



SOUTH BOSTON
St. Patrick's Day
Parade
ALLIED WAR VETERANS COUNCIL

Dear GCHS Band Parents and Students,

The GCHS Band has been invited to perform in the 2025 Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is a very prestigious invitation, and we are excited to represent Gulf Coast High School in this parade attended by over 1,000,000 people.

Please understand that this is not a mandatory trip, you may still be in the GCHS Band for the 2024-2025 school year and not travel on this trip. We are holding an information meeting for all students interested in participating in this trip on April 11, 2024, at 7:00pm in Gulf Coast High School's auditorium.

Please see the attached documents regarding the trip as the first payment and information sheet are due on April 11, 2024. Payments and reservations will only be accepted with all documents required. All students will be required to have a government issued ID. A copy of this will be needed before September 1, 2024

If you are zoned for Gulf Coast High School and plan on being in the GCHS Band Program for the 2024-2025 school year (and plan on going on this trip) you NEED to make these trip payments (even if you are still in middle school). ALL payments must be made on time for ALL students. If you do not come to Gulf Coast High School, your trip payments will be refunded if you request one by September 1, 2024.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Goff at goffj@collierschools.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Justin Goff
Director of Bands



GCHS Band Trip to the 2025 Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade
Thursday, March 13, 2025 – Monday, March 17, 2025

Payment Schedule – All payments are Non-Refundable

\$250 – April 11, 2024

\$250 – May 1, 2024

\$250 – June 1, 2024

\$250 – July 1, 2024

\$250 – August 1, 2024

\$250 – September 1, 2024

\$250 – October 1, 2024

\$250 – November 1, 2024

TBA pending airfare (will not exceed \$250) – December 1, 2024

TBA pending airfare and final payment – January 1, 2025

Total cost of trip - \$2000 plus airfare (announced as soon as we secure the airline tickets)

Payments are due on or before the above due dates. We will accept checks and cash through the “Bait Box” in the band room. Checks should be made payable to “GCHS Band-Aid Club.” Credit cards are accepted through our website gchsharkband.com. Credit cards used are charged an additional 3.5% per transaction. For questions about your student’s band account email Jeff Carney at j.a.carney@att.net. Payments may also be mailed to:

GCHS Band Aid Club Inc.
15275 Collier Blvd., #201 Box 365
Naples, FL 34119

Chaperone Information

The number of chaperones is limited to Collier County Public Schools Standards. Chaperones with the most volunteer hours are given priority. Chaperone trip payments are not due now. Please email Mr. Goff at goffj@collierschools.com if you are interested in chaperoning on this trip. He will contact you with information regarding chaperoning and trip payments after the number of students has been decided. **ALL** chaperones must have Level II clearance through CCPS.

Every student/chaperone trip includes:

- Four (4) **nights lodging in a Boston Hotel**
- A guided **Freedom Trail Tour**
- One (1) admission to **Blue Man Group**
- One (1) admission to the **Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum**
- One (1) admission to the **Boston Symphony** (pending performance calendar)
- A guided **Fenway Park Tour**
- One (1) **Spirit Dinner Cruise** in the Boston Harbor
- A visit to the **New England Aquarium** in Boston
- Four (4) **breakfasts** at the hotel
- One (1) Faneuil Hall Lunch Voucher
- One (1) meal at **Dave and Buster's** (or similar based on availability at the time of deposit)
- One (1) meal at **Hard Rock Cafe** (or similar based on availability at the time of deposit)
- One (1) Dinner TBD
- One (1) Lunch TBD

Special note to 8th grade parents of future GCHS Band Members

If you are zoned for Gulf Coast High School and plan on being in the GCHS Band Program for the 2024-25 school year (and plan on going on this trip) you NEED to make these trip payments (even though you are still in middle school). ALL payments must be made on time for ALL students. If you do not come to Gulf Coast High School, your trip payments will be refunded if you request one by September 1, 2024.

Students Not Going on the Trip

While we would love to have all of our GCHS Band Students go on this trip it is NOT mandatory for all students to attend this trip. You may still be in the GCHS Band for the 2024-2025 school year and not attend this trip.

Refund Information

After August 1, 2024, refunds will only be issued for students who move and do not attend Gulf Coast High School. Students who meet these requirements must request a refund via email or letter to Mr. Goff at goffj@collierschools.com before August 1, 2024. All money will be non-refundable after September 1, 2024.



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This form is due along with the first payment and a copy of the student's state issued photo id or passport on April 11, 2024. (Please write legibly in blue or black ink and provide only active emails that you can check on a regular basis for trip information and updates.)

FULL Student Name (as it appears on your ID) _____

Student Grade for the 2024-2025 school year _____

Marching Section _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Parent(s) Cell Phone(s) _____

Parent(s) Email(s) _____

I understand all my payments are non-refundable unless I move out of the Gulf Coast High School zone for the 2024-2025 school year. If I move out of the GCH zone and choose to attend another high school I must request a refund by September 1, 2024. It is my responsibility to request a refund and I understand that refunds will only be granted for the above reasons if requested before September 1, 2024. The cost of this trip could rise 10% based on the price of fuel for bus companies. If this happens, families will be notified before November 1, 2024. Students will be required to possess a photo identification (driver's license, valid passport, military ID or state ID) before September 1, 2024.

Parent Signature

Date