



Grove City High School

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Dear 8th grade parents,

By now I hope you are aware the GCHS Marching Band is invited by the Fiesta Bowl Committee to participate in the **2021 Fiesta Bowl Parade** in Glendale, Arizona. This is a great honor which has been bestowed upon us! Each year, the selection committee chooses bands from all over the world and we have caught their eye as a band that will represent Grove City, our state, and the Mid-West! This is certain to be an incredible experience for everyone and will be filled with many cherished memories and unique experiences.

While we are all excited about this opportunity, a trip of this magnitude takes many hours of planning and many dollars to fundraise. The trip overview is on the following pages and the cost will be \$2500 per student. This is a sizable amount of money, BUT THERE WILL BE A MULTITUDE OF FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP FINANCE YOUR CHILD'S TRIP. **Please note that you may begin fundraising with the high school band as soon as you become a Band Booster** by filling out the [membership application](#) and paying the \$5 annual dues. The boosters will open your student band account where fundraising profits will be stored. All band students are expected to go on the trip as the band is "not the band" when we are missing students/instruments! ****In the event your child does not pass the audition for entrance into the band, all fundraising profits are forfeited to the general trip fund.**** **More information and a Q&A will be presented at the 8th grade trip meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm held at Grove City High School in the auditorium.**

The following steps need completed to get started with fundraising for the trip and to open a student account with the Band Boosters:

- 1) Fill out the booster membership application (see link above, also on the band website... www.gchsbands.org)
- 2) Submit your Booster Application and \$5/person fee so you are eligible and have a fundraising account created:
 - a. You may mail it to: Grove City High School Band Boosters, PO Box 403, Grove City, OH 43123
 - b. You may drop it off in the Booster mailbox outside Mr. Graham's office in the main band room at Grove City High School.
 - c. **You may bring the form to any general booster meeting (First Monday of each month @ 7pm in the band room at GCHS).**
- 3) Join the Band Booster email group so you can be aware of fundraising events as they come available (Levy Concessions is a great way to earn money for your account).
 - a. Click the link for directions to join the email group... <https://www.gchsbands.org/stay-informed>
 - b. Click the link to access the fundraising page... <https://www.gchsbands.org/fundraisers>
- 4) Take a deep breath and know that everything will be OK! This is you and your children's first step with a nationally known band program, and they are about to embark on an experience that they (and you) will never forget!
 - a. **Best advice:** **Explore the website to learn more about what fundraising options are available, become a booster, and attend the 8th grade trip informational meeting on 3/10 @ 7pm.**



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BIG NEWS: I was informed yesterday that we have a rare opportunity to reserve TWO chartered flights without any impact to the total trip price...this is great news and will greatly simplify travel day! Also, there will be room for 80-100 people to fly on the charter through the family and friends follow package...commercial flights will be used for family and friends not on the charter. *(first come, first served, more details about the follow package forthcoming from the trip committee).* **Now for the less than ideal news: to reserve the two chartered flights, we must provide \$150/student no later than March 2nd.** We are asking current HS band students and all incoming 8th graders to pay this deposit so we do not lose out on this great deal. Even if you are not sure about next year, please send in the \$150 deposit by March 2nd so we can reserve the charter flights. Please note that FALL SPORTS ATHLETES are eligible to go on the trip!

Please note that the band directors cannot accept payments. All payments should be cash or check made out to Grove City High School Band Boosters and turned in at the general band booster meetings (first Monday/month @ 7pm) or mailed to the address below. Parents who already have a student in the GCHS Band can elect to pay their 8th grade student deposit on Charms by making a payment to the miscellaneous ledger and noting who it is for in the comments box.


**Grove City High School Band Boosters
Fiesta Bowl Trip
P.O. Box 403
Grove City, Ohio 43123**

In the event that your child does not pass their audition into the band or chooses to not continue, all trip payments that have been made will be fully refunded. Please note the GCHS Band Boosters are required to pay the travel company installments each month so it is important that your trip account be kept current and up to date through payments and fundraising.

