

Franklin Boys' Basketball



Orlando Field Trip Proposal
KSA Events Boys Basketball
Tournament
December 26-30, 2023
Orlando, Florida

Dear Members of the School Committee, Mr. Giguere, and Principal Hanna:

In 2012, when I was serving as the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at Foxboro High School, I had the opportunity to take a special group of players on a field trip of a lifetime. Despite this trip being nearly a decade ago, the memories we made have remained with myself and my players to this very day.

Franklin Basketball is about three things: positive relationships, always acting how you want to be remembered, and being a part of something bigger than yourself. We believe that this trip to Orlando embodies everything that the Franklin High School Boys Basketball Program, and the Franklin High School Community strive for.

This trip would provide our student-athletes with a unique experience to grow and challenge themselves in the adolescent stage of their lives. It allows our student-athletes to foster life-long relationships with their peers, connect with our chaperones and coaching staff, and harbor real world skills they can use as future graduates of Franklin High School.

In addition to the social and emotional development of our student-athletes, this trip will challenge them in a variety of ways. First, they will be setting a real personal and team goal to work together to fundraise a substantial amount of money. For some, another challenge will be traveling for the first time without family, allowing them to learn personal responsibility. Lastly, it will challenge them to set and meet goals. They will need to collaborate to develop concrete steps in order to make this proposal a possibility.

This opportunity also allows us to represent the Franklin High School Boys Basketball program in a competitive environment against teams from around the nation. It is a great opportunity for our players to face strong competition, continue their development as athletes, and demonstrate the resiliency, sportsmanship, and humility that Franklin athletes embody.

Having led this trip as the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at Foxboro High School in 2012, I have witnessed first hand the life long memories that this trip can create. The players and coaches I was able to bring on this trip are people who I still remain close with to this day. We frequently bring up stories and memories from our trip.

Below you will find a complete outline of our proposal, including a full itinerary, estimated cost, how we will afford the trip, and other key information.

Thank you for your consideration.

CJ Neely

I. Destination

- A. [Orlando, Florida](#) Universal Studios Cabana Bay Resort and Facility

II. Proposed Dates of Travel (Departure and Expected Return Dates)

- A. Monday December 26, 2023 - Friday December 30, 2023
B. Winter Break for Franklin Public Schools

III. Former Player Experiences

In preparation for this trip proposal, I asked former Foxboro players to describe what the trip meant to their overall high school experience. Please read the following:

“My friends and I still talk about our trip to Disney. Not only was it an opportunity to bond as friends and teammates, but it also gave us a chance to meet students from across the country, and we took pride in representing our school and community everywhere we went. The support we received from our community in our fundraising efforts made me appreciative of the opportunity we had to spend our winter break in Florida, playing a sport we loved. The work we put into fundraising for the trip made Disney, and our season as a whole, a rewarding, memorable experience. The opportunity to travel to Disney to play basketball was unforgettable.”

Brian Ellard- PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountant, Foxboro High School Class of 2012, Bentley University Class of 2016

“You know those family vacations you go on when you’re younger that you’ll never forget? This trip to Disney with my basketball team was one of those, and I do mean family because of the way we bonded and the camaraderie we built over that week in Florida. It was hands down one of the best and most fun experiences of my life. You would have to be crazy to pass up the opportunity to play the sport you love most with your closest friends in Disney for a week. 12 out of 10 times I would do it over and over again.”

Justin Zupanick- Special Education at Ahearn Middle School, Assistant Coach Foxboro HS Foxboro Class of 2013, Westfield State University Class of 2017

IV. Educational Alignment & National PE Standards

- A. **Standard 1:** The physically literate individual demonstrates competency in a variety of motor skills and movement patterns.
- B. **Standard 2:** The physically literate individual applies knowledge of concepts, principles, strategies and tactics related to movement and performance.
- C. **Standard 3:** The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.
- D. **Standard 4:** The physically literate individual exhibits responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others.
- E. **Standard 5:** The physically literate individual recognizes the value of physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression and/or social interaction.

V. Summary of Cost of the Trip

- A. Estimated Cost (Subject to flight cost, etc.)
 - 1. \$30,600
 - a) 14 players, 3 Coaches - 1800 per person
 - (1) \$400 Flight
 - (2) \$1400 - All Ground inclusions (hotel, food, tickets, etc.)

VI. Sample Itinerary and Inclusion- See Attached Form

VII. Accessibility for all Student-Athletes

- A. All student-athletes will have full access to all parts of the trip regardless of disability.
- B. How can we afford the trip:
 - 1. Our booster organization and players held a very successful golf tournament last year and we anticipate another successful event in 2022. With profits from these events, it is our goal to fully fund the trip.
 - 2. The remaining balance will be paid for through other fundraising initiatives over the course of the next 5 months, donations, grants, and possible reasonable contributions from each family. If any family is unable to contribute financially, the Franklin Basketball Boosters will provide financial assistance as needed.
 - 3. **No money will be needed from the town, school, or athletic department to fund the trip.**
 - 4. Trip insurance will be purchased to protect our families.

VIII. Methods of Transportation

- A. Bus to and from airport
- B. All Florida Ground Transportation provided by KSA Events

IX. Safety Protocols/Emergency Planning

- A. All Students will sign Franklin Basketball Honor Contract (Included in this Packet)
- B. All bags will be checked prior to leaving for our trip, and student-athletes will consent to daily bag and room checks.
- C. Team will remain together for the entire trip. All activities will be done as a group or in small groups headed by a chaperone and student leader.
- D. Check ins, Bed and Room Checks, Team meals will all be done as a group.
- E. Cell Phone Communication
- F. Any Special Medications will be held and distributed to players by coaches with specific parental instructions
- G. KSA Special Liaison assigned to our team for the entirety of the trip with access to all emergency contacts in the Disney and Orlando area.

X. CORI and SORI for Chaperones

- A. All chaperones will be coaches in the Franklin Basketball Program, including a teacher in the building.
- B. All chaperones will already be CORI and SORI approved to coach during the season, and be on the trip.

XI. Additional Information

- A. [KSA Events- https://ksaevents.net/sports/basketball/](https://ksaevents.net/sports/basketball/)

XII. Contact Information

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Draft of Franklin High School Boys Basketball Student-Athlete Honor Contract

I _____, a member of the Franklin High School Boys Basketball Team, understand that I am a representative of Franklin High School and the entire Franklin Community. My behavior during this trip will reflect the core values of all Franklin High School Student Athletes.

I certify that I will not use, possess, or be in the presence of any controlled substance (drugs, alcohol, paraphernalia, etc.) during the duration of this trip. I agree to random bag and room checks at any point during our trip.

I understand that any violation of this contract may result in MIAA suspension, disciplinary action by the Franklin High School Administration, Athletic Department, and Coaching Staff, and possible removal from the team.

Player Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature