of every cost of travel. We will leave on Tuesday afternoon and return on Sunday (April 17-22, 2018).

Through fundraising, we will help students to participate in this trip. If a student makes every effort to participate in the activities offered by this organization, he/she should be able to earn most or all of their trip cost. Students who choose to be active in these events may be well on their way to having their total trip paid.

Today, we need to find out exactly how many people are going to participate in this activity by asking for a registration form and deposit to be completed by **September 6th**. We ask that you fill out the attached form and return it with a check that includes a **\$120.00** non-refundable deposit for each trip participant. Refunds/Penalties for any cancellation are based on a scale directly related to the amount of money refundable to us at any point in time as listed below. Obviously the closer the trip, the greater the financial loss will be.

Please return this completed form even if you choose not to participate, so that we can be sure that every student has had the opportunity to consider this trip. (You are not required to travel. You are required to make a formal choice.) You must check ‘Yes’ or ‘No’. Once registration is closed, no students will be added. **FAIR WARNING:** Failure to make a payment deadlines will cause you to be dropped from the trip with financial penalties applied. **Remember:** We are here to help students. Communicate with us if there is a special situation. We will try to work with you whenever possible. **Remember**, we **MUST** pay our bills on time and funds must be available for that payment. Credit Card payment will be available through BISD.

Additional information and finalized schedules will follow after the initial registration. This will be a trip and educational event that the students will remember for a lifetime.

ALERT: While we do travel every year, this will be the only “out of state” trip during their high school career. BISD only allows this trip once every four years.

BRAZOSWOOD CHOIR/ORCHESTRA/AFJROTC TRIP COMPLETE INFORMATION & OUTLINE

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

Arrive at Brazoswood for the big day. Be sure, you have checked your luggage and that you have your music, clothing and money. All luggage should be placed in the choir room for inspection. If it is going with us it must be placed with this luggage. Be sure your luggage is securely closed or locked and that your name is displayed clearly on every item. Be sure all liquids including make-up are in plastic bags and sealed against leaks.

Remember that you will need your organizational shirt. Please be sure you have your student ID or some other form of picture ID. You may wish to give Mr. Few a copy of any documents or receipts, and I would suggest that you make a Xerox copy of any credit card you bring with you. Mr. Few will be glad to hold that information for you.

All medicine will be checked in on departure morning and distributed only by your bus chaperone. A note from a parent explaining your needs is always required. Bring only enough medicine for the trip. Put everything in a plastic bag with a parent note telling us: who is it for, what is it, when do you get it and a parent name and contact number. If a medicine has to be with you at all times, bring a descriptive note and turn it in at the medicine table. Ask ahead of time if you have questions.

NO BUS ASSIGNMENT CHANGES AND IF YOU ARE LATE, WE WILL LEAVE YOU!!

FAILURE TO HAVE ALL FEES PAID & PAPERWORK COMPLETE MEANS YOU STAY HOME.

UIL PASSING STATUS IS REQUIRED. ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

At the end of lunch, come to the choir room. We will load the buses and depart by 3:00pm. Eat quickly!

Say “hello” to your group sponsor. Load your luggage, find your seat on your assigned bus and away we go! Be sure that you have taken care of any “nature business” before leaving Brazoswood. We will not stop on the way. It will be a long non-stop trip on the bus. The buses do have restroom facilities for you to use. You may want to bring a sack snack and cold drinks to eat on the bus because we will not be stopping for food on the way.

Please wear your choir shirt. We are performing at a major university while in route.

You will need to bring on the bus a carry on bag that contains a change of clothes, a towel or two, sunscreen, and anything you feel you will need for a day in the sun. Put everything you will need for the day in the carry on bag; because, you will not have access to the bus until we depart for the hotel at about 4:00pm. The buses will have DVDs for movies, so bring a G or PG rated movies to watch. Bring entertainment to keep you busy on the bus. Also, bring a pillow and blanket to use on the bus. Many times the bus will get cold (colder than the choir room) so be prepared.

Hotel Behavior

This is your first opportunity to impress the hotel staff with your maturity and professionalism. I remind you that a happy hotel staff will allow us extra opportunities. We need to follow their rules for quiet. You should quickly go to your room and prepare for room check. We will begin room checks almost immediately. Remember, violations of our housing rules could mean that you will be going home early. Be in YOUR room at the appointed time.

After a long day, you should really appreciate the opportunity to relax. The first person alphabetically in each room will pick up the room keys. If the hotel will send us the exact room numbers, we will publish them. If not, you will be given that information by your bus chaperone while we are organizing the keys and preparing to unpack the bus. When told, leave the bus and unload ALL luggage from within and under the bus. After the bus is clear, get your room key and go to your room. If your roommate is not there yet, wait a couple of minutes. Do not wander away from your room until everybody arrives. You will probably only have TWO keys. The hotel is our home for the next few days, but please remember that you are not the only guest. Be respectful of the rights of others staying in the hotel.

As is traditional, there will be frequent room checks. No co-ed visitation is allowed. Upon arrival at the hotel, you should unpack your stuff and especially your food items. Now is also the time for you to call your parents. Now is also the time to get ice and cold drinks. **NOW IS THE TIME TO CALL THE FRONT DESK TO LEAVE A WAKE UP CALL.** Your rooms will be blocked from pay-per-view and room service. Since we have paid in advance, no charges may be made to your room. You may call from room to room.

YOU MAY NOT ORDER PIZZA OR ANY OTHER FOOD FOR DELIVERY!

Curfew and Room Checks

You are to be in your room at this time. A male and/or female director will come to your door to check your room. We will want to see every roommate in person. Failure to be in your room at this time will result in our immediate removal from this trip. We will call your parents, and at your expense, you will be on the next available flight home.

