



Grand Rapids High School Bands

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Well, here we go everyone. It is time to get this trip rolling! 2020 into 2021 has been quite the year and we are all “Re-Imagining” everything that we do, while hoping to start to get back to something more normal. In the spring of 2020, prior to Covid-19 and going to distance learning, we had announced we are going to Hawaii in 2022. As a result of missing several months to fundraise, we changed gears a bit, but always hoping to still make that happen. Band directors and the Booster board had set the base number of \$1600 per student, and as in past trips, planned on an adjustment if needed. With all the protocols, quarantines, shut downs and more, we had no idea what would be presented as challenges and/or opportunities, much less what they would cost. Strange times but our commitment was and is to provide an amazing “Trip of a Lifetime” for our students. So, all that being said, we were quoted a price and opportunity to return to Hawaii for the end of March 2022. We are excited to announce that we have decided to take that opportunity for our students and give them the trip we originally promised! The adjustment price will be \$1900, a number that the Band Staff, the Band Boosters and a few others that we passed this by felt was an opportunity not to pass up.

You will find with this letter a ***Grand Rapids Bands 2022 Trip Experience Updated Trip Contract and Opt Out Form*** (One to return, one to keep). Please sign the contract and notate what your family would like to do. There are 3 options....1. Yes, our student is going on the trip. 2. Our student is Not participate on the trip or 3. Our student was planning on the trip but now Opting Out and we would like a refund of dollars we personally put in their account. We need a copy back no matter what your intentions are so we don't miss out on anyone, no matter what you choose. If you weren't planning on going before but want to now, jump on in! Thank you for getting this back in a timely fashion, we appreciate it tremendously!

The timeline we are planning to travel is Late March/Early April 2022. Exact travel dates will be set according to the best flight rates, destinations and opportunities available and their timelines.

Time lines for trip accounts on the contract are what the Band Boosters are expected to make to trip vendors. Band Boosters are not in a position to give people loans and I need to stress that we are making the payments for you. It is not a fundraising venue for the Band Boosters and will still cost them some money that will defer additional costs to you. Please make your payments in a timely manner so we can make our payments for you.

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