

# Los Angeles Spring Tour

## Big Sky High School Band and Orchestra

### March, 2021

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#### Dear Big Sky Band and Orchestra Students and Parents:

As you know, next year, 2021, is our trip year! We are writing to officially invite all band and orchestra students to participate in this life-changing tour to Los Angeles, California. Our hope is that every current band and orchestra student will come and perform on this tour!

Please read the attached Commitment Contract for details, payment schedule, payment forms, and fundraising opportunities. You can also see a very rough draft of our itinerary!

#### Trip Costs

The final cost will fluctuate depending on how many students participate. We are hoping to bring the symphonic band, wind ensemble, jazz band, percussion ensemble and both orchestras so every student in the Big Sky High School instrumental music program gets at least one chance to travel during their high school career! Please know that we are committed to keeping the costs as low as possible. The cost of the trip includes transportation, lodging, most meals, clinics, shows, and entertainment. Below is the cost estimate, keeping in mind that these numbers may change based on the number of participants:

- Students: \$1200 each
- Chaperones: \$1200 each

If you are worried about finances, both band and orchestra programs have multiple fundraising opportunities each year. Our Band Parent Organization is doing amazing work to provide fundraising opportunities, too. Each payment deadline has been placed near major fundraisers. Please do not let finances get in the way of this trip!

The Band Parent Organization always needs more help and involvement. Please consider serving in some way for our band/orchestra students. The objective is to reduce the out-of-pocket expense for your child, but the only way to do this is through a strong fundraising effort by all parents and students. To get involved with the Band Parent Organization, please contact: [bigskybandparents@gmail.com](mailto:bigskybandparents@gmail.com). Orchestra parents please contact Ms. Lee if you are interested in lending assistance to this trip!

**Deadlines** Please read through the tentative itinerary so you can get an idea of what we are doing and understand why things cost what they do. The last pages include:

1. The commitment form. Due March 27 (**Update: due ASAP**) if you agree to let your student travel and you understand that there is a cost. If you do not want your student to travel, please discard this letter.
2. The last two pages of this document are payment coupons. Please do your best to turn in each

payment on time or early. We have to make payments for the trip soon after each of the dates listed. Thank you for understanding.

- a. Payment Coupon 1 with a \$250 payment due on Monday, April 27.
- b. Payment Coupon 2 with a \$250 payment due on Monday, June 8.
- c. Payment Coupon 3 with a \$500 payment due on Monday, December 8, 2020.
- d. Payment Coupon 4--final payment (estimate \$100-300) due on Monday, February 8 2021.
  - i. I will let you know the exact amount for this payment as soon as I know.

If you are on the fence about whether or not you should do this trip, ***we would say yes, do it!*** It will be an amazing trip and opportunities like this only come around so often!

### Chaperones

We will need one chaperone per roughly eight kids. Chaperones for the trip will be chosen next November. Parents who volunteer the most for the music program and who have older students will get first priority.

Sincerely,

*Jesse Dochnahl*

Big Sky High School Bands

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### Payment Schedule

<b>April 27, 2020</b>	Progress Payment #1	\$250 per person	Non refundable
<b>June 8, 2020</b>	Progress Payment #2	\$250 per person	50% refundable to July 1
<b>December 8, 2020</b>	Progress Payment #3	\$500 per person	50% refundable to January 8
<b>February 8, 2021</b>	Progress Payment #4	Payment in Full TBD	50% refundable to February 22

## *Extremely Rough Itinerary: March 11-16, 2021*

### **Thursday, March 11, 2021**

4:00 pm Leave Missoula

### **Friday, March 12,**

7:30 AM Arrive Las Vegas for breakfast at Virgin River

9:00 AM Arrive Las Vegas UNLV

9:30 AM Clinics @ UNLV

Afternoon Sightsee, Bodies Exhibit @ The Luxor

4:00 PM Check in to hotel

5:00 PM Dinner @ Planet Hollywood

7:30 PM Show (Cirque du Soleil or other)

9:30 PM Return to Hotel

11:00 PM Room check. Everyone stays in room.

11:30 PM Lights out. Rooms silent.

