

MAKING MEMORIES *at* MACKINAC MUSIC CLINIC

ABOUT THE GROUP LEADER

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ABOUT THE TRIP



Guiding Your Every Step

I always went to Mackinac as a kid and still go with my family. I wanted to share my love for the island with my students. This trip was my first overnight with a group, and Brightspark walked me through everything. From the emails and the phone calls to the online payments, the team guided us through the entire trip.



Expert Clinicians

The clinician was great with my students! He offered valuable advice and really got my students excited about what they are doing. Performing at Mackinac was different because it wasn't a competition. We actually played and got feedback from the clinician right away. I loved that he asked me about what I wanted him to work on with my students. I appreciated that even though he was a college level director, he did not go "over the heads" of my middle school group.



Lasting Memories

On the first night, we saw *Three Men and a Tenor*, and my principal was pulled up on stage to be Elvis! The next day, we took a carriage ride around the island, which all my parents and students loved. After the carriage ride, we went to the Grand Hotel for the most spectacular buffet – my students couldn't stop talking about the lunch for weeks after we returned. We also went to the Fort to watch a reenactment. Not only was Mackinac an educational trip for music, but my students also walked away with a history lesson about an important place in Michigan.

"I plan on continuing to attend with my jazz band because of the great experience we had."



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