

## **Bartlett HS Band Hawaii Trip Features**

The Hawaii trip is 6 days and five nights at a cost of \$1500 per person. At this point, the travel dates are March 12-17, 2010. However, planning 13 months in advance can impact the start and end dates of the trip. Also, there is no way of predicting fuel prices and their impact on plane fare. As of Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, we could not even get airline price quotes later than Jan. 5, 2010. So as a group we begin this process understanding that the dates may vary one or two days, and the price may increase with the cost of fuel. The trip is as follows:

- Day 1 Depart Memphis, with a change of planes in California (probably) Arrive Honolulu, traditional Flower Lei greeting  
Baggage handling in Honolulu is included in the price. Checking into the Ocean Resort Hotel Waikiki. Supper at local fast food places.
- Day 2 Breakfast Buffet, Hawaii Music Festival Concert band adjudication and Clinic AM. Lunch. Beach time on Waikiki beach in the afternoon. Supper at a uniquely Hawaiian place.
- Day 3 Breakfast Buffet. Beach time on Waikiki Beach. Lunch. Early afternoon prepare for the Honolulu Festival Parade. Line up is at 3:00, parade steps off at 5:00. Supper at another Hawaiian venue.
- Day 4 Breakfast Buffet. Blue Trolley from hotel to Diamond Head State Monument. Lunch. Afternoon charter school buses to Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. Activities include educational programs on marine and coral reef ecosystems, beach time, and snorkeling for swimmers. Supper at another Hawaiian Venue.
- Day 5 Breakfast Buffet. Charter transportation to Pearl Harbor. USS Arizona Memorial, USS Missouri, possibly Pacific Air Museum. Lunch. Guided Tour of Honolulu City. Hawaiian Luau.
- Day 6 Breakfast Buffet. Check out Hotel, travel to airport. Return to Memphis.

Plan for your child to take about \$200 dollars of spending money. The students will pay for lunch each day, and supper on the two days we fly. You will need to have several discussions with your child about managing their

money. Teach them that buying souvenirs the first day means they may not have the money they want for something better later in the trip.

At this time, it appears the students can take one piece of luggage that will be checked, and one carry on. The restrictions from the airline on luggage size are: checked luggage: Weight cannot exceed 50 lbs. and measurements cannot exceed 62 linear inches (length + width + height). Carry-on bags cannot exceed 40 lbs, and measurement cannot exceed 45 linear inches (l+w+h). Other guidelines for carry on items identified by the Transportation Safety Administration include:

- Liquid and gel toiletries in **3-ounce containers** or smaller **are allowed if they are in a clear plastic, quart-size or smaller zip lock bag.** Larger containers that are half-full or rolled-up toothpaste tubes are not allowed. **One zip lock bag per passenger.**
- Any amount of eye drops, saline solution, prescription and nonprescription medicine are allowed.
- Larger bottles of liquids and gels from outside -- including shampoo, suntan lotion, creams and toothpaste -- are allowed only in checked baggage.
- Drinks, liquids and gels purchased in airport stores inside the security checkpoints can be carried into passenger cabins. Baby formula is allowed if a child is traveling. Lighters are banned in carry-on bags and in checked luggage, unless they don't have fuel or are in a case approved by the Transportation Department. Laptops, cell phones, pagers and personal data assistants are allowed.

Large band instruments such as Bass Drums, Tenor Drums, and Keyboard percussion, Tubas, Sousaphones, and Baritone Saxophones will be rented from local High Schools. All other instruments will be carried with us. If it does not fit in their luggage, it will be checked as baggage, in addition to their one piece of checked luggage.

**What to Wear.** Travel light, in both weight and pieces of clothing. They have temperatures in the 70's during the winter and the 80's in the summer. Hawaiian showers are light and warm, so you'll want to do like the locals do and walk umbrella-less through the rain. "Aloha Style" entails a dress that is more casual, comfortable and colorful than any place you have probably been. You'll want to be a part of it! **Take the Sun in Small Doses.** Hawaii lies closer to the equator than any other place in the United States, so the sun is hotter and you will tan faster, even when it is cloudy. Take the sun in small doses. Even the locals use sun block. Pure aloe is a great cool skin soother if you have had too much sun.

