

Deer Creek MS Grand Junction Trip

Information and Itinerary

Why Grand Junction?

The Colorado West Music Festival is a Band, Orchestra, Jazz and Choir festival that spans several locations in Grand Junction including Palisade HS, Central HS, Grand Junction High School, and Colorado Mesa University. This is the 100th year of the festival! Our students will get an opportunity to perform, have 3 adjudicators ratings, and also stage time to rehearse with the judges. This will be great feedback for our kids!

Trip Cost:

- **Total Trip Cost \$265 per student.**
- **Payment due in full by March 14th.** Cash/Check/Zelle. Zelle QR code is on page 4. Checks made out to Deer Creek Music Boosters.
- Chaperones will stay in double rooms.

Roommates:

- Students will sign up and choose their own roommates, but Mr. Sudano reserves the right to change roommates if necessary.

Included:

- Full 56 seat Charter Bus to all events
- Festival Entrance Fees
- 1:8 Ratio of Chaperones to Students
- Ticket to Bananas Fun Park (unlimited activities), a \$5 arcade card, and dinner (pizza/salad buffet) Wednesday evening.
- Quad Occupancy room at the Grand Vista Hotel.
- Full Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel Thursday Morning
- Admittance to the Glenwood Hot Springs with towel service.

Student responsibilities:

- Sack Lunch Wednesday
- Money for Lunch Thursday at Glenwood Springs Café (\$15-20 suggested)
- Concert Black Dress for Wednesday(Orchestra)/Thursday Band

Behavior Expectations/Trip Etiquette:

This trip is primarily an educational and musical excursion. All Jeffco and Deer Creek rules apply. We will be in several public places that are not necessarily geared towards teenagers, and all students must act appropriately. Extreme violations will be handled with an immediate phone call to the parents/guardians, and possibly may result in the student being picked up and taken home. Any behavior violations on this trip will also be written up at Deer Creek and will carry consequences during normal school hours as well.

Hotel Behavior

Students must respect lights out times in the hotel and places that we visit that need to be “quiet zones.” This especially applies to the hallways and lobby of the hotel during evening hours, and the performance centers that we visit. Hotel Rooms will be distributed to 4 students per room, **with no girls allowed in boys rooms at any time, and vice versa.** Chaperones will have 2 adults to one room. All rooms will be 2 beds, with a mini-fridge and microwave in each.

Medication

Any medication that needs to be brought along on the trip must be checked in at the clinic at Deer Creek before it can be taken along. If a child self-carries medication, this needs to be noted at the clinic as well. Mr. Sudano will be handling the medication at all times, and is trained to administer emergency medication if needed. Separate medication paperwork will be required.

Chaperones

Chaperones will be responsible for a set number of students that will stay the same throughout the entire trip. These students will check in with their chaperone throughout our time together. Chaperones are added eyes/ears to also help with behavior issues/ushering students from place to place and attendance before departing any location. Chaperones will share a 2 bed hotel room.

DCMS GRAND JUNCTION 2025

Wednesday, April 23rd

- 8:40am Students arrive at normal school report time
- **9:20am Depart for Palisade High School (sack lunch along the way)**
- 1:30pm Arrive Palisade High School
- 2:00pm Orchestra in Warm-up, Band in Audience
- 2:30pm Orchestra Performance at Palisade High School
- **3:30pm Depart for Grand Vista Hotel**
- 4:00pm Distribute room keys/review hotel rules/unpack/change
- **5:30pm Depart for Bananas Fun Park**
- 6:00pm Dinner/Games at Bananas Fun Park
- **9:00pm Depart for Hotel**
- 10:30 Lights Out

Thursday, April 24th

- 6:00am Wake-up
- 6:30am Breakfast buffet at hotel
- 7:15am Rooms checks/Load buses
- **7:25am Depart for Grand Junction HS**
- 7:45am Arrive at GJ High School, Band head to warm-up
- 8:00am Band into warm-up, Orchestra in audience
- 8:30am Band Performance/Clinic on stage
- **9:30am Depart for Glenwood Hot Springs**
- 11:00am Arrive at Hot Springs, change, swim, lunch on own at cafe
- 2:30pm Depart for Littleton
- 5:00pm Arrive back at DCMS, Clean buses and unload equipment

Packing List

- ☐ Sack lunch for Wednesday
- ☐ Money for lunch at the Hot Springs on Thursday (\$15-20 suggested)
- ☐ Instrument
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Accessories (rock stops, valve oil, slide-o-mix, sticks, mallets, etc)
- ☐ Concert Black (Orchestra wear to school Weds, Band pack for Thurs)
- ☐ Cell Phone/Charger
- ☐ 2 days of clothes (in addition to concert black)
- ☐ Swimsuit (Towels provided at the Hot Springs)
- ☐ Plastic Bag for wet swimming suit
- ☐ Sunscreen/Chapstick/Sunglasses
- ☐ Water bottle/snacks
- ☐ G or PG DVDs for the bus ride
- ☐ Toiletries (DEODORANT PLEASE!!!)

Ace Express Charter Buses: www.aceexpresscoaches.com 303-421-2780

Grand Vista Hotel: 2790 Crossroads Blvd, Grand Junction 81506 (970) 241-8411

Bananas Fun Park: 2469 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction 81505 (970)-241-7529

Grand Junction High School: 1400 N 5th Street, GJ 81501 (970) 254-6900

Palisade High School: 3679 G Road, Palisade 81526 (970) 254-4800

Glenwood Hot Springs: 401 N River St. Glenwood Springs, 81601 (800) 537-7946

Student/Parent Checklist. Your paperwork is complete when we have:

- ☐ Copy of your student's Health Insurance Card
 - ☐ Medication Form (if applicable)
 - ☐ Permission Slip Packet signed by parent/guardian and student
 - ☐ \$265 Cash/Zelle/Check (payable to Deer Creek Music Boosters)
- Email address for Zelle is deercreekbandnerd@gmail.com

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