



Prosper Band News

June 21, 2019

Student Musicians Needed: USA Wheelchair Basketball Game Tomorrow!!

Tomorrow is the Day! This information was sent out earlier this week through REMIND, but interested students that have not signed up are more than welcome to join us. Please sign up here, so we can plan accordingly.

<https://forms.gle/mmfpeFk2YUrBuV4fq>

We will meet in the Prosper Band Hall at 9am for a short rehearsal and then we will transition to the PHS Arena for the performance. You will need:

- Any White Prosper Band T-Shirt
- Shorts/Pants of your choosing
- Stand Tunes passed out in May Camp
- Your Instrument

Here is the information sent out earlier through Remind:

We have been given a rare opportunity to form a pep band for the upcoming Toyota USA Men's Wheelchair Basketball Games on Saturday, June 22nd. There are two games that day; USA vs. Japan @ 10am and USA vs. Spain @ 1pm. We are in need of student volunteers to participate in this event, which will take place in the PHS Arena. If you are available, please fill out the form below so we can keep track of who can come. Information about the game can be found at

https://www.nwba.org/news_article/show/1026472 .

Disney Trip Information

As of this morning, we have close to 250 students and adults already signed up for our 2020 Spring Break Disney World Trip and the list keeps growing! Due to the overwhelming response, we have kept the registration window open for a little longer, however we will be closing it soon. Our travel provider, Music Travel, has made a FAQ handout to answer some of the reoccurring questions so far. The FAQ handout is attached to this document for your perusal. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our travel provider directly. His contact information is:

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Marching Band Physical Requirement

A mandate from the University Intercollegiate League (UIL) has stated that all students participating in marching band must submit proof of good health signed by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse or Doctor of Chiropractic. The physical is required during their first and third year of participation in marching band (typically freshman and junior year). ALL Students must submit a pre-participation form, which is signed and completed by a parent/legal guardian EVERY YEAR. We will be collecting the physical forms signed by a Doctor and the parent pre-participation form during the scheduled Band Registration on August 3rd. [The official UIL form to be filled out by a qualifying healthcare professional can be found here.](#) The first page is the parent pre-participation form filled out by everyone and the second page is the physical form filled out by a health professional. UIL has also provided a FAQ for specific questions and [can be found here.](#)



Band Communication

As we are transitioning to the new school year, it is important that you are receiving communications from the Prosper Band to stay in the loop of what's going on in the Mighty Eagle Band! Here are a few ways to stay in the loop:

CHARMS Database: this is one of our main ways to communicate weekly announcements. [Please follow this link for information on how to sign-up or verify your information on Charms.](#) This is the official database that we use to send out band news and other important announcements. If you are not receiving emails, please log into CHARMS and verify that the address(s) are correct. Also, check your spam folder, as sometimes they end up there.

Social Media: We are on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. [Follow this link to access all three official outlets for the Prosper Band.](#)

Remind: This is a text message-based communication outlet that allows us to get quick information out to our students and parents. If you would like to enroll in this text message option, text this number **81010** and include **@akbded** in the message body. This will automatically enroll you in the PHS Marching Band 19-20 Remind option. All students and interested parents must enroll each year, as we clear out all people enrolled from the previous year. You may un-enroll at any time.

Google Classroom: All students that have been issued a district account and email address have access to this venue. They must log-in to their district-issued Google account and enroll through the Google Classroom application. The class code to gain access is **j5labsv** . The class is named **Prosper High School Marching Band**. Students that are new to Prosper will be issued Prosper email addresses once school begins.

Google Calendar: The Prosper Band Calendar is the official calendar that we use for all events and rehearsals. It is important that you refer to this calendar regularly and often. Being a Google Calendar, you can even have it sync with your phone! The Prosper Band Calendar can be found on the Prosper Band Website and [instructions to sync with your phone can be found here.](#)

Summer Student-Led Sectionals

It is so great to see so many students show-up and participate in these important gatherings. The sectionals are optional, but highly encouraged and will be held throughout the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are encouraging all student that are in town to attend. They will be going over show music and marching techniques to prepare for the upcoming marching auditions held during Summer Camp (July/August Camp). Please have your student get in touch with his or her Student Leader for information on when and where to meet.

Band Fee Deposit

If you have not yet paid your Band Fee Deposit of \$200, [you may do so by following this link to the band website and pay it online.](#) This fee was due in March and counts toward the final Band Fee due in August. If you are in need to establish installments to pay for band fees please contact Kelly Harris, the Prosper Band Co-Treasurer at kellywadeharris@sbcglobal.net , to setup a payment plan that works for your family. Communication is key!!!

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Prosper HS Mighty Eagle Band

Orlando, FL
Disney World & Universal
3/7/2020 - 3/12/2020

Trip Update #1 (Week of 6/24/2019)

Greetings from Music Travel Consultants! Thank you so much for your overwhelmingly positive response to the news of the upcoming spring trip to Orlando, FL. Due to the strong response, trip registration has been left open and allowed to exceed the 200 initial passengers in order for us to accurately gauge how many travelers we will have and to guide upcoming decisions regarding additional seat needs with the airlines without the hassle of a waiting list.

