

## GLENDORA TARTAN BANDS AND PAGEANTRY

### WASHINGTON DC TOUR-2025 UPDATE (update 11/4/24)

As we continue to receive more details we will roll them out to you.

#### Tour Company-

Music Celebrations International

#### TENTATIVE Itinerary- Wednesday, July 1 through Sunday, July 6, 2025 (this is all still tentative)

Tuesday, July 1	Depart LAX for Washington DC (red eye flight approximately 10:30 pm)
Wednesday, July 2	Arrive Dulles Airport/Baltimore Airport-early am- hotel check in-tours afternoon and evening
Thursday, July 3	Tentative rehearsal am-Tours Washington DC, Dinner cruise on Potomac
Friday, July 4	Perform in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington DC Afternoon tours in DC 4 <sup>th</sup> of July concert and fireworks celebration viewing from the lawn
Saturday, July 5	Tours in Washington DC, Arlington, Pentagon City, Mt Vernon, Alexandria
Sunday, July 6	Morning tours in Washington DC Afternoon departure from Washington DC (Dulles and Baltimore Airports) to LAX

#### Hotel Information

Grand Hyatt Washington  
1000 H. St. NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
Phone: (202)582-1234

#### STUDENT PERFORMERS

- All student performers must travel to LAX on the bus and to DC on the flight with the tour.
- STUDENTS LEAVING FROM THE TOUR MUST HAVE PARENTS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS IN WRITING WITH THE DIRECTORS IN ADVANCE. A DEADLINE FOR THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE GIVEN. STUDENTS LEAVING THE TOUR MUST LEAVE WITH THEIR OWN PARENT. THEIR PARENT WILL CHECK THE STUDENT OUT AT THE HOTEL ON JULY 6TH WITH MR. QUINTANILLA. ALL POLICIES WILL BE DETAILED IN WRITING IN A FUTURE UPDATE.
- STUDENT ROOMING DETAILS-
  - Students will be in 2 person occupancy per room-one student per bed
    - Students will room with another student performer in the GHS Band/Pageantry
  - Rooming lists will be available for students to sign up in December
  - Parents will sign a form approving rooming assignments for their student

#### SATELLITE ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

- It is up to the satellite traveler to determine their rooming occupancy
- Rooms hold up to 4 people. Costs based on occupancy are listed below.
- If you would like to reach other satellite travelers to possibly room with another satellite traveler, please reach out to Mr. Cina and he can share a list of other interested satellite travelers with you.

- Room occupancy will be confirmed in December or January to confirm it with the tour company for booking of rooms.
- Satellites will not be allowed in student rooms for any reason.
- Students will not be allowed in satellite rooms for any reason.

#### **TENTATIVE TRIP COSTS AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

- The current cost of the trip per person is \$2500.
- The current land only cost of the trip is \$1800 per person for satellites
- As we are given details of exact costs of flights and hotel rooms we will secure and inform you of any adjustments to the costs.
  - Travelers will be allowed a carry on bag and a personal item (following the airlines guidelines). Additional luggage will be at an additional cost to the traveler. Prices will be available when flights are confirmed.
- The base cost will be the same for students and for “satellites” (non-band and pageantry performers who will be traveling with us)
- Costs vary for satellites based on room occupancy. Increases will be as follows...  
Triple Supplement \$78 – Double Supplement \$233 – Single Supplement \$698  
4 nights / 5 days 4 Star Quality Hotel
- Payments should be cash or check and checks should be made out to GHS band boosters.
- Payments can also be made on line. Please make a note in “notes” at the bottom of the check with the student’s first and last name and indicate DC Payments for students should be made separately from payments for satellites

#### **COST INCLUDES:**

Transportation to and from LAX  
 Flights to and from LAX and Washington DC  
 Transportation throughout the trip on 55 passenger coaches-with full time tour manager.  
 4 star hotel in Capitol Hill area of Washington DC  
     2 people per room for student performers  
     4 people per room for satellites  
     4 nights in hotel  
 Buffet Breakfast each morning at hotel  
 Most dinners are included  
 Most tours will be included  
 All transportation is included (to & from airport in DC and to and from tours and parade)  
 Tips are included

#### **COSTS NOT INCLUDED:**

Most lunches will be on your own and any additional snacks  
 All souvenirs  
 Some additional tours-some tours that are on time that you get to choose what to visit

#### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE** (The payment schedule is for Satellite travelers and performers)

The initial deposit is non refundable  
 All payments after the initial deposit are refundable without penalty until October 15, then penalties will be charged to that traveler for a cancellation  
 All payments after the initial deposit are based on a % of the total cost of the trip per person. Once we have total exact costs of the trip per person, we will update the payment schedule with the exact amount of payments due

The payment schedule applies to all persons traveling with the group: performers, chaperones, staff, satellites

<u>Payment amounts</u>	<u>Due date of payments to boosters</u>
\$200 per person (non-refundable)	May 15, 2024
15 % per person of total tour costs	September 8, 2024
20 % per person of total tour costs	November 8, 2024
25 % per person of total tour costs	February 8, 2025
Final payment (remaining balance)	April 8, 2025

#### **CANCELLATION SCHEDULE**

\$200 per person (non-refundable) .....	Penalty Begins: June 1, 2024
10% per person, of total tour costs .....	Penalty Begins: October 15, 2024
25% per person, of total tour costs .....	Penalty Begins: December 15, 2024
50% per person, of total tour costs .....	Penalty Begins: March 1, 2025
100% per person, of total tour costs.....	Penalty Begins: April 20, 2025

Amount penalized is % of the total tour cost, not % of what has already been paid.

#### **CHAPERONES**

The number of chaperones will be based on the number of student performers attending.

The number of chaperones is not yet known.

Chaperones will pay the full satellite cost of the trip based on room occupancy

The duties of chaperones will be listed in information at a later date.

If you are interested in chaperoning, email Mrs Bergslien as soon as possible.

Chaperones will not be allowed to take their child away from the group.

**ALL PARENT CHAPERONES AND ALL PARENTS WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS ON THE TRIP (GROOMING, WATER, ETC. MUST BE A LEVEL 3 APPROVED VOLUNTEER STATUS)**

#### **SATELLITES**

Satellite Travelers are travelers that are not performers that are officially traveling with the group.

They are family members of performers attending the trip. Satellite travelers will be part of our group reservations for flights, transportation, hotels, meals and tours. Satellite travelers will travel to and from DC with the performing group. They will travel throughout the trip with the performing group, with the exception of the parade. They will travel to all tours and activities with the performing group, with the exception of the Independence Day Parade. The cost for satellites will be the same tour costs charged for performers (unless the number of persons per room is different than 4). The costs for satellites will include the same flights, hotels, transportation, meals and activities as that of performers. The payment schedule will be the same for satellites as for performers. Detailed information for satellites will be in the next information update. They will not be allowed to take their child away from the group.

### **LAND ONLY TRAVELERS**

Land only travelers cost is \$1800. Land only travelers are responsible for the purchase of their own transportation to and from airports and for the purchase of their flights to and from DC. Land only will join the tour at the hotel. All hotel costs, meals and tours covered for satellites will be covered in the land only cost. They will not be allowed to take their child away from the group.

### **SOLO TRAVELERS**

Solo travelers will not be traveling with the group. They will not be part of any reservations with the group. They will be responsible for their own transportation, hotels, tours, meals, etc. Their payments and reservations will all be made on their own. They will not be allowed to take their child away from the group.

### **FUNDRAISING**

There will be fundraising opportunities for the students. Fund raising opportunities are on the band web site.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE INFORMATION**

July 4, 2025-11 am step off

Full uniform

Constitution Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Street- Parade length is .9 miles

### **POSSIBLE TOURS AND ACTIVITIES**

These are some of the options. We will have details and confirmation of tours as we approach the tour date and are able to book tours. A complete list will be given once they are confirmed.

Tours will be based on time, location, reservation availability.

Tour of the Memorials at night

Arlington-Tomb of the unknown soldier

National archives

Smithsonian museums

Air and Space museum

Tour of Mt. Vernon

Tour of Pentagon city

Ghost tour in Alexandria

Walking tours

Dinner/dance Cruise on the Potomac

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration-view of concert and fireworks

US Capitol

½ Day additional excursion

QUESTIONS: EMAIL Mrs. Bergslien AT .... [Lbergslien@glendora.k12.ca.us](mailto:Lbergslien@glendora.k12.ca.us)