

Highlander Band Spring Trip Information
Corpus Christi, TX
April 7, 2017 – April 10, 2017

The Highlander Band will be traveling to Corpus Christi, TX to participate in the South Coast Music Festival. This document contains information about the trip and outlines action items required of students, parents, and others making the trip.

The Highlights

- Travel dates are April 7, 2017 through April 10, 2017
- South Coast Music Festival competition occurs on April 7, 2017
- Travelers are staying at Port Royal Ocean Resort in Port Aransas, TX
- Travel occurs via chartered bus and is chaperoned
- Cost is \$500 per student; \$580 per chaperone
- Two payment plans are available
- Students must be academically eligible at the time of the trip in order to attend

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Trip Overview

The HPHS Wind Symphony and Symphonic bands will compete in the South Coast Music Festival on April 7, 2017. The festival is celebrating its 30th year bringing together bands and orchestras from across Texas in a distinguished competition. Also, the bands will spend the weekend on the beach in Port Aransas, TX and tour local attractions. Students will return the evening of Monday, April 10, 2017.

The group will travel via chartered bus from HPHS to Corpus Christi and Port Aransas. The group will stay at the Port Royal Ocean Resort situated on the beach in Port Aransas. Accommodations will include two-bedroom and three-bedroom condominiums with full kitchens.

Some meals will be arranged by the students in their condominiums and they will have an opportunity to shop for groceries once they arrive in Port Aransas. Two lunches will be provided by Highlander Band Boosters. A group dinner will be provided at the resort one night, and the resort offers three on-site dining options.

All students are encouraged to attend to experience a great time as a group. Parents and siblings may also attend the competition; however, travel arrangements must be made separately from the band.

Cost

The cost of the trip includes transportation, lodging, museum tour, festival competition fees, and a tee shirt. Two lunches are provided; one before the band competition and one during the group tour. In addition, a group dinner is included at the resort. All other meals will be at the traveler's expense.

Students (6 to 8 students per condo)	\$500 per person
Chaperones (2 to 4 chaperones per condo)	\$580 per person

Signing Up

All travelers (students and chaperones) must sign up and agree to the terms of the trip. Sign up is available beginning October 12, 2016 using the band app (www.hphsbandapp.com). **All travelers must be signed up by October 18, 2016.** During the sign up process, travelers will select accommodations and determine a payment plan, and agree to the terms of the trip.

Trip Payment Plans

The Highlander Band Boosters want to make this trip accessible to all students. Two payment plans are available – a Single Payment plan and a Standard Payment plan. Selecting the Single Payment plan

requires payment in full by November 17, 2016. Selecting the Standard Payment plan requires payment in four equal installments beginning on October 20, 2016 and ending January 19, 2017.

All travelers must be paid in full by January 19, 2017. A \$20 per person discount is given for those that select the Single Payment option and pay in full by November 17, 2016. If you have special payment needs and would like to propose a different payment schedule, please privately contact Reagan Brumley or Rob Triplett.

TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE	PAYMENT DUE DATES			
	Oct. 20, 2016	Nov. 17, 2016	Dec. 15, 2016	Jan. 19, 2017
<i>PAYMENTS ARE QUOTED PER PERSON</i>				
STUDENTS				
Single Payment*		\$480.00		
Standard Payments	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
CHAPERONES				
Single Payment*		\$560.00		
Standard Payments	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00
<i>*Single Payment plans include a \$20 discount if full payment is made by November 17, 2016</i>				

Payment Methods

Payments can be made by check or credit card.

Checks should be made payable to **HBB Inc.** and deposited in the band hall safe on or before the prescribed due date. If you would prefer to mail the payment, you can send your check to:

HBB Inc.
c/o Rob Triplett
4073 Stanford Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75225

Credit card payments can be made by contacting Rob Triplett at 214-435-3260. Credit card payments are processed through Square. Your credit card statement will show "Square HBB Inc." on the transaction line item.

Other Expenses

Your trip package includes transportation, lodging, museum tour, festival competition fees, and a tee shirt. Some meals included in the trip cost, but all other meals will be at the traveler's expense. Additional traveler expense will be incurred for various other items including but not limited to:

- Meals and snacks not included in the trip package
- Souvenirs and incidental items

Approximately \$80 per person will be needed for groceries while on the trip. Additional money needed for shopping and other incidentals is at the traveler's discretion.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

This is not an HBB fund raising effort; rather, we pass through the cost of the trip to travelers who are participating and cover the cost of certain charges such as the cost for Directors, finance charges and unplanned expenses. Accordingly, we must adhere to the following cancellation schedule as the forfeitures are governed by the travel agent.

Trip Canceled	Refund Amount
Before 2/1/2017	100%
2/2/2017 to 3/1/2017	50%
After 3/1/2017	0%

Academic Eligibility

Because the trip will occur during days in which school is in session, all students must be academically eligible to participate. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires that students must be passing all classes to participate in extracurricular activities.

If a student's grade in any class is under 70 at the end of the 4th 6 weeks (February 10, 2017), he becomes academically ineligible. He can regain eligibility by having a grade of 70 or higher in all classes by the next progress report (March 3, 2017) before the trip. He cannot attend the trip if he has not regained eligibility by the progress report. ***Students who cannot participate due to academic ineligibility are subject to the same refund policy dates and terms. Please carefully consider if and when a refund should be requested based on student academic ineligibility.***

UIL Conflicts

The Highlander Band Boosters may refund fees to students who develop conflicts due to HPISD athletic or academic competitive events brought on through playoffs or competitive advancement (e.g., all

region or all state competitions). These exceptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and must conflict with the dates of the trip to be eligible for refund.

Post-Trip Class Attendance – Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Class attendance is required on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Specific start times will be communicated to students and parents prior to the beginning of the trip.

Chaperones Wanted

The Highlander Band Boosters anticipates the need for 10 – 12 mixed gender chaperones. If you can help the band, please contact Whitney Rowland. Chaperones are required to register and pay their travel costs per these instructions.

Travel Items Required

Packing instructions and uniform requirements will be available prior to departure.