## Payment schedule and payment plan options.

A trip of this scale needs to be paid for a little at a time. The individual student can pay for their trip on their own, with fundraising, or a combination of the two. The first payment due in March 2009, applies to the **non-refundable deposit** that is paid to the travel company when we mail the contract. The contract with the travel company dictates a 120-90-30 cancellation policy is in effect. This means that after November 12, 2009 we will only get 75% refund. After December 12, 2009, only a 50% refund. After February 12, 2010, there is no refund, but your spot on the trip could be transferred to another person. Other refunds. IRS regulations allow refund of direct payments but **no refunds of fundraised money is allowed**. Refunds of direct payments do not include the initial deposit and the cancellation policy of the travel company would be applied.

### Payment schedule Option #1 (for BHS students, Dexter MS 8<sup>th</sup> students, and Shadowlawn 8<sup>th</sup> students)

3/12/2009	\$125	9/12/2009	\$125
4/12/2009	\$125	10/12/2009	\$125
5/12/2009	\$125	11/12/2009	\$125
6/12/2009	\$125	12/12/2009	\$125
7/12/2009	\$125	1/12/2010	\$125
8/12/2009	\$125	2/1/2010	\$125

### Payment schedule Option #2A (for Elmore Park 8<sup>th</sup> students)

5/28/2009	\$375	12/12/2009	\$125
6/12/2009	\$125	1/12/2010	\$125
7/12/2009	\$125	2/1/2010	\$125
8/12/2009	\$125		
9/12/2009	\$125		
10/12/2009	\$125		
11/12/2009	\$125		

### Payment schedule Option #2B (for Elmore Park 8<sup>th</sup> students)

5/28/2009	\$150	12/12/2009	\$150
6/12/2009	\$150	1/12/2010	\$150
7/12/2009	\$150	2/1/2010	\$150
8/12/2009	\$150		
9/12/2009	\$150		
10/12/2009	\$150		
11/12/2009	\$150		

Payments can be made to:

Bartlett HS Band Boosters  
Hawaii Trip  
PO Box 341162  
Bartlett, TN 38134-1162

Payments for this trip will be managed by the Bartlett HS Band Booster organization. Payment will only be accepted through fundraising or check or money order. **No cash payments will be accepted.** Checks and money orders allows for accurate record keeping. All students will have individual accounts managed by the BHS Band Booster Organization for their share of fundraising profits. **For current Bartlett HS band students, no payments for the Hawaii trip will be accepted until 2008-2009 band fees are paid in full.** Beginning the first day of band camp, July 20, 2009, all fundraising will apply to 2009-2010 band fees first. However, once fees are paid in full, fundraised monies in the individual accounts may apply toward the trip.

**Student academic and behavior requirements to go on the Hawaii Trip.**

Students must be enrolled in the Varsity band for both semesters, **OR** the concert contest band only (which begins in November). All Hawaii trip students must have a combined passing average in all of their classes, **AND** must be passing Varsity band with least a “C” average. Any student who receives ISS or OSS for something that happened in band class will not be allowed to go on trip. Any student who is repeatedly in ISS or receives an OSS for other classes will not be allowed on the trip either.

**Other questions about the BHS Band Hawaii Trip.**

**If the letter of intent is incomplete or missing signatures, or if I disagree with any stated guidelines, can my child still participate?** No. the guidelines and requirements on this trip must be adhered to by all participating members.

**If I decide not to allow my child to participate on this trip and then change my mind, will my child still be allowed to participate?** All airline reservations and deposits will probably be secured no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>. At that point a minimum of \$750 must be deposited in your child’s account

**Can my balance be transferred to another student if I so choose or if I cancel?** Yes, provided there is sufficient documentation reflecting the names

of the parents and students affected and the dollar amounts to be transferred. (This only applies to the Hawaii trip.)