We currently have 238 travelers under the following breakdown:

- 175 students
- 31 adults*
- 17 children
- 15 staff

American Airlines has maxed out the number of round-trip seats they are willing to release for our group without rates skyrocketing so, at this point, we are in a bit of a holding pattern until: a) Southwest Airlines releases airfare for March 2020 (this typically occurs around six months ahead of time) or b) American Airlines and the other legacy carriers are able to offer more competitive pricing for our remaining seat needs.

As soon as this happens, the trip will be re-costed according to our new, higher passenger count and the corresponding Tour Conditions page will be pushed out so that the new pricing may be viewed via your online account. As a reminder, pricing is finalized according to the Tour Conditions page based on the active trip manifest at 30 days prior to departure.

*All adults, regardless of if you registered as a chaperone or as an adult, have been reverted to an "adult" traveler designation. Chaperone selection will be made by the Band Directors and Band Boosters and communicated to Music Travel Consultants. At that time, your designation may be reverted back to "chaperone."

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I still register for the trip?

Yes! Please complete the registration process as soon as possible and submit your deposit. Doing so lets us know you are serious about traveling and will help us anticipate additional needs for airline seats, hotel rooms, etc.

Can you tell me more about the performance? Can people not traveling on the package attend?

Certainly! The Prosper HS Mighty Eagle Band has applied and been accepted for a marching performance on March 8, 2020. Disney Performing Arts hosts marching band performances in two venues: Magic Kingdom Park and Epcot. While we have been accepted and assigned a date, Disney Performing Arts does not typically assign a venue until much closer to the performance. As soon as this has been assigned, your band directors and Music Travel Consultants will be notified, and the itinerary hosted in your online account will be updated to reflect our venue.

Families, friends, and fans are more than welcome to join us in Magic Kingdom or Epcot on the day of our performance to enjoy the festivities. The performance is open to the public and the parade route will be indicated on park maps using a red dotted line. Valid theme park admission is required.

The itinerary reflects four days in Walt Disney World, why do we have a 3-day ticket?

Our current itinerary reflects being in Disney Theme Parks on March 8-9 & 11, 2020 (we will be visiting Universal on March 10, 2020) and visiting one of Disney's Water Parks on March 12, 2020 prior to our return flights. Water park visits do not count against the overall day-count on your ticket - only the four theme parks. Access to the water park is granted by including a "Premium Park Hopper" in your package - standard Park Hoppers (non-premium) do not include water park access.

More Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to know about FastPass+?

FastPass+ is a great way to maximize your time at Walt Disney World and allows guests to reserve times to enjoy attractions with reduced wait time. This complimentary service is included with your park admission. Music Travel Consultants will upload ticket numbers to online accounts just prior to the FastPass+ booking window, which opens at 30 days prior to our first park day. At that time, detailed instructions will be sent to all account holders with more info on how to retrieve your ticket number, link it to your Disney account, and begin making FastPass+ selections.

I have an Annual Pass for Walt Disney World and/or Universal Orlando - will I receive a discount?

Of course! Please reach out to Andrew Moran (andrew.moran@musictravel.com) ASAP so he can notate your account. Please note, Disney Performing Arts does require Annual Pass-holding performers to purchase a one-day performer ticket to cover their performance production costs. Disney Performing Arts has not yet announced the 2020 rate for this special ticket but, as soon as it is released, we will be able to finalize the total discount. It will be communicated by e-mail to those who have reached out to let us know they would like to take advantage of this program.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING WDW ANNUAL PASSES AND TRIP COMPATIBILITY: We will be visiting Disney Water Parks on March 12, 2020 prior to our return flights so it is critical that your Annual Pass is a Platinum Plus Pass which includes water park access. Otherwise, your traveler will either have to purchase this access ahead of time a la carte directly from Walt Disney World or at the gate according to gate prices.

Can I extend my trip?

Yes! Please reach out to Andrew Moran (andrew.moran@musictravel.com) ASAP so he can notate your account. Please note, at the request of the Band Directors, all individuals on the trip package must fly to Orlando with the group. While American Airlines does not permit individual deviations to a group itinerary, they have offered us a limited block of one-way seats in order to ensure all passengers extending their trip can fly to our destination together. You would simply make arrangements on your own for your student to fly home with you on a one-way. A discount will be provided for those traveling one-way with the group. The size of that discount will be determined at a later date once all airfare needs have been taken into account.

MTC is happy to assist with pricing and providing extended park tickets for members of the package who are extending their stay, but unfortunately cannot offer these tickets to individuals who are not part of our package. Likewise, due to our peak spring dates, we are unable to extend the group rate at our hotel past group departure.

What happens next?

Simply continue to make your monthly trip payments on-time by the due dates listed. You should now begin receiving automated monthly payment reminders, but sometimes these end up in your "Spam" folder, so be sure you are keeping track of where we are in the installment plan (the next installment of \$235.00 is due on July 15, 2019). Any account not current on payment may be frozen. Trip payments are not auto-debited from your bank account or credit card.

For finance questions, such as requesting modified payment dates or alternative installment plans, please reach out to our Finance Department (accounting@musictravel.com) and they will be able to assist you.

For all other inquiries, please reach out to your Travel Designer, Andrew Moran (andrew.moran@musictravel.com) for more information.

We'll be in touch over the coming months with more helpful information. Until then, take care & safe travels.



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