

Bellevue Band & Choir Memorial Day Washington DC Tour

May 25-29, 2017

The BHS Marching Band and BHS Choir have been invited to perform in Washington DC during Memorial Day weekend next year. This is a great opportunity for us to perform in our nation's capital at a great time of year (after AP tests and only missing 1 day of school). In addition to a concert by both our choir and band, the band will march in a parade on Memorial Day, we will get to see many of the historic sights of Washington DC, and attend concerts from the US Military music ensembles.

This is a big trip for the band and choir, both is distance away from home and it being a high profile event. The music teachers want to see as close to 100% participation as possible. This will take strong commitment from the families and our community. The Band and Choir Booster groups are planning to work hard to opportunities for students to raise funds, and provide scholarships as funds allow.

We would like to get started on the fundraising this summer. The cost will be about \$1800 per student, which we feel is a great value for the benefit this trip will provide students. The final deadline to sign up for the trip will be in the fall, but if you want to be involved in summer fundraising opportunities you can sign up now.

June 17	\$100
September 20	\$200 (or \$300 if you have not made the June payment)
November 1	\$200 (Last chance to decide to participate)
December 1	\$200
January 10	\$300
February 1	\$300
March 1	\$500 minus individual fundraising profits

We will have a parent meeting about this trip on **Tuesday, May 3rd from 7-8pm** in the Bellevue Band Room.

Some fundraising opportunities we have planned include the summer Flamingo Flocking Sponsorships, fall Fight Song Fundraiser, fall Goodwill Fundraiser, fall Wreath fundraiser, and the winter Swing Dance. Some of these fundraisers earn students individual proceeds (Wreath Sales for example) while some are group fundraisers, that will help lower the cost for all students and provide partial scholarships (Goodwill fundraiser for example). It will be an expectation that students and families requesting additional support participate in the fundraisers.

Please complete the following and return it to Mr George, Mr Harvey, or Mr Jacobson **by June 1st**

Student Name _____

_____ Yes, my son/daughter will go on the May 2017 Washington DC trip. *Please complete the following:*

_____ We anticipate being able to pay the total amount minus individual fundraising proceeds.

_____ We anticipate needing additional financial support, in addition to individual fundraising proceeds.

We are able to pay \$_____ out of the \$1800 total

_____ No, my son/daughter will not go on the May 2017 Washington DC trip. *Please complete the following:*

_____ Finances are the primary obstacle in participating.

_____ The specific dates of the trip are the primary obstacle in participating.

_____ The destination is the primary obstacle in participating.

Students may decide to join the trip as late as November 2016.