

October 2008

We've had an excellent response to the upcoming Florida trip with 316 students out of a possible 420 choosing to travel. Along with the directors and chaperones, we will be 350 strong!

Something to look for in the near future is a personal letter indicating your student's balance and whether or not forms are still needed. Remember that full payment is due mid October so that we can meet our requirements of final payments to both the Gator Bowl and Disney World.

Along with our own field show program and our participation in the 2,000 student half time extravaganza at the Gator Bowl game, we will be taking part in the Gator Bowl Parade through the streets of downtown Jacksonville.

We have been assured that the music and Color Guard routine will be sent to the directors by the end of October giving students ample time to learn the music and routines before we leave in December.

Now might be a good time to consider the limitations of packing for an eight day trip, keeping in mind flight regulations and requirements. All travelers will be limited to one checked bag, UNDER 50 pounds, (you will be charged a premium if you go over that) and one carry on bag following airline specifications. All uniforms will be sent on the tractor/trailer with the instruments.

Chaperones have been selected, and sometime before the trip, they will be contacting the 12 or 16 students with whom they will be connected. Students will be assigned to the same adult during the entire trip. They will not necessarily fly with their own chaperone but adults will be on every flight.

Add on travelers are encouraged to contact Mrs. Ruth Black at [RABlack1@aol.com](mailto:RABlack1@aol.com) for travel arrangements. As traveling supporters, you will have lodging and planned activities separate from the students.

We will have one final informational meeting for parents and students (with a chaperone meeting to follow) at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 in the AHS North Gym. At least one parent should be there to sign an additional required piece of information for the Gator Bowl and receive updates on the trip.

See you at the meeting on November 25,  
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