

Subject: Spirit FMBC Trip Fees - Due Monday, October 24

Attachment: [FMBC Fee Submission Form 2016](#)

Hello Band Family,

Please **CAREFULLY** review this important information about the Spirit of Jupiter FMBC trip on November 11-13 and note the deadline of **Monday, October 24 (end of rehearsal) for all FMBC fees.**

Please contact Debra Wasserman at drewzmom13@att.net or (561) 352-8584 with any questions.

Itinerary

Friday, November 11 - Meet at school at 7:30 AM for travel to Tampa and all-day rehearsal

Saturday, November 12 - FMBC Semi-Finals and Finals at Tropicana Field

Sunday, November 13 - Spend the day at Islands of Adventure (Orlando) and travel to JHS

A detailed itinerary and packing list will be provided closer to the date of the trip.

An FMBC Trip parent meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in a location TBD at JHS.

We need families to get current with their Fair Share payments so we can pay our trip expenses. The final Fair Share payment (if you are not participating in the Christmas tree fundraiser) is due October 31.

Fees not covered by Fair Share are **DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 24.** (See details about each below.) Please complete the attached *FMBC Fee Submission sheet* and put it and all payments (cash and check) in an envelope marked with your student's name and FMBC FEES. Payment should be placed in the marked collection box near the band kitchen. Additional forms are located on the piano in the band room.

Friday Dinner/Saturday Lunch: \$20 per student

- **CASH** or checks payable to **CASH ONLY**
- Chaperones can also purchase meals

Islands of Adventure Ticket: \$75 per student

- **CHECKS payable to JHS Band PREFERRED**
- Family members can also buy tickets at this discounted price
- **Students not purchasing a ticket MUST BE PICKED UP BY A PARENT at the Tropicana Dome at MIDNIGHT on Saturday, November 12**

The JHS Band cannot be held responsible for cash payments unless you have a receipt from JHS Band.

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Friday Night Dinner/Saturday Lunch

We prepare dinner for the students at our rehearsal location on Friday 11/11 and purchase lunch for students to eat after the semi-finals performance on Saturday 11/12. The total for both meals is \$20.

Chaperones eating with the students will also need to pay for these meals.

Please circle a choice of Publix sub on the *FMBC Fee Submission sheet* for each person purchasing Saturday lunch.

We must have CASH payment or checks payable to CASH for these meals.

Islands of Adventure Tickets

As part of this year's annual FMBC trip and to cap off the marching season, the marching band will visit Islands of Adventure in Orlando on Sunday, November 13.

The cost is **\$75 per ticket**. The cost of this ticket is not part of the Spirit Fair Share and must be paid for separately.

If you are purchasing extra tickets, we must know how many tickets you are purchasing for students (up through grade 12) and how many you are purchasing for adults. This information is required by the travel agent arranging the tickets.

Funds from a students' account can be used to pay for an Islands of Adventure ticket for the student only if and only if the following conditions are met:

- (1) IF your fundraising account has enough to cover 100% of this year's Fair Share (including the last scheduled payment that has not been posted yet)
- (2) IF your fundraising account has enough excess to cover 100% of the expense you'd like to pay, and
- (3) IF you have no outstanding debt.

Please be sure your account qualifies and you are cleared to do this by contacting Assistant Treasurer Rosalie Jablonski at rjablonski@gmail.com. The Fair Share covers the students' hotel expenses. Fair Share does not cover theme park tickets.

All Spirit students and their families are invited to participate. Extra tickets will be distributed on Sunday morning during breakfast at the Tampa Marriott Westshore hotel, where the students are staying. Student tickets will be distributed at the park.

Students are not required to purchase a ticket and go to the theme park; *however*, **students who choose not to participate must be picked up by a parent from Tropicana Field on Saturday, November 12 immediately following the awards ceremony (around midnight)** at the FMBC Finals. Arrangements must be made in writing with Mr. Gekoskie prior to the Islands of Adventure ticket purchase deadline.

Ticket orders are due Monday, October 24. Be sure to include ALL ticket orders on the *FMBC Fee Submission sheet*

If you have a valid Islands of Adventure annual pass, you do not have to purchase a ticket through the band, but please contact Debra Wasserman if you still plan to attend Islands of Adventure with the band so we know you will not be leaving early.

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About FMBC

FMBC is the Florida Marching Band Coalition, and it provides a means for a consistent evaluation system for marching band competition across the state of Florida. With the exception of MPAs, all of the Saturday competitions in which we participate are qualifiers for the FMBC Semi-finals held in the Tampa area on Saturday, November 21. There are separate semi-final locations for each marching

band class, and the bands with the top five scores at each of the semi-final competitions move on to perform in the Finals at Tropicana Field that same evening.

For the last eight years, the Sprit of Jupiter has finished in the top five bands for their class and performed at the Tropicana Dome, and they were 2014 Class 3A State Champions and 2015 Class 4A State Champions. This level of excellence is what our students have come to expect and is why they are working so hard!!

For more information about FMBC, visit their web site at www.floridabandtournament.com.