We are very serious about room checks. We **WILL** enter your room and we may wish to inspect anything and everything. Be appropriately dressed for visitors. Female chaperones will check the girl's rooms and male chaperones will check the boy's rooms. As soon as your room is checked, we will tape the doors. If the tape is damaged or removed, your entire room will be sent home. Do not open your door. Lock and secure your doors and windows. Close the curtains. If you have an emergency, call a director or chaperone. You will always have our contact information. Communicate!

Remember that Mr. Few and the chaperones will be on duty all night. We will walk the halls and check the rooms throughout the night. You are safe and well protected. There is no reason for you to open the door. You may not leave your room after curfew.

Please remember that this is a school trip. No substances or alcohol may be used or ordered by any member of this trip. This includes students, adults, chaperones, and directors. We are all bound by the same rules that govern students during trips.

Tuesday, April 18th, 2018

General Plan:

We will depart from Brazoswood HS after school for Orlando Florida. We will travel by chartered bus and will drive to the university, stop and give a performance, then drive through the night. Each bus is equipped with stereo, DVD and multiple televisions. The bus will also have on board restrooms.

Our first stop will be at a University for a performance and for our dinner meal. You will present a concert for the music faculty and they will present a concert of literature. Afterwards, you will receive information about attending the school and how to earn scholarships.

During our visit, we will have great adventures in dining, enjoy great music making and visit seven of the top ten thrill rides in the state of Florida.

Specific plans for Wednesday

7:30am - ALL materials traveling with us must be brought to the Brazoswood choir room for storage before 1st period begins. You must label every item with your name and home phone number (with area code). “Carry on” luggage will be placed in one storage area and “under the bus” luggage will be placed in a second location. Items not stored in the choir room will NOT travel with us to Florida. You will only be allowed to have access to these stored with adult supervision until the moment of departure. Adding last minute things from a car or left at home will not be allowed. Any item not stored in the choir room will be visually opened and inspected before being considered for travel. Medicine needed during the trip must be checked in at the choir office. Attached to the medicine must be a card telling us exactly who you are and exactly how this medicine is to be distributed. Adult chaperones will be in charge of distribution. **Be smart and plan!**

ALERT: On bus bag needs to include snacks, clothes for the first afternoon in Florida and blanket/pillow.

FAIR WARNING: All luggage and materials are subject to inspection by school officials, local police and drug dogs. Do not bring illegal substances on this trip.

12:00pm – You will come to the choir room after lunch to begin preparation for departure. Make sure your luggage and carry-on materials are stored properly. We will give you final instructions, and then we will depart for Florida. Keep your electronic devices are charged as possible. We will have secure charging stations in the choir room all day. Remember, the sooner we leave, the sooner we get there!

We will stop for a college performance. **Dinner will be provided at the college.** Take advantage of your restroom breaks!

Pack wisely for the trip. The buses are full. Do not plan to have two seats or to block the aisles with junk. Do not big large ice chests and remember to keep items cool with cold packs not liquid ice.

We WILL be traveling over night. Be sure you are prepared with a blanket and a pillow. This is a LONG trip. You will be on a bus for 16 hours. Remember that the windows do not roll down so choose what you bring and what you eat wisely. Remember also that the bus does have a restroom but you should plan to use it sparingly.

Wednesday, April 18th, 2018

General Plan:

We will arrive in Florida as scheduled before lunch. Our first activity is **Swimming, Volleyball, Basketball and Relaxation at the Rosen Centre.** We will use the hotel’s four swimming pools and numerous included activities. We will enjoy the opportunity to stretch and relax until our hotel is ready in the late afternoon.

You will receive one meal ticket for a lunch. There are numerous websites with pictures and maps.

<http://www.rosenshinglecreek.com>



At approximately 4:00pm, we will leave the park for our hotel. We will stay in a quality location near our activities. Every room has a refrigerator. Breakfast and WiFi are included for FREE.

At 6:30pm we will leave for dinner for **Pirates Dinner Adventure**. At this event, you will feast on a banquet while watching acrobatic performers astound and amaze you. The show is packed with adventure, romance, and high energy. **Meal and Show Are Included. No extra Cost.**

<http://piratesdinneradventure.com/orlando/>



After the show, we will return to the hotel for more fun, and lots of sleep.

Specific Plans for Wednesday:

11:00am - We arrive in Florida. **DO NOT** forget to move your clocks and watches forward one hour! There is a one-hour time change between Texas and Florida. We will unfold ourselves from the bus and stretch in the Florida sunshine (we hope). **YOU WILL GET A LUNCH TICKET.**

Suggestions for all theme parks:

1. This is not your only day in the park. Do **NOT** spend all your money now.
2. Take pictures of people. Rides and objects are available on the web.
3. Bring money for lockers
4. Travel light. Most of the rides allow **NO** baggage. You will wait for an hour in line and then they tell you “oh you can’t bring that on the ride. You have to go check it into a locker over there at the left of the ride. Sorry.” (You will wait in line again while all your friends ride the ride without you.)
5. Drink water and not soft drinks. Hydration is important on a trip.
6. Wear comfortable shoes and light clothes.
7. Use the website to plan your route.
8. Eating takes time and is expensive. **USE YOUR MEAL TICKETS**
9. Rides run all the time. The shows are on a schedule. Eat during shows so the food lines are smaller.
10. **DO NOT** loose the pass card.
11. Do not steal! You will not believe the trouble you will have. Look to your left, look to your right. One of those people is an undercover park employee.
12. The buses do not park at the front gate. You must allow time to get back.
13. Someone will always be near the front gates if you need help.

