

Highlander Band Spring Trip Information
Los Angeles, CA
March 15, 2018 – March 19, 2018

The Highlander Band will be traveling to Los Angeles, CA for their 2018 Spring trip. 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 Thursday, March 15, 2018 through Monday, March 19, 2018
- Travelers stay at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach in Torrance, CA
- Travel occurs via airline and is chaperoned
- Cost is \$1,640 per student, including airfare
- Students participate in a professional music recording at Disney studios
- All travelers attend Knott’s Berry Farm, Disneyland, Santa Monica Pier, and other attractions
- Travel packages for families and chaperones are available and are based on room occupancy
- 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 Band will travel to Los Angeles, CA for their Spring trip. The group will visit several local attractions, including Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, the Getty Museum, and Santa Monica Pier. The band will participate in a professional studio recording in the "Soundstage Instrumental" portion of the Disney Workshop.

The group will travel via airline from Dallas, TX to Los Angeles, CA. Ground transportation will occur via chartered bus and the trip will be supervised by chaperones and the band directors. The group will stay at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach hotel. Accommodations will include quad-occupancy hotel rooms for the students. Families may attend the trip and stay in single, double, triple, or quad-occupancy hotel rooms.

Some meals will be provided by the travel agent and others will be the traveler's responsibility throughout the trip. Breakfast will be provided in the hotel each day and lunch will be provided at Disneyland and Universal Studios. Two additional lunches will be at the traveler's expense at local restaurants near excursion locations at that time. Dinner each night will be available at the traveler's expense.

All band and color guard students are encouraged to attend the trip, as it's a great group experience. Parents and siblings may also attend and accompany the band on each excursion if purchasing a travel package. Families that make their own travel arrangements may only participate in the excursions if a ground package is purchased.

Cost

The cost of the trip includes transportation, lodging, excursions, and a tee shirt. Two lunches are provided as vouchers while in the Disneyland and Universal Studios theme parks. Breakfast is provided each morning at the hotel. All other meals will be at the traveler's expense.

A Ground Package is available if travelers wish to arrange their own airfare. It is highly recommended that band students travel with the band. ***All travelers purchasing a Ground Package are responsible for meeting the band at the airport to board the charter buses. No special accommodations will be made for students or other travelers who travel on different airlines or flight times.***

<u>Traveler</u>	<u>Package w/ Airfare</u>	<u>Ground Package Only</u>
Students (quad occupancy)	\$1,640 per person	\$1,240 per person
Chaperones (double occupancy)	\$1,880 per person	N/A
Other Travelers (family members)		
Single Occupancy	\$2,300 per person	\$1,900 per person

Double Occupancy	\$1,880 per person	\$1,480 per person
Triple Occupancy	\$1,740 per person	\$1,340 per person
Quad Occupancy	\$1,640 per person	\$1,240 per person

Each student attending the Spring trip must be current on all other fees owed to the band (e.g. registration fees) and have met the required fundraising quota of \$400.00. If a student is not current, the remaining amount must be paid in addition to the trip fee.

Sign Up

All travelers (students, chaperones, and families) must sign up and agree to the terms of the trip. Sign up is available beginning October 17, 2017 using the band app (www.hphsbandapp.com). **All travelers must be signed up by November 3, 2017.** During the signup process, travelers will select accommodations, 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 December 8, 2017. Selecting the Standard Payment plan requires payment in four equal installments beginning on November 10, 2017 and ending February 2, 2018.

All travelers must be paid in full by February 2, 2018. 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

TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE	PAYMENT DUE DATES				
	PAYMENTS ARE QUOTED PER PERSON	Nov. 10, 2017	Dec. 8, 2017	Jan. 5, 2018	Feb. 2, 2018
STUDENTS					
Single Plan – Full Package		\$1,640.00			
Single Plan – Ground Package		\$1,240.00			
Standard Plan – Full Package	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$410.00
Standard Plan – Ground Package	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00
CHAPERONES					
Single Plan – Full Package		\$1,880.00			
Single Plan – Ground Package		\$1,480.00			
Standard Plan – Full Package	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00
Standard Plan – Ground Package	\$370.00	\$370.00	\$370.00	\$370.00	\$370.00
OTHER TRAVELERS					
SINGLE OCCUPANCY					
Single Plan – Full Package		\$2,300.00			
Single Plan – Ground Package		\$1,900.00			
Standard Plan – Full Package	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$575.00
Standard Plan – Ground Package	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY					
Single Plan – Full Package		\$1,880.00			
Single Plan – Ground Package		\$1,480.00			
Standard Plan – Full Package	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00
Standard Plan – Ground Package	\$370.00	\$370.00	\$370.00	\$370.00	\$370.00
TRIPLE OCCUPANCY					
Single Plan – Full Package		\$1,740.00			
Single Plan – Ground Package		\$1,340.00			
Standard Plan – Full Package	\$435.00	\$435.00	\$435.00	\$435.00	\$435.00
Standard Plan – Ground Package	\$335.00	\$335.00	\$335.00	\$335.00	\$335.00
QUAD OCCUPANCY					
Single Plan – Full Package		\$1,640.00			
Single Plan – Ground Package		\$1,240.00			
Standard Plan – Full Package	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$410.00
Standard Plan – Ground Package	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00

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 Affinipay. Your credit card statement will show "Affinipay HBB Inc." on the transaction line item.

Other Expenses

Your trip package includes transportation, lodging, museum tour, festival competition fees, and a Spring trip tee shirt. Some meals are 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 \$120 per traveler will be needed for meals while on the trip (assumes \$20 per meal). 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 1/5/2017	100%
1/5/2017 to 2/2/2017	50%
After 2/2/2017	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 16, 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 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, March 20, 2018

Class attendance is required on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. 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 mixed gender chaperones. If you can help the band, please contact Leslie Kibby. Chaperones are required to register and pay their travel costs per these instructions.

Travel Items Required

Packing instructions and uniform requirements will be provided by Mr. Brumley prior to departure.