



Packing Info, Hotel Instructions and other items for Hawai'i

Luggage allowances

All Luggage and instruments/equipment is to be labeled with your name, address, phone number

Everyone is allowed:

1 Carry-on with your mouthpiece, a snack for the plane (no fluids from home) and whatever other personal items you would like. Remember, you cannot carry any fluids more than 3 ounces in your carry-on luggage as well as any objects with sharp edges such as finger nail clippers and etc...

Spending Money

This is a personal item that each family will have to discuss among themselves. We suggest that you look over the itinerary for each day and plan what your student will need for extra food, souvenirs and other personal needs. Please review the itinerary and make your plans.

Spending money thoughts:

Use something like a Visa Buxx Card from US Bank or similar from your own personal banking institution. Use something with a local connection/Branch Office that you could go to if you needed to get your students more cash or reload their card.

Students might need a small amount of cash as well for vending machines or if they were to lose their card.

Identification

Your student might need identification to use with Credit/Debit Cards cards. This ID can be driver's license or school id with picture/photo.

We are told that students should be able to board the planes without photo IDs since they are traveling as a group, not sure I believe that. We encourage all students to bring Drivers license or school id with picture.

Cell Phones and Phone usage

There are no restrictions on cell phone usage while on this trip. You may want to check your cell plan as far as roaming charges and etc... You will not be able to use the phones in your hotel rooms after curfew.

Some other Packing Suggestions

You must have a luggage tag on your bag with your personal information.
(Name, address, Phone #) Remember, 50 pounds is the maximum weight your luggage can be without additional cost.

Snacks for Plane Ride

Camera/Film

Reading Material for Plane

Fanny Pack or other pack to take things with you on excursions

Watch

Swim Wear

Sun Screen (suggest buying in Hawai'i at ABC store)

Sun Glasses

Medications that are labeled and enough for the entire trip

Pain Relievers

Contact Solution/cleanser

Personal Toiletry items (most provided at hotels)

Shorts

Shirts

Sandals

Shoes (Tennis shoes for performance, no sandals remember)

Black Socks for uniform

Some type of under shirt for Aloha Performances

Blistex

Socks/underwear

Spending Money (consider some cash and the rest on a debit or credit card)

Identification (School ID or a drivers license)

Addresses to send postcards to

Name, address and phone numbers of people to contact in case you have an emergency

Hotel Instructions

1. At curfew times, you are to be in your room. At this time, you only open your door for a chaperone, a staff member or a hotel official and no one else.

2. Make sure you are quiet after curfew. You have a responsibility to our group and other guests that have the right not to be disturbed. You will be talking to your parent's on the phone if this is an issue and you will inform them that you have been a problem, what the problem is and if caught again, you will be with a security/detention service. Your parents will then be on the way to pick you up.
3. Do not play instruments in the hotel at any time.
4. Keep your room locked at all times. Keep track of who has the key so you don't get locked out and can safeguard your personal items.
5. At no times is any one outside of the Grand Rapids Band group allowed to enter your hotel room. Do not give out your hotel and/or room number to anyone!!
6. Do not steal from your hotel room. You will be billed for towels etc.. And any damage to your room. It's not good public relations for our program and community.
7. You are responsible for all incidental charges accrued to your hotel room such as movies, room service, bottled water in your room, etc.
8. Please review the Rules and Penalties. Please keep in mind; we are representing ourselves, our community and youth groups in general.

Grand Rapids Bands Basic Rules/Guidelines and Penalties

1. No Guys in Girls Rooms, No Girls in Guys Rooms at any time for any reason.
2. Respect...for everyone and everything you come in contact with. Follow the rules, and don't walk a fine line on them. Pick up after yourself and be polite to everyone you meet. Make others feel welcome around you.
3. No Drugs, Alcohol or Tobacco at anytime. This is a school trip and it is not allowed. Alcohol is illegal at your age and Drugs are illegal at any age. Tobacco use is against the rules with our school and the Minnesota State High School League.
4. This being a school trip, you are not allowed to obtain permanent tattoos or piercings while on the trip. You are also not allowed to participate in such activities that could be considered dangerous. These items can include Parasailing, renting of Jet Ski's.... **In general.... if you think it wouldn't be approved, you are probably correct.** We have many group activities planned for you to do. Please be part of the group.

Penalties and procedures if offense to rules were to occur:

If you are caught with Alcohol or Drugs: Your Family will receive a phone call. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, this situation will be completely out of the Grand Rapids Bands and Schools hands. Offenders will immediately over to the proper authorities and the student's parent or guardian will have to make arrangements to come pick up their student from the Juvenile Detention Center that your student is being detained at. We, as Band Directors and Chaperones will not be with your student if this were to happen. It is out of our hands. Penalties will be very severe and the law dictates what happens. You and your family might have to hire a lawyer to defend you in the State, Township, County and/or City the offense took place at. Scary? You Bet! You as a student do not want this to happen to you. There will be more penalties with GRHS also upon returning home.

Tobacco offense: Your family will receive a phone call if an offense has taken place. Your student will be turned over to a security/detention service at your family's expense. It will be the parent's/guardians responsibility to come to the place of detention and pick up their student to return to Grand Rapids. The longer your student is in detention, the more it will cost you. Your student may also have to face a penalty/fine for possession of tobacco. Even if your student is 18 years old, this is a High School Trip. There will be more penalties with GRHS also upon returning home.

Guys in Girls Rooms/ Girls in Guys Rooms/Inappropriate Behavior: Your family will receive a phone call as to the offense having taken place. We will then secure a credit card number or need your family to make other arrangement to pay a security/detention fee. Your student will be turned over to a security/detention service at your family's expense. It will be the parent's/guardians responsibility to come to the place of detention and pick up their student to return to Grand Rapids. The longer your student is in detention, the more it will cost you. There will be more penalties with GRHS also upon returning home.

Disrespectful/Dangerous Situations: We hope that all students understand the importance of representing the school and youth in a positive manner. You have an opportunity to change the minds of many about today's youth. As surrogate guardians for this week, we have to make decisions that are good for the entire group, not just the individuals.

If for some reason a severe offense does occur, your family will receive a phone call as to the offense having taken place and what it was. There are many variables that could take place. A parent or guardian might still have to make arrangements to come pick up their student and pay penalties & fines as issued by the State, Township, County and City the offense took place. There would also be more penalties with GRHS upon returning home.

This trip is about learning; being part of a National Musical and Cultural experience; having fun and allowing everyone to have fun.

Parents; we encourage you to talk to your student about the rules and expectations we all have. If you as a student suspect that you cannot follow these rules, we suggest you do not participate on the Bands “Trip Experience”.

These have always been our rules, and they will always be our rules. If you think you will have a difficult time following them, please stay home. It will be a lot cheaper now versus later.