**What happens if my child joins the Bartlett Band after the initial deadline?** Arrangements can be made for students entering the band at a later date if that student falls into one of the following categories:

1. Transfer (from other schools) students who otherwise qualify,
2. Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from non-attendance zone areas,
3. New Color guard members if they are otherwise qualified.

Payment schedule may increase due to late reservation times. Those new students will be required to meet the full financial qualifications for the trip. Because of the extensive time required to learn an instrument, and the advanced musical demands that will be placed on the students, no beginners (non-musicians) will be allowed to join band this year. The exceptions are new Color guard students.

**What happens to the money if my child begins to fundraise and then, for whatever reason, chooses not to participate?** The refund policy in the previous paragraphs will be followed.

**How do I make my payments and whom do I pay on collection dates?**

For better record keeping, NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PAYMENT. All checks/money order must be payable to the Bartlett BHS Band. Payments will be accepted on the due dates in the Bartlett HS Band Hall at 6:30 PM on each of the collection dates listed in the payment schedule. If you mail your payment, we asked that you send it certified mail for better record keeping.

**What about returned checks?** After one returned check, payment will only be accepted in the form of money order or cashiers check.

**What if I miss a payment?** With the exception of the deposit, which will be paid in two installments, we will begin making monthly payments to the travel company June 5. Unless arrangements are made with the Bartlett Band Booster treasurer **before missing the payment**, the student's risks being dropped from the trip and the refund schedule will apply.

**Can I pay early?** Yes.

**If I am a chaperone, how much time will I be expected to be with the band while in Hawaii?** Chaperones will be with the band 100% of the time while in Hawaii. If other family members go along on the trip, the chaperones first responsibility is to the students.

**If I am in Hawaii with my family, can my child come with me for activities outside the prescribed itinerary?** No. All participants will adhere to the prescribed itinerary. No child will be allowed to deviate from this itinerary at any time.

**What happens if my child gets sick during the trip?** Every child is required to file a medical release form in advance with insurance information and parental consent for treatment in case of a medical emergency. A band chaperone will remain with your child while they are receiving medical treatment. Appropriate attention will be given. Also because we are traveling to another state, the medical release forms will need to be notarized by a notary public. The Booster organization will assist in this by having a notary public present at the first big band booster meeting in August.

**What will happen to my child if they get in trouble (caught with drugs, shoplifting, alcohol, etc) during the trip?** It is the responsibility of the band staff and designated chaperones to properly supervise all students. If your child is caught doing something of an illegal nature, all applicable laws of the State of Hawaii (and whatever state we change planes in) will be adhered to. A chaperone will remain with any student at all times. Parents will be notified at the earliest possible time.

**What if my child is just loud (rowdy)?** We will be passing through National Security checkpoints each time we are at an airport, and at Pearl Harbor. Loud, disruptive behavior will immediately catch the attention of everyone, and could result in the offending person being asked to leave. In Memphis, that would mean going home instead of Hawaii. “Rowdiness and horseplay” will result in students spending their time in Hawaii with Mr. Dodd instead of their group of friends.

**What happens if the cost of fuel jumps dramatically?** Once we pay for the plane tickets, the price is locked in. If at that time the price has jumped up. You will have the opportunity to opt out of the trip, with the refund policy in effect.

## Bartlett HS Band Hawaii Trip Letter of Intent

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree to attend the BHS Band Trip to Hawaii and Participate in the Hawaiian Music Festival and the Honolulu Festival Parade. I agree to either make payments or participate in fundraisers to meet the payment deadlines. I understand that the total cost of the trip is \$1500 per person (as of 2/8/09). I understand that the date may change one day. I understand that fuel price may affect the final price of the trip. I understand that I am representing Bartlett HS, the Bartlett HS Band, and Bartlett, Tennessee. I understand that I must comply with all Shelby County Schools rules of behavior while I am on the trip. I understand that the prices are for quad occupancy, and I will be in the room with three other students. **I understand that I may forfeit my right to go on this trip due to my behavior and grades at school.***

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### Payment schedule Option #2A & B

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Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_