

# Hawaii 2020 FAQ

## 1. Who can go on the trip?

Anyone who is registered in a band class for the 2020/2021 school year and has an ASB card. The only exception is those who are members of the color guard. Color guard members can attend even if they are NOT enrolled in a band class, but they still must have an ASB card.

## 2. Why are we going?

The band will be marching in the Pearl Harbor Day Parade in Waikiki.

## 3. When is the trip?

We will fly out on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 and return early on the morning of Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## 4. What is the cost of the trip?

We are estimating the cost of the trip as being \$2000 per student. Please remember that this is an estimate and could go up or down by \$200.

## 5. Is the total amount due all at once, or will there be a payment schedule?

There will be a payment schedule. However, you can make payments to the trip at any time as long as the minimum required payment is made by the due date. The schedule is as follows:

1. October 1 - \$400 non-refundable deposit
2. December 1 - \$300
3. February 1 - \$300
4. April 1 - \$300
5. June 1 - \$300
6. September 10 - \$300
7. October 10 – any remaining balance

## 6. Why is the deposit non-refundable?

This opportunity is organized by the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade Committee. This organization requires payment on a specified schedule, we have designed our schedule to work with theirs. Once our first payment is made, we cannot receive a refund. In addition, we want to make sure that each student choosing to go on the trip is committed. This is to eliminate as many last-minute changes to the roster as possible.

## 7. What is included in the cost of the trip?

Airfare, large instrument and uniform shipping (or luggage costs) will be purchased separate from the package provided by the organizing committee. The itinerary (package) provided by the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade committee includes: 4 nights at a Waikiki hotel, Lei greeting, transfers by motor coach, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners, island tour, marching in the parade, pearl harbor tour, Polynesian Cultural Center, Luau, USS Missouri American Musical Salute Tribute performance at the USS Missouri, an equipment truck and fulltime local escort. \*\*\*Please note that students will be responsible for ALL lunches and 2 dinners for a total of 6 meals\*\*\*

8. What do I need to do if I want to be a chaperone?

In December we will know the total number of students going on the trip. At that point, we will send out an email with chaperone information/expectations and a chaperone application. We are estimating a need for 10 to 12 chaperones.

9. When will I know if I am chosen as a chaperone?

We will choose chaperones and contact those who applied by March 1st to let them know if they have been selected.

10. If I go on the trip as a chaperone, what will be my estimated cost?

We are currently estimating the cost for chaperones at \$1150 - \$1200. However, please remember that this is an estimate and, as with the students, this cost could go up or down by \$200

11. When will payments be due for chaperones?

Payment for chaperones can be made in two installments of \$575 to \$600 (this will change if the cost of the chaperone trip changes. The first half will be due on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and the second half will be due on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

12. What if I am not a chaperone but I and/or members of my family would like to go on the trip with the band?

There will be a couple of options available in order to make this happen. However, it is VERY IMPORTANT to understand that if you choose to “tagalong” on the trip your student will be part of the band. They will be under the supervision of Mr. Morris, Mr. Garcia, any other GP staff member travelling with us, myself and his/her chaperone. Your student WILL stay with band for ALL activities and WILL NOT be allowed to leave the group for other activities. The options for travelling with the band are as follows:

1. You can purchase the package/itinerary that has been created for the students by the organizing committee. (Outlined above in question 7) If possible, we will book your airfare when we book the airfare for the students. However, we will not be able to guarantee that you will be on the same flights as your student. The cost for this option will be the same as the cost to the students; estimated \$2000.
2. You can purchase the package/itinerary that has been created for the students by the organizing committee. (Outlined above in question 7) You will purchase your own airfare. The cost for this option will be \$1200 which is the cost of the package provided by the committee. Please keep in mind that you most likely will not be able to get on the same flight as your student.
3. If you want to extend your time in Hawaii you can still purchase the package provided by the organizing committee. You will need to book your own airfare. If you choose to go a few days before the band, your student will need to join the group as soon as we land and stay with the group for the ENTIRE time outlined in the itinerary. If you choose to stay for a few days following the band’s departure your student will need to stay with the band for the ENTIRE time outlined in the itinerary and will be released to you upon our departure for the airport.
4. If we have enough tagalong family/friends we will purchase a separate tour. In this scenario all the tagalong family/friends will do everything the band does, but will have their own bus. If we do not have enough tagalong family/friends you will ride the same busses as the band.
5. If you do not want to participate in the itinerary/package provided you can attempt to purchase tickets to the events you choose to attend. However, we will not be able to guarantee that tickets will be available, or that you will be with the band. \*\*\*Remember that your student WILL be participating in ALL events, even if you are not able to.\*\*\*

13. When will we know what flights the kids will be on so that we can book tagalong flights?

Flight information will not be available until January. We will start researching at that time and purchase flights as soon as possible.

14. When will payments be due if we are planning to participate in the same package/itinerary as the students?

The first half will be due April 1 and the second half will be due June 1. We will also need to know if you would like for us to book your airfare (if possible) by April 1.

15. Will there be fundraising opportunities available to students to help offset the cost of the trip?

Yes! There will be fundraising opportunities available. We will let you know about them as they come up.

We will do our best to keep this FAQ up to date. If you should have any questions that we have missed, please email us at [gphsbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:gphsbandboosters@gmail.com) and put Hawaii 2020 in the subject line.