



2008 National Leadership Meeting - Michigan Tour Package

Pre-Conference Updates

Thank you for registering for the Michigan Tour Package! We're confident that you and your students will have a great experience at Walt Disney World prior to the National Leadership Meeting.

Hotel

We had originally planned on staying at one of the Disney All-Star Resorts for the conference, however due to economic conditions, Disney was unable to honor the rate that they quoted when putting the package together back in February. We were faced with the option of raising the cost per person by an average of \$120, or searching for another hotel at Disney World that would meet our needs.

After a bit of research, we chose the Holiday Inn Resort – Lake Buena Vista, one mile from Walt Disney World. The hotel offers free transportation to and from the Disney Parks, and the guest rooms each have a microwave and refrigerator. The resort also features an oversized swimming pool, two whirlpools, half-court basketball, karaoke, poolside games and activities, state of the art fitness center, an arcade, and many other amenities that we're sure to enjoy. Check out their website at www.hiresortlbv.com.

Transportation to the hotel from the airport is not provided. I recommend using Mears transportation for smaller groups – information regarding a discounted rate is provided in the enclosed June Update.

Holiday Inn Resort Lake Buena Vista
13351 S.R. 535
Orlando , FL 32821
1-800- 366-6299

Please do NOT go to the front desk to pick up your room keys, I will have them for you, as well as your tickets to the Disney Parks.

Check-in time is not until 4:00 p.m.. If you arrive before then, you may want to check your luggage at the bell stand and spend the day at one of the Disney Parks.

Transportation

The Holiday Inn Resort provides a free shuttle to and from the Disney Parks at scheduled times on a first come, first served basis. The schedule changes weekly, so I'll have an update for you when you arrive. They do ask that our entire group not all come or go at the same time, so please try to be flexible with your plans while at the parks.

I have arranged transportation to take us to Disney World on Friday and Saturday mornings, but you'll take the Holiday Inn shuttle back to the hotel at the end of the day.

We will also have a bus to take us from the Holiday Inn to the Rosen Shingle Creek on Sunday.

Disney World Park Hopper Passes

The Michigan Package includes a 3 Day Park Hopper Pass for each participant, which means that you can go in and out of any Disney Park (Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, or Animal Kingdom) any three days while we're in Orlando. They do not have to be consecutive days, but you will use it on Friday for the Disney YES Workshop, and Saturday to go to the parks as a chapter. Depending on your arrival time on Thursday, you may want to spend the afternoon/evening at Disney, or you could come back for the evening on Tuesday. Please note though, if you decide to use your third day on Tuesday, you will be responsible to arrange your own transportation. The concierge at the Shingle Creek can help you to make the most economical arrangements for your size group.

Disney YES Workshop

On Friday morning, we'll be participating in a workshop called "Disney's Leadership Excellence, the Inside Track." I've enclosed a flyer with more detail about the program. It should end at about noon, and you'll have the rest of the day to spend in the Disney Parks with your chapter.

Disney YES Chaperones

Volunteers URGENTLY needed to NOT participate in the Workshop!

Walt Disney World limits us to one chaperone for every 5 students for the actual Disney YES Workshop. This creates a bit of a challenge – we have 40 students attending, which gives us a maximum of 8 chaperones. There are 11 schools participating, so I definitely have to limit it to one adult per school to attend the workshop portion of the day (the other adults will still be at Epcot, but instead of learning about leadership, they can relax and enjoy the park). **If you feel comfortable having your students participate in the workshop without you, please let me know ASAP.** I need three volunteers. (Again, instead of participating in the workshop learning leadership techniques and the like, you can spend time at Epcot doing what you want to do without your students....). Again, Disney will not be flexible with this, so your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to call the office or email me at bschmidt@emich.edu. See you in Orlando!