<u>Installment</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Flight Deposit	March 2, 2020	\$150
Payment 1	April 7, 2020	\$350
Payment 2	May 7, 2020	\$350
Payment 3	June 7, 2020	\$350
Payment 4	July 7, 2020	\$225
Payment 5	August 3, 2020* (Summer Meeting)	\$100
Payment 6	September 7, 2020	\$350
Payment 7	October 7, 2020	\$350
Final Payment	November 7, 2020	\$275 (Final Balance)

We are so excited for this amazing trip! **I know you have many questions about chaperones, the family and friends follow package, and other trip related items. More details will be forthcoming.** Everyone should be proud of this FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT...the Dawgs are going to Arizona and the Grand Canyon!



Sincerely,

Jason Graham
Director of Bands



CUSTOM PROPOSAL FOR: GROVE CITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Be a part of the Fiesta Bowl Parade! Take in the pageantry of brilliantly colored floats, giant helium balloons, equestrian units, specialty and charitable groups, and local celebrities as you march along the two-mile parade route through central Phoenix.

Every year, a combination of more than 2,500 men, women, children, floats, balloons and animals participate in the Fiesta Bowl Parade.

GROVE CITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROPOSED/TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

DAY 1 • DECEMBER 29, 2020

Depart from Columbus and surrounding airports for Phoenix.

Welcome to **Phoenix** where unmatched desert character meets big-city sophistication.

America's fifth-most-populated city is home to real cowboys, red-rock buttes and the kind of cactus most people see only in cartoons. It is the heart of the Sonoran Desert, the gateway to the Grand Canyon, and its history is a testament to the spirit of ranchers, miners and visionaries.

Arrive this afternoon and check into your hotel for the next five nights. Enjoy a traditional **Mexican Fiesta Dinner buffet** at the hotel tonight before an all-band meeting discussing what lies ahead for you this week. (D)

DAY 2 • DECEMBER 30, 2020

Enjoy a box breakfast from the hotel before spending a full day experiencing the breathtaking beauty of the southwest at the **Grand Canyon**.

Ride an authentic, century-old rail line from Williams to the heart of the Grand Canyon National Park, and arrive steps from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Enjoy good company and live entertainment as you travel to one of the most beautiful places in the world. Ride on vintage rail cars that date back to the 1920's, pulled by historic locomotives.

The train arrives in the heart of Grand Canyon National Park's historic district at the 1910 Grand Canyon Depot. You'll have over three hours to explore the most famous canyon in the world on your own or you can opt for a narrated motorcoach rim tour. Lunch will be a cash allotment in the park.



One of the world's seven natural wonders, the Grand Canyon offers spectacular vistas of canyon walls that have been sculpted from the earth over the millennia by the mighty Colorado River. The shifting sun creates a palette of constantly changing colors, from deep russet to pale pink, from washed granite to golden brown. The South Rim is open year-round.

Late arrival with dinner included back at the hotel.

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DAY 3 • DECEMBER 31, 2020

This morning, enjoy a full buffet breakfast in the hotel before attending two workshop of Inspiring leadership, laughter, and learning . . . with **Scott Lang**. For over a decade Scott has been educating and entertaining audiences of all ages. As a nationally known leadership trainer, Scott conducts over 120 workshops annually and works with some of our country's finest educational groups and performing ensembles.

Following the rehearsal you'll visit **Old Town Scottsdale** followed by lunch at **The Organ Stop Pizza**. For generations of Valley diners, Organ Stop Pizza is a local institution, catering to grateful pizza pie and theater pipe organ enthusiasts for the past 43 years. Today, with a dining room that often spills over with more than 700 daily diners, and a massive, 1927-vintage Wurlitzer theater organ, Organ Stop Pizza is one of those Valley phenomena that prompts residents to exclaim to visitors, "Hey, you've got to experience this!"