3:30pm - We will check in at our hotel. Meet in the lobby on time. Do not waste your sleep and bath time. We will issue keys and travel instructions. **DO NOT BE LATE.** We will issue keys to the first alpha person in each room. If we can get the exact room numbers before arrival, we will. If not, the chaperones will have copies as soon as possible. (**WARNING:** Issuing keys and getting room problems solved can be a life threatening activity.) Be calm. Give us time to deal with the issues and we will help you to be a happy camper.

4:00pm - We hope to have all of the room issues solved. Go to your room and begin the unpacking and relaxation process. You should be unpacking, resting, and getting ready for our dinner show that night.

6:00pm - We load the bus for our Pirates Dinner Adventure. Because we are going to a specific show, we need to leave **ON TIME** to allow for travel. You may want to bring a little money to buy junk stuff at the show. **Dinner is included. No extra cost to you.**

The show has several phases. Some of the show is designed for high energy and some are designed to give you time to eat. Yell, hoop, and holler all you want. Please remember that the servers have a job to do also. Do not hassle them. The food people will want you to be in place when the show and serving begins. If you miss the meal, it is a long time until tomorrow. Entrée choices include, **Mix Chicken/Pot Roast - Quarter Chicken and Pot Roast with mash potatoes and green beans, beef gravy, fried onions OR Gluten Free Meal OR Veggie Meal - Penne pasta in a pesto sauce with a mix of roasted vegetables.** Unlimited drinks are included.

Just in case you are tempted...Florida is a state that allows alcohol in many places. They do **NOT** serve under age students. Do not ask for or accept any form of alcoholic drink. When caught, the penalty is very serious.

10:30pm - We will leave dinner after the show and dance for return to the hotel. Remember there are no co-ed rooms for students. You must be in your assigned room or be sent home. (Wouldn't it be a shame to ride for 18 hours on a bus just to get sent home the first night!)

10:45pm - We will begin room checks. A chaperone will enter EVERY room. You must be dressed for company. We will want to see every smiling face. We will look in every space, closet, and restroom. We will give you instructions for the next day, check on your welfare, and seal the room for the night. If the tape on your door is broken, your entire room will go home that night. This is a time to be your brother's keeper, stay in the room with the sealed door closed.

No charges to your room. Everything is prepaid.

Do not try to sneak out, the first person you will see is Mr. Few. We walk the halls every night and all night. Your safety is very important to us. We will make sure that you are in the proper place.

Call your parents upon arrival in Florida and not three minutes before room check. Hotels will **NOT** allow long distance calls from student rooms and check your cell phone coverage area before departure. Remember, we are in Florida.

DO NOT bring your diamond bracelet with you. Valuables disappear and are seldom found.

Do not leave money openly in your room. Lock it in a suitcase or give it to the chaperone. In addition, if you trash your room the house cleaners will not clean it. They are told not to touch things so if the floor is covered, they just go to the next room.

We are guests in the hotel but not the only guests. If you cause a disruption, we will reassign you to room with a chaperone for the rest of the trip. Talking is great, and laughing is expected, but if I get complaints, so will you.

Be aware, if I or one of the chaperones suspects anything of concern is happening in your room, we will be back to do another room check at any time of the day or night. We want you to be safe. We will take every step to insure that safety. Use the time in your room to sleep and rest. You need your energy for the long days ahead.

Set your alarms and leave a wake up call before you do anything else or you may have 200 people wondering why **YOU** made us late.

Keep the curtains closed. Do not advertise your activities or location to the world. It is never a good idea to give your name or the hotel to anyone. Do not wear shirts with your name on it or wear clothing of questionable taste. Travel in large groups. If someone wants to take your money by force, give it to them. Things are replaceable.

11:00pm - Lights out and get settled for the night.

Thursday, April 19th, 2018

General Plan:

Thursday is our visit to **Disney's Magic Kingdom**. Here you can experience all of the classic Disney rides and exhibits. The park is well documented on the web. You will certainly want to plan your time so that you can see as many things as possible. We will be here all day. **YOU WILL GET TWO MEAL TICKETS**. The variety of rides, shows, exhibits, and the world famous parade and fireworks show, is a recipe for an enjoyable day.

www.wdwinf.com/wdwinf/guides/magickingdom/ridesattractions.htm



This is your only day at Disney World. Be aware that the parking area is not at the front gate. You will want to work way towards the front gate early. You need extra time for the monorail or ferry to the parking area. We will eat dinner at the park. After dinner, we will enjoy the lights parade and the magic kingdom fireworks before returning to the buses.

Specific Plans for Thursday:

6:30am - Rise and shine! Be sure you pack the items you will need for the day. The day will be spent in the theme park. We will not return to the hotel until the evening. Please bring comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. **Enjoy the Free, Chef cooked, Breakfast Buffet at the hotel.**

8:00am - Depart for Walt Disney World. We will again need to check roll so do not be late. Upon arrival, we will need to issue a **ticket pass and give you TWO meal tickets**. The buses have to park and we will ride the tram or ferry to the park.

9:00am - The gates will open and we will enter the park for a day of fun. Check the website before traveling to Disney. There are several travel guides available to give you hints on the order to approach the park. Start at the back and work your way forward.

12:00noon-1:00pm - This is your first check in time. You will reply to a text message from Mr. Few some time during this hour. We will check you in and give you any trip updates as needed. Be sure that you make plans to have a communication method available. You may quickly return to your activities.

