

Aloha Parents:

Here is some of the long anticipated information about our upcoming trip to Hawaii. This trip will be an awesome experience for our students. We will get an important history lesson along with several other valuable educational benefits. Below you can see the basic itinerary that we currently have planned. There is also a payment schedule with our best estimate of the cost at this time. I am pretty confident that we are very close to the amount of the trip. There can be some last minute changes but we have tried to anticipate as many of those as possible. As you can see in the information below the cost includes airfare, most of the meals while we are there, ground transportation while in Hawaii and to and from the airport here in Florida, and admission to the planned events. We are also planning in the budget for the cost of transporting instruments and equipment that we will need for the performance. There will be some out of pocket expenses for some meals while we are there and on travel days along with any souvenirs that students may want to purchase.

Travel Package Includes:

- Five Nights Hotel Accommodation
- Five Full American Breakfasts
- Traditional Flower Lei Greeting
- Deluxe Motor coach Transportation to all venues
- Arrival Transfer with Porterage
- Hotel Briefing with Pizza Party
- USS Arizona Memorial Tour
- Narrated Honolulu City Tour
- 70th Commemorative Mass Band Kick Off Event and Rehearsal
- Rehearsal Coordination
- Wiki Wacky Scavenger Hunt
- Participation in 70th Commemorative Mass Band Once in a Lifetime Event
- 70th Commemorative Mass Band Aloha Shirt
- 70th Commemorative Mass Band Patch
- 70th Commemorative Mass Band Group Photo
- Live Webcast of Mass Band Performance
- 70th Commemorative Mass Band Flag & Flag Case
- Certificate of Participation
- Deli Style Picnic Lunch
- Authentic Hawaiian Luau Celebration
- Eastern Shores Island Tour
- Beach BBQ
- Diamond Head Hiking Adventure
- Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Departure Day Changing Rooms
- Departure Transfer
- Local Tour Director on call 24 hours a day
- All Taxed and Gratuities (Except Tour Director)
- **Trip cancellation and Interruption Insurance**

Trip Accounts

All students that signed up for the trip should have at least the \$150 deposit in their account at this time. Many will also have money in their account from the fundraising activities that we have had this year. We have planned several more fundraisers to take place between now and the trip. In the past we have had students that have raised enough money to go on our trips entirely through the fundraising opportunities that we have provided. I hope that these students will work hard enough to raise the money to participate in this great event. Please check for emails and the Kiltie website for information on these activities.

Chaperones & Tag-ALong

If you are interested in being a chaperone please email Kate Mocherman to let her know @ kathryn_mocherman@sarasota.k12.fl.us . We will select chaperones and notify you by April 1. If you are selected you will need to make the required deposits to get on track with the payment schedule below. If you want to go as a tag-along and not have any chaperone duties there will be an extra cost of \$200 per person plus any extra charges associated with housing arrangements. More information on this will be available at a later date. All arrangements are made through Super Holiday Tours. We have worked with them on several trips in the past and they do a wonderful job for us.

Cancellation policy

Please read the trip insurance information posted on the Kiltie website at www.rhskiltieband.com The cost of the insurance is included in the trip fees. If you want to cancel participation in the trip for reasons other than those covered in the insurance the following fees will apply:

Cancellation/Changes

All Cancellations and changes in number of attendees must be made in writing, indicating reason of cancellation, dated and signed by the Group Leader. Upon receipt of written notification of changes in number of attendees (individual cancellations), or entire group cancellation, charges will be applied as follows:

119 – 90 days prior **\$50.00 per person cancellation fee**

89 – 60 days prior **\$300.00 per person**

59 – 45 days prior **\$600.00 per person**

44 – 30 days prior **\$900.00 per person**

Less than 30 days NO REFUNDS

Please Note: ALL admission tickets are issued as “Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable” by suppliers. Super Holiday Tours strongly suggest that ALL individuals in groups purchase traveler’s insurance.

Trip Cost & Dates

We will be departing from Tampa on December 3, 2011 and returning to Tampa on December 9. We expect the total cost of the trip for students and chaperones to be approximately \$2200. The payment schedule below will help us stay on track with required deposits to airlines and hotels.

Payment Schedule

\$150 – December, 2010

\$150 – Feb. 18, 2011

\$250 – March 21

\$250 – April 18

\$250 – May 18

\$250 – June 15

\$400 – August 8

\$300 – September 12

\$200 October 10

All of this information will undoubtedly raise many questions. Please be patient and watch for further information. Hopefully this will give us enough to get started.

Thanks,

Mark Spreen