

# DUNCANVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL FOR STUDENT TRAVEL

Name of Event: 2026 National Cherry Blossom Parade  
Location of Event(s): 1275 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C.  
Dates of Trip: April 9 – 13, 2026

**Educational Purpose and Value of Trip:** The Duncanville High Hats Drill Team has been selected to perform in the prestigious 2026 National Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C. This event provides national performance exposure and an opportunity to engage in cultural and civic enrichment. As part of this opportunity, the High Hats will have a special performance in the telecast area and will also participate in the parade's opening production.

**Trip Leader/Chaperones:**

Brianna Dawson, Erin Roelofs, & High Hats Booster Parents

Students Participating: 2025-2026 DHS High Hats Drill Team Members

**Student/Parent Permission Forms and Acquisition of Emergency Information:** Duncanville ISD Permission slips and forms will be collected.

**Cost per Student:** \$650 (*Charter Bus, Lodging, Meals: Breakfast & Dinner, Activities, & Attractions*)

**Source of Funding:** Fundraisers and Student Pay

**Opportunities for Student Fundraising (if needed):** Yes

**Date and time of departure:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 6:00 AM

**Date and time of return:** Monday, April 13, 2026 – 3:00 PM

**Mode of transportation:** School bus transfer to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Commercial flight to Washington, D.C., Charter bus service for local travel in D.C., Return flight to Dallas, School bus transport back to campus

**Number of Class Days missed:** 2

**Complete itinerary (may be attached):** Please see attached.

**Verification of non-employee chaperone background check:**

All chaperones will undergo routine Duncanville ISD background checks for all trips.

**Director Signature:** Brianna Dawson **Date:** 06/18/2025

**Principal Signature:** Bryan K Byrd Jr. **Date:** 06/18/2025

**Fine Arts Director Signature:** Paul Doucet **Date:** 06/18/2025  
Paul Doucet (Jun 18, 2025 14:34 CDT)

**Chief of Schools Signature:** Samuel Nix **Date:** 06/18/2025

**Superintendent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## High Hats Cherry Blossom Parade Trip Itinerary

**Dates:** April 9–13, 2026

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

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### Thursday, April 9 – Travel & Arrival Day

- **Morning:** Depart from Dallas/Fort Worth Airport (DFW) to Washington, D.C. (DCA or IAD)
  - **Afternoon:**
    - Arrive in Washington, D.C.
    - Airport pickup and transfer via chartered bus
    - Check-in at hotel TBD
  - **Evening:**
    - Team Welcome Dinner at **Carmines Italian Restaurant**
    - Team meeting with overview of trip expectations & rehearsal schedule
    - Lights out by 10:00 PM
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### Friday, April 10 – Rehearsal & City Exploration

- **8:00 AM:** Hotel breakfast
  - **9:30 AM – 12:30 PM:** Drill team rehearsal/practice
  - **12:30 PM:** Lunch at **Shake Shack**
  - **1:30 PM – 4:30 PM:** Guided walking tour of the **National Mall**
    - Includes Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, and Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
  - **5:30 PM:** Dinner at **Busboys and Poets**
  - **7:00 PM:** Evening monument tour via charter bus (White House, Capitol Building, Jefferson Memorial)
  - **9:00 PM:** Return to hotel, prepare uniforms, rest
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### Saturday, April 11 – Parade Day & Museum Visit

- **5:00 AM:** Wake up & uniform prep
- **5:45 AM:** Breakfast boxes from hotel
- **6:30 AM:** Load bus and depart for parade check-in/staging
- **7:30 AM – 12:00 PM:** **Perform in National Cherry Blossom Parade**
  - Includes telecast zone + opening production
- **12:30 PM:** Lunch provided post-parade
- **2:00 PM – 5:00 PM:** Visit the **Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture**

- **6:30 PM:** Group Dinner at **The Hamilton** or another nearby venue
  - **8:00 PM:** Return to hotel, team reflections, lights out
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## **Sunday, April 12 – Exploration & Celebration**

- **8:00 AM:** Hotel breakfast
  - **9:30 AM – 12:00 PM:** Visit another Smithsonian Museum of choice
    - Options: National Air & Space Museum or National Museum of American History
  - **12:30 PM:** Lunch at **Old Ebbitt Grill**
  - **2:00 PM – 4:00 PM:** Free time for souvenir shopping or small group city stroll (chaperone-led)
  - **5:30 PM:** **Farewell Dinner Cruise** on the Potomac River (with DJ, dancing, and dinner)
  - **8:30 PM:** Return to hotel, pack, final night meeting
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## **Monday, April 13 – Departure Day**

- **7:00 AM:** Breakfast & check-out
- **8:30 AM:** Depart hotel for airport
- **10:30 AM:** Flight departs for DFW
- **Early Afternoon:** Arrive in Dallas and return to DHS via school bus

# High Hats

2025-2026

1. Allanie Hunter
2. Bryce Criss
3. Ciana Jefferson -156491
4. Emily Khamiseng -154710
5. Janessa Garfias -155731
6. Janiya Coats
7. Jocelyn Flores
8. Kaylee Daniels – 169360
9. Kennaria Fuller -141839
10. Kimora Rodgers -141043
11. Lundon Lewis -
12. Makayla Robertson – 138313
13. Nariah Gipson -169863
14. Sydni Booker -
15. Terah Reeves -
16. Tiara Heard – 150847
17. Breauna Jackson- 157264

## Chaperones

1. Brianna Dawson
2. Erin Roelofs
3. Vicki Dawson
4. Laura Roelofs
5. Brittani Peace
6. Jessica Garfias
7. DeAundria Harris-Thompson
8. LaShonda Lewis











# High Hats to perform at the DC Cherry Blossom Festival Approval


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