

Opportunities and Fun

One of the greatest perks of being a Disney International Program participant is the ability to play in the theme parks ... for free! With four theme parks, two water parks and a nighttime entertainment area, there is plenty to do without ever leaving the *Walt Disney World®* Resort.

In Central Florida, you will find yourself in one of the most exciting and beautiful settings on the map! It is literally surrounded by world-famous beaches. You have the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other, and of course, the Florida Keys to our south.

There also are plenty of opportunities for you to give back to the Central Florida community while participating in our program. With the Disney VoluntEARS program, Cast Members donate their time to local organizations such as Give Kids the World, United Way and others.

Give Kids the World

Each Sunday and Wednesday evening, program participants volunteer to travel to the Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee for an unforgettable evening. Our Cast Members entertain children staying at the resort while their parents have “a night off,” spending an evening at one of the Disney restaurants. All of the children at the Village have life-threatening diseases, and the Give Kids The World organization provides their accommodations – which are quite whimsical and fun – while they are visiting the *Walt Disney World* Resort and other Central Florida attractions.

Local Places

As one of the most popular destinations for tourists, Central Florida offers many opportunities for local entertainment. It has everything from gourmet dining, to themed shopping centers, to theme parks, to movie theaters and a great nightlife. The following information highlights key areas of interest for students to take advantage of while participating in the Disney International Program.

Walt Disney World® Resort

The *Walt Disney World®* theme parks are where magic and wonder go hand in hand with action and adventure! Your favorite Disney Characters, timeless tales of fantasy and seven lands of make-believe are all brought to life in the *Magic Kingdom®* Park. Discover thrilling attractions that transport you through time and space, then travel around the world – all at *Epcot®*. Be part of the action of movies and television at the Disney-MGM Studios, where you're in the scenes and behind the scenes of your favorite Hollywood hits. And get ready for a wild expedition into the world of animals -real, imaginary and extinct - that's both heart-pounding and heartwarming at *Disney's Animal Kingdom®* Theme Park.

The *Magic Kingdom®*, *Epcot®*, Disney-MGM Studios and *Disney's Animal Kingdom®* Theme Park offer FREE admission to Cast Members with a valid Disney ID.

Water Parks, Recreation and Sports

Check out two splash-tacular water parks, 99 holes of golf, miles of outdoor recreation and a state-of-the-art sports complex. There's a whole world of fun in the sun waiting for you! *Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park*, *Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park* and *Disney's Wide World of Sports®* Complex offer Cast Member discounts. Cast Members also can get discounts on rounds of golf on our championship courses and on our miniature golf courses – *Disney's Fantasia Gardens Miniature Golf Course* and *Disney's Winter Summerland Miniature Gold Course*.

Mickey's Retreat at Little Lake Bryan

Relax Disney-style at our very own recreational complex available exclusively to all *Walt Disney World*® Cast Members. Sailing, swimming, canoeing, volleyball, softball and a variety of other activities are meant to make days off a little more enjoyable. Cast Members can relax on the beach or jump into the fun! Two of our housing complexes, The Commons and Chatham Square, are located right next to Mickey's Retreat.

Entertainment, Shopping and Dining

The *Downtown Disney*® Area features gourmet dining, unique nightclubs, shops and restaurants. From the *Downtown Disney*® Marketplace and Pleasure Island to *Downtown Disney*® West Side, you'll be able to catch the Latin beat of Miami's South Beach, the coolest California cuisine, the sweet sensations of San Francisco and much more. Cast Members receive discounted admission to Pleasure Island each Monday and Thursday. At *Downtown Disney*® West Side, Cast Members can catch a concert at House of Blues or get a discount on CDs, DVDs and much more at Virgin Megastore.

Dining at the *Walt Disney World*® Resort is truly a vacation for the palate. There are celebrity chefs, worldwide fare, character dining and dinner shows. It's all here! A variety of entertaining dinner shows can be found both on and off *Walt Disney World*® property. Cast Members get a discount at most food-and-beverage locations on property, as well as some local restaurants in Central Florida.

Shopping

The Orlando area has an abundance of shopping centers to experience, including the *Downtown Disney*® Area, Florida Mall, Mall at Millenia, Prime Factory Outlet and much more! World of Disney, the largest Disney store at the *Walt Disney World*® Resort, is located at *Downtown Disney*® Marketplace, and Cast Members get a 20 percent discount on merchandise there and throughout the *Walt Disney World*® Resort.

Beaches

Relax on the white sands of some of Florida's finest beaches, such as Clearwater, Cocoa and Daytona Beach. Or, if you have a little more time to spare, drive down to Vero Beach and get a Cast discount on resort accommodations at *Disney's Vero Beach* Resort!