

Kuna Wind Ensemble Tour 2025

Initial Parent Meeting

BAND MISSION STATEMENT

- The goal of the Kuna High School Band Program is to provide students with a well-balanced music education centered around band performance.
- Students will learn about responsibility, time-management, relationships, musical expression, discipline, dedication, music theory and gain skills relative to their instrument.
- Students will be able to experience a variety of music and music ensembles.
- This education will help prepare students for postsecondary education opportunities and vocations related to music or otherwise.

Who: Students who are enrolled in Wind Ensemble (including auditioned percussionists) second semester will be participating in the Wind Ensemble Tour.

When: Monday, March 31- Friday, April 4th 2025

Where: Southern California, Disneyland/California Adventure

Current Itinerary (tentative):

Monday March 31st

4:30 am- Load Buses
5:00 am- Depart Kuna
11:00 PST- Lunch Ely Nevada
5:45- Dinner in Baker California
9:30 pm- Arrive and check in to hotel- Anaheim

Tuesday April 1st

7:30- Breakfast
8:30- Disney Parks (Workshop Day)
11:00- Hotel

Wednesday April 2nd

7:30- Breakfast
8:30- Disney Parks (Performance Day)
11:30- Hotel

Thursday April 3rd

8:00- Breakfast
9:00- Depart
9:45- Visit the beach
11:30- Depart
12:30- Lunch College clinic Dinner
9:00- Hotel- Henderson

Friday April 4th

8:00- Breakfast
9:00- Depart
1:00- Lunch in Ely
6:45 (MST)- Dinner in Twin falls
10:15- Arrive at Kuna High School

Anaheim Hotel:

Springhill Suites Anaheim Resort/Convention Center

Henderson Hotel:

Best Western Henderson

What: The band at Kuna High School has a great tradition of participating in some really exciting trips. This trip will be centered around a couple of events. The band submitted recordings and applied through an audition process and has been accepted to perform in the Disneyland Parks (either Disneyland or California Adventure). This performance will occur on Wednesday and give us the opportunity to perform our DIII Festival music for a larger audience.

In conjunction with our performance we have been approved to participate in a Soundtrack Session Instrumental Workshop at the Disneyland Park Rehearsal Hall. That will be a great opportunity for us to further our sight-reading abilities and understand the instrumental recording process. We are also in contact with some colleges and universities and pursuing a clinic with a college ensemble and/or college director. Other times throughout the trip will be focused around us getting an opportunity to enjoy music and sightseeing adventures!

Attire: Students will be required to bring their Kuna Bands show shirts, band polos, black slacks and black shoes and socks. Students will be provided an additional Kuna Band shirt for this tour. Swimwear should be school appropriate when participating in possible water activities.

Cost: Total Cost: \$990 Per Person.

This trip is not funded through the high school band account or the band booster account. Care has been taken to keep the costs as low as possible. Payment to Disney will need to happen soon.

Here is the breakdown of the costs (per person) in relation to this trip:

- Disney performance and ticket fee: \$380 (2 day Park Hopper + soundtrack session/performance)
- Transportation (busing): \$200/person
- Hotel accommodations: \$235/person
- Tour Shirt/lanyard: \$20
- Food Cost: \$165 (most of this money will come back to students as per diem)

Trip payment due dates will be as follows (checks must be written to Kuna High School with "Wind Ensemble Tour" in the memo line):

January 15th: First payment of \$390.00 due to KHS Bookkeeper

February 15th: Second payment of \$300.00 due to KHS Bookkeeper

March 15th: Final payment of 300.00 due to KHS Bookkeeper

If you prefer, you can pay the entire balance for the trip by the first payment date.

Other: Some meals will be provided on this trip. At other times per diem will be allotted to each student. Per diem is being used to help students budget their funds and not go hungry.

There may be a meal or two where students will need to provide funds for a meal on their own.

A rooming list will be created at a later date. The hotel we will be staying at in California has rooms that sleep up to 7 students per room. Your student may be assigned to be in a room with 5-7 people. The room in Henderson Nevada has an occupancy of 4 per room.

Parents interested in participating as chaperones should talk with Mr. Krall and send him a reminder email. We will be taking only one bus on this trip, therefore space on the bus will be limited (there may be room for only 7 paying chaperones). Priority for chaperones will be directed to junior and senior parents first (as sophomores will likely have an opportunity to travel with the band again in two years). Chaperones will be expected to prioritize taking care of the entire group and not just their student.

Feel free to reach out to Mr. Krall at skrall@kunaschools.org . This will be a great tour!