5:00-6:00pm - This is your next check in time. You will reply to a text message from Mr. Few some time during this hour. We will check you in and give you any trip updates as needed. Be sure that you make plans to have a communication method available. You may quickly return to your activities.

Around 10:00pm - After the electric parade and fireworks, we will depart from the park! Remember to plan your path early. Every person in the park will leave at the same time as you. We will leave the park for the hotel. **Remember that you must allow time to ride the monorail or ferry.**

11:00pm - We will begin room check. As you know, we will enter EVERY room. You must be dressed for company. We will want to see every smiling face. We will look in every space, closet, and restroom. We will give you instructions for the next day, check on your welfare, and seal the room for the night. If the tape on your door is broken, your entire room will go home that night. Stay in the room with the sealed door closed.

Friday, April 20th, 2018

General Plan:

Saturday morning we will leave the hotel for a full day of adventure at the **Universal Studios Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios and City Walk**. **YOU WILL GET A MEAL TICKET and UNLIMITED FRONT OF THE LINE EXPRESS PASS**. Your ticket will let you visit both parks as many times as you want. Your Express ticket will let you go to the front of every line.

<https://www.universalorlando.com/web/en/us/index.html>



We will leave the park by **5:30pm** to return to City Walk to eat dinner. **YOU WILL BE GIVEN MEAL MONEY**. You have wide range choices for food including Hard Rock Café, Emerils, and a host of restaurants in all styles and price ranges. After you eat dinner, we will meet to see the **Blue Man Group**. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity! **INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA CHARGE.**

<https://www.blue-man.com>



After the show, we will return to the hotel after the show for a restful night of sleep.

Specific Plans for Friday:

6:30am - Rise and shine! Be sure you pack the items you will need for the day. The day will be spent in the theme park and we will not return to the hotel until the evening. Please bring comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Be sure you eat the **FREE breakfast buffet!**

8:00am - Depart for **Universal Studios**. We will again need to check roll so do not be late. Upon arrival, we will need to issue a **two-day pass** and give you a **meal voucher ticket** for lunch, and **cash for dinner**. The buses will park and we will walk to the park.

9:00am - The gates open and we enter the park for a day of fun. Check the website before traveling to Universal. There are several travel guides available to give you hints on the order to approach the park. Start at the back and work your way forward.

12:00noon-1:00pm - This is your first check in time. You will reply to a text message from Mr. Few some time during this hour. We will check you in and give you any trip updates as needed. Be sure that you make plans to have a communication method available. You may quickly return to your activities.

5:00-6:00pm - This is your next check in time. You will reply to a text message from Mr. Few some time during this hour. We will check you in and give you any trip updates as needed. Be sure that you make plans to have a communication method available. You may quickly return to your activities.

5:30pm - **City Walk** for dinner and show at Universal. You may want to bring money for Blue Man souvenirs.

7:00pm - We arrive at the Blue Man Group concert. We are going to have a fantastic time!

<http://www.blue.com/about>



11:00pm - We will begin room checks. As you know, a chaperone will enter **EVERY** room. You must be dressed for company. We will want to see every smiling face. We will look in every space, closet, and restroom. We will give you instructions for the next day, check on your welfare, and seal the room for the night. If the tape on your door is broken, your entire room will go home that night. Stay in the room with the sealed door closed.

This may sound strange but this is your last night in the hotel. Please pick up and pack up. We travel tomorrow.

Saturday, April 21st, 2018

General plan:

On our final day in Florida, we will begin our morning activities by checking out of the hotel and pack all of our belongings on the bus. Do not forget to eat Breakfast. It is important that you eat every meal today. We will spend our final day in Florida at **Universal Studios**. You will get a **FREE meal ticket**. You will also get **meal money** for your dinner meal before we depart for home. Today's ticket will not have a Fast Pass since we only have a few hours to play before we travel. Enjoy your favorite rides one more time and shop for any last minute gifts at the numerous stores in the park and on City Walk.

In the afternoon, we will board our bus for home. We will again travel over night and will arrive home around noon on Sunday. We will eat Breakfast on the bus but we will make a couple of rest stops along the way.

Specific plans for Saturday:

6:30am - Rise and shine. You will need to plan for the clothes and materials you will need on our return trek. Check out of your room and **EAT the FREE Breakfast**. Remember that once the bus is loaded, you will not see your luggage again until Sunday in Lake Jackson. Your carry on bag needs everything for your full day of activities as well as any food, blankets, pillows or over night materials you want for the long ride home.

8:00am - Depart for **Universal Studios** and then home. We will not return to hotel. Be sure you have packed clothes for the long ride home.

8:30am – Arrive at Universal Studios. We will use our two-day pass again and enter the park as quickly as possible. **YOU WILL GET A FREE MEAL TICKET and Meal Money for later.**

1:00pm-2:00pm - This is your check in time. You will reply to a text message from Mr. Few some time during this hour. We will check you in and give you any trip updates as needed. Be sure that you make plans to have a communication method available. You may quickly return to your activities. This will be our last check in before departure.

YOU MUST EAT BEFORE WE LEAVE FOR HOME.

4:00pm - Time to leave for home. We must be on the bus and ready to roll. Be sure you have changed into traveling clothes. Be sure you have eaten an evening meal. Be sure you have been to the restroom **BEFORE** departure.

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018

We return to Lake Jackson/Clute. Our anticipated arrival is mid-morning to lunch depending on road conditions between here and Florida. Call your parents if you need to be picked up **BEFORE** we arrive.

Please thank your chaperones. We must clean the bus before we leave it. Take all items off the bus. Put anything you do not recognize in the choir room. Find all of your bags. Thank your bus driver!