After a full stomach from lunch, explore the world's music and cultures at the **Musical Instrument Museum (MIM)**. MIM takes you on a journey around the world, deep into the heart of human creativity. Rated Phoenix's #1 attraction by TripAdvisor, MIM displays more than 6,800 musical instruments and objects from every corner of the globe. MIM's five Geographic Galleries showcase global music and cultures through multimedia that allows you to hear, see, and feel the creative spirit of people as they play their instruments. In the Experience Gallery, bang a gong, strum a Peruvian harp, try your hand at the theremin, and have fun making some music on global instruments similar to ones on display throughout the museum. Visit the Artist Gallery to get a close-up look at instruments and memorabilia from influential artists, such as Elvis Presley®, Ravi Shankar, Carlos Santana, Clara Rockmore, Johnny Cash, Maroon 5, and more. The acoustically superb MIM Music Theater offers an intimate, 300-seat setting to enjoy live performances year-round by renowned and emerging artists from around the world.

Return to the hotel to freshen up prior to tonight's dinner at Arizona's largest Western-themed attraction.

Rawhide is an authentic replica of an 1880's town complete with a Main Street, gunfights, stagecoach and train rides, burro rides, mechanical bull, climbing wall, gold pannin', shootin' gallery, unique shops and world famous Steakhouse & Saloon. The Rawhide Steakhouse menu celebrates the spirit and hospitality of its Western roots through traditional cooking and true hungry-cowboy portions. Dinner is served to live music and the open invitation to tap your toes or get up and dance. Satisfy your taste for the west at Rawhide Steakhouse, where Yipee-Kiyay never tasted so gourmet.

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DAY 4 • JANUARY 1, 2020

Happy New Year! After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a **Pink Jeep** Tour in Sedona. Get an up-close look at Sedona's red rocks and unrivaled insight in to the Grand Canyon. Enjoy a cash allotment lunch and later dinner at **Rustler's Rooste**. Spend the rest of the evening at **The Phoenix Zoo** for **ZooLights: Glow Wild**. Watch millions of sparkling lights, hundreds of dazzling displays, live reindeer, Polar Slide™, festive food and drink and much more. (B/L/D)

DAY 5 • JANUARY 2, 2020

Rise and shine, today's your big day. Enjoy breakfast in the hotel, dress in uniform and grab your instrument before heading to one of the country's most famed parades. **The Desert Financial Fiesta Bowl Parade, presented by Cheez-It**, the largest single-day spectator event in the state of Arizona, includes high school marching bands, university marching bands, colorful floats, equestrian units, and specialty units entertaining the crowd down the two-mile parade route in central Phoenix. Following the parade enjoy a box lunch prior to spending the rest of the day watching the famous **PlayStation Fiesta Bowl football game**. This game matches up two of college football's best teams. Enjoy the game at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, AZ which is also home to the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. Dinner will be cash allotment to use with one of the many vendors in the stadium.

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DAY 6 • JANUARY 3, 2020

Enjoy your last full breakfast at the hotel before packing up and checking out of the hotel. **Travel back to Columbus** with great memories of Arizona and the Fiesta Bowl Parade.

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6-DAY/5-NIGHT PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip airline transportation from Columbus, OH and surrounding airports to Phoenix, AZ.
- Deluxe air conditioned and restroom equipped motorcoaches per the itinerary. Drivers gratuities have also been included.
- Accommodations for five (5) nights at a Phoenix area full-service hotel.
- Three (3) meals per day beginning with dinner on Day One and ending with breakfast on Day Six, including special meals listed on the detailed itinerary.
- Old Town Scottsdale
- Grand Canyon National Park South Rim including the Grand Canyon Railway.
- Pink Jeep Tour of Sedona and Red Rock Country.
- Music Instrument Museum
- Rawhide Western Town
- ZooLights: Glow Wild at the Phoenix Zoo
- Fiesta Bowl Game
- Parade Rehearsal
- Performance in the Desert Financial Fiesta Bowl Parade, presented by Cheez-It.
- GMT sponsored fundraiser
- Family and Friends follow packages (*more information forthcoming, similar itinerary but will be different at times*)
- Student Protection Plan purchased on behalf of the band.
- Secured storage room for equipment, luggage, and instruments.
- Band Souvenir Package – Souvenir Parade Program, Parade Tee Shirt, Souvenir Parade Pin, Band Parade.

TOUR PRICE:

Student Rate

\$2,500 per person

Chaperone Rate

TBD