

Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade Trip

Thursday, March 13 – Monday, March 16, 2025

Agenda

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What to expect next year

It's hard work, but it's worthwhile.

- Band Camp July 22 August 3
 - Section specific schedules will be released soon
 - This is a requirement to have a performance spot on the field
- Senior Night September 6
- Parent Appreciation Night October 11
- Marching Performance Assessment in West Palm Beach October 19
- BOA Regional Competition October 26
 - We will be competing against some of the best marching bands in the country
- Gala November 23
 - Dinner and a show... PRISM's going on tour
- PRISM Concert December 5&6
- Disney and Universal Studios are still TBA
- GCH Jazz Festival January 24



New members

There is a bunch you'll need to know

- Performances you can come to and see what goes on
 - April 30 @ 7:00pm Percussion and Jazz Concert
 - May 2 @ 7:00pm Flag and Dance Recital
 - May 3 @ 7:00pm Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band
- Saturday, May 4 @ 7:00pm Auxiliary Information Meeting
 - For all new flag and dance team members
- Saturday, May 18 @ 7:00pm New Wind and Percussion Meeting
 - For all new brass, woodwinds, and percussion
- Tuesday, May 21 @ 5:00pm Wind Ensemble and Jazz Auditions
 - Make sure you are on the Band App to receive information

Trip Itinerary

5 days

Thursday, March 13

- · Report to the band room at your designated times for check-in
- Fly to Boston
- Dinner at Dave and Buster's (included)

Friday, March 14

- Guided Freedom Trail Tour
- Lunch at Funeuil Hall Market place (small groups included)
- Dinner at Hard Rock (included)
- · Blue Man Group

Saturday, March 15

- New England Aquarium in Boston (small groups)
- Lunch on your own
- Group tour of Fenway Park
- Spirit of Chicago Dinner Cruise (included)

Sunday, March 16

- PERFORM!!!
- Group lunch TBD (provided)
- Boston Tea Party Ships and Museums
- Group dinner TBD (provided)
- · Boston Symphony (pending performance calendar)

Monday, March 17

• Fly home – Pick up at the band room

Cost timeline

- The total cost of the trip is \$2000 plus airfare.
- This includes all expenses except for a few meals.
- There will be 8 payments of \$250 starting today and continuing to November.
- Once airfare is confirmed in September, we will announce the final two payments to cover airfare will be due in December and January.

Where to pay

The options for submitting payments are:

- Turn money (cash/check) into the bait box located in the band room.
- Mail Checks to the Band PO Box

GCHS Band Aid Club Inc. 15275 Collier Blvd., #210 Box 365 Naples, FL 34119

 Pay on our website at gchsharkband.com – There is a 3.5% charge for all credit cards used.

How does this work with 150+ kids?

Heading to the city...

- Students choose groups of 9-10 and are assigned a chaperone.
- Students are with these groups whenever we are doing anything not as a full group.
 - This includes flying and on the busses.
- · Chaperone groups always remain together.
- Chaperone groups may be combined at the discretion of the group chaperones.

Hotel Procedures

- Students choose their roommates (parents sign to approve of these).
 - These can be different than your chaperone groups.
- Some things to avoid:
 - Guys and girls on their other's floor
 - "Hanging out" in the hallways
 - Being disruptive to other guests
 - Using the hotel phones
 - Using the pool, hot tub, or fitness room
 - Leaving your room after "lights out"
 - Sleeping through breakfast

Ways to fundraise the money you need

2 ways to raise money now

- Calendar Fundraiser
 - Students "fill" their personal digital calendar with donations

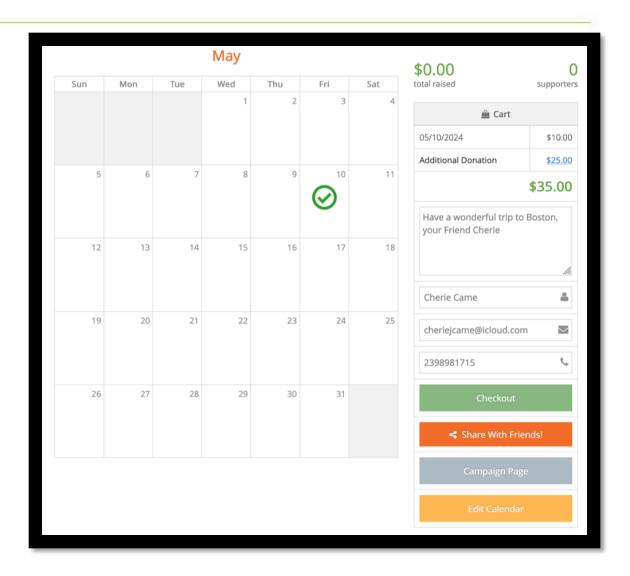
- Sponsorship Program
 - Corporate donations to support the band

Calendar Fundraiser

- Fair Share Fundraiser split 50/50 between the student and band
- Students ask friends/family to "buy" a day of the month on their digital calendar
 - Each day costs the same as the day of the month
 - Goal is to fill the entire month
 - Once complete they move on to the next month
 - Donations can be increased as people see fit

What it looks like...

- Students send a personal link to their friends and family through email, text message, and social media
- Supporters choose a day and donate that amount
- Supporters can add an additional amount during the checkout and share it with other friends
- New members will need to see Cherie Came tonight so we can add you



How do I get to it?

Ssshhhhh... it's a secret.



It's linked on our website as well – gchsharkband.com/boston-trip/ Password – bostontrip2025

Sponsorship Fundraiser

Student share fundraiser #2

- Students find companies willing to sponsor the band
- Many levels starting \$25 and going all the way to \$10,000+
- Students earn \$100 for every sponsorship at the \$500 level and up
- Packets and information can be found with Kim Kirtman



Questions and Answers...

I'll do my best.

Q & A

Band App

Good news...

• For all NEW members AND PARENTS. Please scan this code and request access. You will need to use your name as your username.



What to expect in band

For my new members...

