

Basha Bear Regiment in Hawaii FAQs

1) What are the dates of the trip, and will my student need to miss school?

The trip will be December 4 through December 9 at the end of 2023, with students flying to Honolulu on Monday and returning to Phoenix on Saturday. This is a week of school that students will miss, but it is an excused school function. Students will have the chance to make up work, but it will be their responsibility to communicate with teachers.

2) What students are able to participate?

Students are able to participate in the trip and parade if they complete the 2023 fall season with the Basha Bear Regiment, including all performances and competitions. The trip is the final event of the marching band season in the fall. Graduating marching band seniors from the Class of 2023 are also invited to attend.

3) Can families travel with their students?

Yes, if families wish to pay and travel with their students they absolutely may! Only marching band students will be able to participate in the parade portion of the trip, families can watch. It should be noted that if there are not four individuals in a room, the cost will be augmented to be higher based on the hotel reservation. The directors do have this information upon request.

Also, adults traveling must obtain an IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card through the Department of Public Safety. We recommend this happens sooner rather than later, as the turnaround time tends to be between six and eight weeks.

4) How much does the trip cost?

Traveling across the ocean is of course expensive, and we are using a travel company to help us plan activities for students to participate in while we are in Hawaii. The travel company (which also plans our participation in the parade) has set a cost of \$1529 per person which includes everything but the airfare cost and incidental spending (some meals and souvenirs).

We will be making a group flight arrangement as soon as the schedules are available through the airline. We will report that cost to families, but we are expecting the cost for a roundtrip flight to be between \$500 and \$600 per person. More information will be communicated as soon as it is available.

5) Can I fly to Hawaii on my own and meet the band without paying for the cost of the trip?

We don't recommend traveling with the band unless you are paying through the travel company like the students. Unfortunately, because the activities are planned through the travel company, you would not be able to spend time with our group in Hawaii if you choose this option.

6) How are payments being made?

All payments are being made through the Booster organization, who will then pay the tour company on our behalf. They are being made based on the following schedule:

\$200 per person, end of Quarter 2 (12/16/22)
\$200 February 1
\$200 April 1
\$400 end of school year (5/19/23)
\$529 October 1

Because of deadlines given to us, not meeting some of these payment deadlines may affect the status of your student's trip. This total is what is being paid to the travel company. The plane arrangement will be made separately, and those costs will be reported to families as soon as that reservation is able to be made. The tour company estimated that the costs will be between \$500 and \$600 for a roundtrip, direct flight to Honolulu.

7) When will we need to commit to the trip?

We understand the financial implications of the trip are great, so we do ask that each student fully commits to the entire payment schedule by the time of the second payment on February 1st. All extenuating circumstances will be discussed on a case-by-case basis with families and will be at the discretion of the directors and Basha High School administration.

8) What if I paid and now can't go?

As before, extenuating circumstances will be discussed on a case-by-case basis with families and will be at the discretion of the directors and Basha High School administration. It is unlikely that refunds can be given for trips that need to be canceled last minute, as we will be paying for some of the activities we will be doing in Hawaii as early as February of 2023.