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CHAPERONE AND PARENT INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION:

The following information is designed to augment the basic guidelines covered in the student handouts and the itinerary supplied to each of you. The first and most important thing to say to each of the adults making this tour is **THANK YOU** in advance for the task you are about to undertake. The students may forget to express their appreciation for the many things you will be doing for them, but on behalf of all of us, we want you to know that you are appreciated, and we know that we could not make this trip without you.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

I. Use good solid judgment when a student asks permission to do something. We would prefer that students not be allowed opportunities to deviate from the scheduled tour activities, and in this city they certainly should not be allowed to do any activity without the company of fellow students and a chaperone. It is fine to trust our students (within the specific limits), yet you should always be careful, keep a close watch, and report to Mr. Few the specific activity you feel is questionable with the name of the student or students involved in this specific activity. A chaperone's main responsibility is the safety of the students, and secondly to help the tour flow smoothly so that we all can enjoy this trip.

We will ask the chaperones to work as hall monitors in the evenings and nights while on this trip. Each chaperone will be given a specific number of hours that they will guard the hallways to insure the safety of the students throughout the night. This is not a change from the standard operating procedure for this organization. It is typical for Mr. Few to walk the halls throughout the night on every trip we make; however, since we will be gone for multiple days, we will also use chaperones to augment this activity.

A chaperone must stay with a student who is ill even if that causes their tour group to miss an activity. (If we must deal with an ill student, contact Mr. Few, and we will assign your group to another adult).

II. A chaperone can delegate authority not responsibility. We are all responsible for small group role call and for providing for the needs of our students. Chaperones will be assigned to help: guard luggage, load buses, move students, inspect rooms for plumbing problems or damage, and to help students with minor medical and/or personal problems.

III. No one will at any time change instructions or tour plans from those given by Mr. Few, except to protect a person's life. Chaperones will not give students "special permission" for anything. Guidelines are created for ALL students, without exception. Other adults on this trip may be asked to give assistance to their tour group by the designated chaperone, but it remains the responsibility of the designated school chaperone to assign duties as needed.

IV. **ALL DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS** must be reported to Mr. Few with full details. In the event of a late night minor discipline problem, get the student's name and refer the incident to Mr. Few the next morning. In the event of a major problem, contact Mr. Few immediately.

V. Make a roll check **BEFORE** leaving any stop and before releasing the students to begin any activity. Explain the purpose of the activity, territorial limits and when to be back at the meeting place (we will give you one before you release the students).

VI. Discourage any rude, crude, or unacceptable actions by stating: “This is not considered proper conduct on this trip.” You might remind them that a student will be sent home for bad conduct as well as for breaking any trip rule.

VII. Students are not to leave the tour or associate with any person who is not part of this tour. This is essential for the student’s safety. Since Orlando also functions as a tourist city, students are encouraged to be courteous to the new people they meet. Students should remain aware of their surroundings and the people around them. Law enforcement officials advise us that the best way to discourage problems from outsiders is for the student to remain alert and make eye contact.

Students should be reminded that they would meet or at least see people from other cultures and parts of our country. They should be reminded that not all people are as gracious and friendly as their Clute or Lake Jackson neighbors. Some cultures believe that instant familiarity is inappropriate. Students should remember a ‘cold’ or “business-like” response from a person is typical in larger cities and should be expected.

VIII. We are not anticipating any major problems on this tour; however, as chaperones, you should be aware that we are traveling with students at varying levels of social maturity. We are traveling with students who could be classified as very young seniors through students who are very mature freshmen. Activities to watch out for) and which are not allowed) might include:

1. Breaking curfew by leaving a room through the door or window. They might also attempt to bring other people into their rooms. {Penalty - students out of their assigned room go home on the first offense at the parent’s expense - no exceptions will be allowed. Report the incident to Mr. Few}
2. Students using substances either illegal and/or not approved by school policy (smoking, vaping or having any association with tobacco, smoking or vapor units). {Penalty - student goes home at parent’s expense}
3. Attempting to lose the chaperone or evade the rules of this trip {Penalty - Student goes home}.
4. Being late to a meeting point or otherwise abusing the schedule. {Penalty - First offense will result in a personal chaperone for the rest of the tour. Second offense and the student will go home}.
5. Theft of any type {Penalty - student goes home}.
6. Sexual Misconduct - Most of our students are normal outgoing teenagers who will probably make new “friends” on this trip. “Trip relationships” are to be discouraged because they sometimes lead to inappropriate behavior. {Penalty - students go home}.
7. Failure of any student to be less than the best representative of our school for reasons of conduct. {Penalty - students are reported to Mr. Few for discipline which might range from verbal correction to being sent home depending on the severity of the incident and the students willingness to accept correction}.

IX. In as much as we will be depending on each of you for the guidance and care of these students, please remember that it is Mr. Few who holds the final legal responsibility for this trip, please do not make any decisions that directly affect the welfare of discipline of these students without having the specific permission of Mr. Few. Do NOT “protect” any student by not reporting even minor violations of the rules.

You are instructed to report any conduct or activity of a questionable nature **when it occurs**. Waiting for two weeks after we return from the trip to question, something that you believe was improper is not helpful. While the school will punish students for wrong doing whenever it is discovered, it is legally most difficult to prosecute activities that are not reported as they occur. You are instructed to inform Mr. Few whenever you have a question.

You are further instructed to not generalize about student conduct such as “they all were going activity XXX.” Instead, you should make a specific comment about specific student or students. Again, generalizations are difficult to correct or verify and usually end up condemning good students for activities in which they did not participate.