### **Saturday, March 13**

Early Wake up call. Breakfast @ hotel

7:00 AM Depart Las Vegas for Los Angeles

Afternoon Clinic at USC or Chapman University, then sightsee (The Getty)

Check into hotel in early afternoon

6:00 PM Dinner at California Pizza Kitchen

7:00 PM Arrive Walt Disney Performing Arts Center

8:00 PM [LA Philharmonic](#) Orchestra Concert

11:30 PM Return to hotel

11:45 PM Room check. Everyone stays in room.

12:00 AM Lights out. Rooms silent.

### **Sunday, March 14**

7:00 AM Wake up call. Breakfast @hotel

8:30 AM Depart for Hollywood.

9:00 AM Tour Hollywood, Walk of Stars

11:00 AM Lunch at Hard Rock Cafe'

12:30 PM Arrive at St. Francis Homeless Mission, Outreach Performance

7:30 PM Time for a show, Lakers game, ballet, opera... TBD

### **Monday, March 15**

Exchange with school and performance

Sightsee

Santa Monica Pier until dark

Bus home starting in the evening

### **Tuesday, March 16**

Bus all day, arrive Missoula in the evening

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## Permission and Commitment Contract

### Due Friday, March 27, 2020

I give (Student's First & Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the Big Sky Band and Orchestra Spring Tour to Los Angeles during spring break, 2021.

- ☐ We agree to the fees.
- ☐ We agree that students must keep their grades up and be in "good standing" at school.
- ☐ We agree that students will remain drug/alcohol free before and during the trip. If a student is found to be using drugs or alcohol prior to the trip, they will not be allowed to travel and their payment will not be refunded. If a student is found to be using drugs or alcohol during the trip, they will be turned into local law enforcement and will be sent home at parent/guardian expense.
- ☐ We will ensure that our student brings money for meals during the trip, packs appropriate clothes, and has packed all of the required gear for a successful performance.
- ☐ We agree that students will be representing Big Sky High School and that all school rules are still in effect. Violation of these rules will result in the appropriate school disciplinary action, which may result in the student being sent home at the parent's expense.
- ☐ The APPROXIMATE total cost of the Band-Orchestra Trip per person is \$1200. This includes transportation, hotel, breakfast each morning, meals at special events, all festival performances and activities, concerts/shows, and visits to the major cultural/natural sites.

By signing this form, we understand that we will be required to pay these fees or fundraise for these fees.

All band-orchestra fees will need to be paid and band-orchestra accounts cleared in order to load the bus.

**Signature of Band-Orchestra Student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Mr. Dochnahl Email: [jedochnah1@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:jedochnah1@mcps.k12.mt.us) or Ms. Lee Email: [klee@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:klee@mcps.k12.mt.us)

**Make all checks payable to:** Big Sky High School Bands or Big Sky High School Orchestra

**Bring all money to the BSHS band/orchestra office or send to:**

Big Sky High School Bands or Orchestra  
3100 South Ave. West  
Missoula, MT 59804

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**BIG SKY HIGH SCHOOL BAND/ORCHESTRA – PLEASE INCLUDE THE TOP HALF OF THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT  
WHEN PLACING MONEY IN THE BAND DEPOSIT BOX**

**1ST TOUR PAYMENT**

**DUE: April 27, \$250**

Student Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour Payment #1:** = \$250.00

☐ Check here if you would like to have funds taken out of your band/orchestra account to pay for these fees: (for students who have been fundraising) Fundraising totals will be posted when available.

☐ Check here if you are paying this payment with a check. Write check # here: \_\_\_\_\_

**To pay for this fee:**

Deposit this slip and make check payable to Big Sky Bands or Orchestra

Place this form and check inside a sealed envelope.

Place that envelope into the band deposit box/safe next to Mr. Dochnahl's office.



(PLEASE CUT HERE FOR 2ND PAYMENT SLIP)



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**2ND TOUR PAYMENT**

**DUE: June 8, \$250**

Student Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour Payment #2:** = \$250.00

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**3rd TOUR PAYMENT  
DUE: December 8, \$500**

Student Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour Payment #3:** = \$500.00

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**4th TOUR PAYMENT  
DUE: February 8, final payment TBD (estimate \$100-300)**

Student Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour Payment #4:** = \$TBD

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