

# Warren Central Gold Brigade Band & Guard

## Florida Trip Summary – October 12 thru 17, 2017

### PARENT & MEMBER MEETING

All potential band and color guard *members and their parents* should plan to attend the GOLD BRIGADE season meeting on Monday, February 27 at 7:30pm in the WCHS Band Room.

The Warren Central High School Gold Brigade Band & Guard is proud to share that we are currently organizing a team trip and performance event in Florida this coming season. This trip will be a part of our regular season plans for ALL band and guard members to attend. Here is the all of the information we have at this point:

- This trip and performance will take place DURING FALL BREAK. This means that Gold Brigade families will need to make adjustments to their family plans...or plan to bring their family on this trip.
- Schedule:
  - We will leave Indianapolis on the evening of **Thursday, October 12** via charter bus and drive directly to **Tampa, Florida**.
  - There will be various bus and walking tours given by Warren staff members during the trip. This includes the possibility of beach and theme park visits.
  - We will compete on Saturday, October 14 at Florida Marching Band Championships event. There may also be an exhibition performance at a local school on the night of Friday, October 13.
  - We will leave Florida on the evening Monday, October 16 via charter bus and return to Indianapolis early on the morning of **Tuesday, October 17**.
  - Currently, this entire schedule is tentative. Changes will be announced as they come.
- Activities
  - This is a “business trip” to PERFORM and COMPETE as the Gold Brigade prepares for the 2017 State Championships later that same week.
  - We will practice as usual and conduct our business in order to have the best success for the team. ALL activities will be supervised by Warren staff.
  - Tours, team building events, and “fun activities” are secondary.
  - **Parents/family members are welcome** to attend tours and fun activities. However, parents/family members are on their own for transportation, meals, and any associated reservations and costs.
- Cost
  - **This trip requires a PERSONAL SCHEDULE & FINANCIAL COMMITMENT from EVERY member and their family. We understand that times are tough! So if THE WHOLE GROUP cannot afford the trip, then we will still have a successful marching band season...just without a trip to Florida.**
  - A final determination will be made by August IF we can actually take the trip based on the size of our membership, timeliness of your fee payments, and the team’s goals.
  - Should this trip be cancelled, then your 2017 membership fees will be reduced.
  - Nearly all of the trip’s costs are built in to your membership fees. You will only need some spending money for souvenirs and a few meals.
- Accommodations
  - We will stay in a hotel near the beach in Tampa, Florida. We will reserve rooms for students. ALL parents or guests are on their own to make any reservations.
  - Bus reservations will be made for the students automatically. There may be extra seats open, but any family members wishing to attend the trip must make their own travel arrangements.
  - We are seeking a small team of parents to drive the band’s equipment trailer to Florida.