X. Chaperones may wish to pack an emergency kit that might include over the counter common items such as Band-Aides, Upset Stomach Tablets, Kleenex or similar generic items. **Emergency medical kits will be located on every bus and kept in hotel at night.**

Again, thank you for your hard work and help. We will have a great trip if you will keep your eyes open and communicate your desires to your group at all times.

Ms. Dawn Grimes is the chaperone organizer. She will contact you prior to our departure to confirm your bus and duty assignments. We will be traveling with a number of chaperones, typically including parents, a school official, and several teachers. The trip will run smoothly as long as we all follow the trip as described.

It is Mr. Few’s responsibility to alter the trip timeline. The responsibility of a chaperone is to ease the flow of the trip, not rewrite the schedule to meet their personal taste. This trip is scheduled with activities to fill every moment. We will all enjoy this experience as long as we remember that there are bunches of Indians and helpers but only one Chief. Do not alter the rules of the trip.

Please remember that this is a school trip. No illegal or banned by school policy substances to include: all tobacco, all vapor products, all illegal drugs or any alcohol drinks may be used or purchased by any member of this trip. This includes students, adults, chaperones, and directors. We are all bound by the same rules that govern students during trips.

Academic guidelines for participation will apply per UIL and BISD policy. Academic failure and/or cancellation will result in the loss of trip funds per the payment schedule.

DIRECTORS CONTACT INFO CELL OR TEXT

Bill Few – (979) 299-8904 – billfew@comcast.net

Back up phone - Ruth Ann Few – (979) 299-8906



Students Rules and Information

Brazoswood Choir / Orchestra / AFJROTC Trip

Students make all payments and have paperwork complete in order to travel. Students who fail to return their medical forms will NOT be allowed to enter the bus. Cancellations involve financial penalties. It is very important that the student communicate their intentions in writing at the earliest possible date. Reservations made on their behalf usually are not refundable. UIL academic grades apply to travel ability.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: As is typical of all major trips sponsored by the Choir / Orchestra / AFJROTC, we will always provide the maximum amount of safety in our travels. In order to provide a trip that is a free of illegal substances as possible, police dogs trained to detect drugs, alcohol, and other substances may examine ALL luggage making the trip with us. ANY item traveling with us will be subject to inspection.

Additionally, we will be traveling with school officials and administrators from our school system. This is fair warning to you to leave all illegal substances as home. If you or your luggage is found to have these substances, you will be arrested and prosecuted to the full ability of our school system and the local authorities. Do not make a bad decision that will ruin your school year. Do not bring forbidden substances or items on this trip.

These are the anticipated trip activities. Locations and descriptions will not change during the trip unless safety or weather dictates or such availability does not allow. The general structure will be as follows:

I. RULES OF THE TRIP INCLUDING HOTEL BEHAVIOR –

Our Orlando hotel chain is nationally recognized. The hotel will offer free breakfast and refrigerators in the room. The hotel is “inside access” and has security on staff.

1. You must stay in a group of at least THREE persons when you are touring. You are to remain with your tour groups at all other times. Orlando is a city that requires us to exercise at least a fair amount of safety when traveling at day or night. Watch out for each other and stay together. Do not travel outside of the hotel after dark. There will be NO un-chaperoned sightseeing on this trip.
2. No girls in the guy’s rooms or guys in the girl’s rooms.
3. No swapping of rooms or roommates after the final list has been posted.
4. **CURFEW** - Be in the room with NO excessive noise. Once your room is sealed, you may not leave the room except in the cast of emergency. You may not leave your room after curfew except in extreme emergency and then only to see a chaperone. **ROOM CHECKS WILL BE MADE.**
5. **LIGHTS OUT** - NO lights, NO noise, GO TO SLEEP!
6. **OUTSIDE PHONE CALLS, MOVIES and ROOM SERVICE - ABSOLUTELY NONE!!** - No phone calls will be made to business locations outside of the hotel from your room. The rooms are prepaid so no charges should be made to your room.
7. **REMEMBER** - You are a guest in this hotel, BUT you are not the only guest in this hotel. Respect the rights of others. Any damage to the hotel, bus, or your room will be charged to the individuals responsible. If no blame can be assigned, the entire room and/or group will be held responsibly and required to pay BEFORE we leave (even if your parents must send payment for your damages).
8. **WARNING** - Room checks may be made at various times throughout the day, and evening hours. Do not engage in any activities that will get you in trouble. Be a happy camper and you will live long and prosper.
9. **NEVER** tell any one your name and especially not where you are staying!

II. MONEY - You will need spending money for various items of personal expense. These items might include: Change for the hotel Coke machine, Money for extra rides, games and food, money for extra fast food or pizza, extra drinks, money for gifts, etc. Remember not to carry large amounts of cash...

- A. Cash Cards, Checks or Credit Cards - Remember these items about these items:

1. Always keep your receipts.
2. Cash cards are accepted almost everywhere and can be purchased in any denomination
3. You should only get bills in smaller denominations such as \$20.00 units.

Do not keep all of your money in the same place. Extra money may be given to a chaperone or room safe if available. **DO NOT** leave money visible in your room or in an open suitcase.

Pictures & Souvenirs - Every place will have a gift shop that features T-shirts and gifts. Wait until the end of an adventure before you purchase so you do not have to care them with you. Most theme parks will also let you check purchases at guest services.

Food Money – My first suggestion to you would be pack snack foods in your luggage. You **WILL** want junk food late at night. Bring it with you in small individual bags. You will want to bring spending money for stops we may make along our trip. Soft drinks in a hotel can also be expensive. For example, the Hilton in San Antonio charges \$2.50 for a coke from the machine. I would suggest you either bring change or pack non-carbonated drinks in your luggage. **Every meal is covered in the trip cost. It is FREE to you.**

Spending Money – Every major cost is covered in this trip. Your only cost will be the gifts you buy and the theme park snacks you purchase between meals. Remember that a full meal in a theme park is easily \$20. All theme parks will give you free cups of water at any time. There are places where you may choose to buy lots of things food/gifts/clothing/souvenirs. The average cost is \$20 per item.

ALERT: We will use texting and cell phones to help with trip check-in and info updates. Be sure we have correct numbers for this info. If you are not traveling with a phone or text, please find a friend and keep yourself fully updated. Tell your parents that this is the number I will use during the trip to communicate with you: Bill Few – (979) 299-8904.

Please note:

We reserve the right to alter or cancel without financial refund the events listed on this outline due to circumstances beyond our control. The Director reserves the right to make decisions designed to insure student safety and/or maintain general trip scheduling. Examples of these circumstances might include but are not limited to the following:

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| 1. Weather | 5. Police Action |
| 2. Activity Location Issue | 6. School District Action |
| 3. Student Illness or Injury | 7. Student Safety |
| 4. Transportation Issues | 8. Behavior Incident |

ALL school policies for adult and student expectations are fully active during this trip. This trip is an extension of your Brazoswood learning environment. You are expected to be the BEST example of our school and community. Represent us well!

What to bring list....

- _____ Brazoswood shirt to wear at college
- _____ Walking Shoes
- _____ Jeans and/or Shorts and Comfortable Clothes
- _____ Rain Gear
- _____ Personal items (Toothbrush, Comb, Makeup)
- _____ One under bus suitcase and carry on bag
- _____ Towels for the pool
- _____ Money for extra meals, games and souvenirs
- _____ Flashlight
- _____ Alarm Clock or programmable phone
- _____ Cell phone with text (optional but suggested)
- _____ FOOD for your room and the bus ride
- _____ Sun Screen
- _____ Student ID card (Picture ID of some type)
- _____ Money/Travelers Checks
- _____ Pillow and Blanket for the bus
- _____ Light and/or Heavy Jacket
- _____ Clean G or similar movies for the bus
- _____ Headphones for music/media. **NO external speakers.**
- _____ Swimsuit and cover up garments
- _____ Money for a \$2.00 tip for the bus driver.

The cost of the trip covers absolutely every meal, entry fee and expense. The only extra money needed is for your shopping and snacking. It is all prepaid.

Brazoswood Choir Spring Trip

Registration Overview

Pending registration by the students, this year's spring trip to Orlando, Florida will feature the listed activities. **The all-inclusive cost of the trip will be \$960.00.** This includes all entry fees, hotel, transportation costs, and meals. **This is an all-inclusive price.**

The payment schedule for this trip is as follows. Upon completion of the enclosed registration forms, the student is a participant in the trip until **WRITTEN** cancellation is made to the director or until final academic grades prevent travel. Until that time the registered student is a participant and **ALL** financial obligations, payment timelines and penalties will apply. Financial penalties will apply from the date of the written cancellation.

GRADE TIMELINE and FINANCIAL LOSS FAIR WARNING: Here are the payment and academic timelines.

GRADE ALERT: Everybody **MUST** pass **ALL** classes on **MARCH 9th** Report Card and/or regain their grade status by passing all classes on the Progress Reports that follow. Once certified as academically failing and after exhausting all available academic recovery options, you may not travel on the trip and you forfeit the total cost of the trip.

GRADES WILL COUNT PER UIL RULES!

CANCELLATION MEANS LOSS OF FUNDS AS SHOWN BELOW.

PAYMENT TIMELINE

(Fees may be paid or earned.)

BISD now offers a credit card option for payment.

First Deposit or credit	(by Sep. 06, 2017)	-	\$ 120.00
Second Deposit or credit	(by Oct. 04, 2017)	-	\$ 120.00
Third Deposit or credit	(by Nov. 08, 2017)	-	\$ 120.00
Fourth Deposit or credit	(by Dec. 06, 2017)	-	\$ 120.00
Fifth Deposit or credit	(by Jan. 10, 2018)	-	\$ 120.00
Sixth Deposit or credit	(by Feb. 07, 2018)	-	\$ 120.00
Seventh Deposit or credit	(by Mar. 07, 2018)	-	\$ 120.00
Final Pay-Off Day ***	(by Apr. 04, 2018)	-	\$ 120.00

******On this day all paperwork and payments MUST be complete.***

CANCELLATION TIMELINE

(On this date amount of non-refundable fees)

First Penalty	(on Sep. 06, 2017)	-	\$ 120.00
Second Penalty	(on Oct. 04, 2017)	-	\$ 240.00
Third Penalty	(on Nov. 08, 2017)	-	\$ 360.00
Fourth Penalty	(on Dec. 06, 2017)	-	\$ 480.00
Fifth Penalty	(on Jan. 10, 2018)	-	\$ 600.00
Sixth Penalty	(on Feb. 07, 2018)	-	\$ 720.00
Seventh Penalty	(on Mar. 07, 2018)	-	\$ 840.00
Termination Day ***	(on Apr. 04, 2018)	-	\$ 960.00

*****On this day all paperwork and payments MUST be complete or the student will be removed from the trip with the loss of all funds.**

Registration Form 2017-2018
April 17-22, 2018 / Orlando, Florida

Please return this portion of the form with a check made payable to BISD (if applicable) in the amount of **\$120.00 for each participating member.**

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GRADES WILL COUNT PER UIL RULES!

ALL students are to complete this form to confirm that they have made a choice. You are **NOT** required to travel but you **ARE** required to make a formal choice.

NOT VALID WITHOUT PARENT SIGNATURE!

I am completing this registration form with full Knowledge and Permission of my parents.

Student Name: _____

Email Contact: _____

Parent signature: _____

Email contact: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency/Cell: _____

_____ I **will** participate in the Spring Trip to Orlando, FL

_____ I **will not** participate in the Spring Trip to Orlando, FL

Names/Contact of additional family members who would like to travel with us as chaperones:
NOTE: Chaperone cost per participant \$960.00. Chaperones have a private hotel room.

Please return by - SEPTEMBER 6th

BRAZOSWOOD CHOIR/ROTC/Orchestra - TRAVEL & TRIP (Policy Form 2016)

I, _____ (PRINTED Full Student Name), pledge to abide by all student policies of the Brazosport Independent School District and of the Brazoswood traveling organizations during the entire duration of the upcoming Spring trip. I understand that I am governed by the same rules on this trip as when I am at school, including the right for our director or their representatives to search rooms, luggage, and/or persons should the director determine that there is reasonable cause or should any situation arise which might bring potential harm or danger to any member or group of members of the Brazoswood Choirs/AFJROTC/Orchestra.

School ID Number	Student Signature	Birthdate	Grade
Student e-mail: _____		@	_____
Parent e-mail: _____		@	_____
Other e-mail: _____		@	_____

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We (I), the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this student understand and agree that this Brazoswood High School Choir/ROTC/Orchestra trip is a function of and the responsibility of the Brazosport ISD. This trip is a school-sponsored activity and function. I further realize that should my child fail to honor the above pledge or fail to fully obey any rule or regulation of this trip, disciplinary action could be taken, **including the possibility of my child being sent home from this trip at the parent's expense.**

The guidelines and rules for this trip are designed to insure the safety and well being of each of the students on this trip. Violation of any of these rules including curfew and "lights-out" will result in the immediate removal of the student from the trip. The student in question will be required to return to Lake Jackson immediately on the first available commercial airline and by ground transportation provided by the parent or guardian signed below. The student and their guardian will pay all costs for the removal of a student from this trip. Remember that airline tickets purchased on short notice and for flights that are not part of the tour can be very expensive (\$200.00 per ticket), so please follow all rules. Please remind the students that they will be removed at the first rules violation of any type (not the second or third violation). Examples of rules violations might include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Leaving the Hotel or any scheduled activity without the specific permission of Mr. Few.
2. Breaking curfew in any manner (including being out of your assigned room or engaging in any activity in your room that violates school rules, choir rules or the bounds of good taste. Destructive or disruptive behavior of any type will be considered a rules violation and treated as such).
3. Failure to immediately follow any of the rules or guidelines given by Mr. Few or any of the chaperones during this tour.
4. You may be removed from this tour for behavior or actions that are deemed by Mr. Few as disruptive, destructive, rude, or contrary in any fashion to the positive completion of this trip.
5. Failure of a student to meet with his/her group at any time specified by Mr. Few or the chaperones.

NOTICE - Mr. Few will make all decisions concerning the removal of a student from this trip. His decisions are final and not open to discussion or debate by any student or person not directly employed by the Brazosport Independent School District.

Parent Signature	Date	Cell Phone	Other Phone
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DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE AND SIGN BOTH SIDES – NO FORM MEANS NO TRAVEL

MEDICAL TREATMENT FORM (Medical Form 2016)

If in the judgment of any representative of the school or of any adult member of this trip, the above student should need any necessary medical treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby authorize school representatives to consent to all necessary medical treatment. I understand that school representatives will make every reasonable attempt to contact me before consenting to emergency medical care for the above named student unless, because of the need to obtain emergency medical care, such attempts jeopardize the health of the above student. I acknowledge that the organization travels with a "medical supply kit" that contains basic over-the-counter items for headache, upset stomach, blisters, sunburns, motion sickness and similar types of minor discomfort or symptom relief. I acknowledge and agree that these types of items may be given without additional notification and are available to the student through the supervision of the adult chaperone for that bus. I agree to be responsible for all expenses for such medical care (unless otherwise covered by school or student insurance). This authorization to consent to medical treatment is effective at any time that the above student is in the custody and/or control of school representatives and/or at any time that the student is participating in this organization's activities.

Student's PRINTED Full Name _____ Sex: M F Age: _____

- | | YES | NO |
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| 1. During the past 12 months: | | |
| a. Was he/she hospitalized? | _____ | _____ |
| b. Did he/she have any injuries requiring medical attention? | _____ | _____ |
| c. Did he/she have any serious illness? | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Does he/she take any medication regularly? | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Do you know of any reason why there should be any limits on this student's activities on this trip? | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Has he/she ever had a concussion or been "knocked out"? | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Is he/she under a doctor's care? | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Has he/she ever had a convulsion? | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Is he/she missing any paired organ (eye, kidney)? | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Are there any health problems that we should know about? | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Any known allergies to medication? | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Are there any religious or personal limitations to the health care given to this student? | _____ | _____ |

If the answer to any of the above questions is **YES**, please give complete details below: (Attach sheet if needed)

Are you covered by hospitalization insurance? YES _____ NO _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

Policy carried through work _____

Individual policy _____

Name and Address of place to mail claim form:

Please give the name and phone of the nearest responsible party should we not be able to contact you

_____	_____	_____	_____
name	phone	name	phone

Family Doctor : _____ Home Phone: _____ Office: _____

Parent Signature

Parent Signature

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

HOME PHONE : _____ EMERGENCY PHONE: _____

MOTHER WORK (CELL): _____ FATHER WORK (CELL): _____

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