



Waunakee Community High School Request for Out-of-State/Overnight Travel

May 4, 2026

To: Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown
Board of Education

From: Mr. Brian Borowski

RE: Band Trip Proposal 2027
San Diego, CA

Mr. Gill, high school music teacher, is requesting approval to organize a band trip to San Diego, California during the 2026–2027 school year.

This trip is designed as both an educational experience and an incentive program, rewarding students who have participated in the music program at least once during their four years of high school. The experience will provide students with performance opportunities, musical growth, and cultural enrichment.

Approximately 100 band students, along with 7 chaperones and 3 band directors, are expected to participate. The trip is planned as a 4-night, 5-day experience and would include one or two performances, as well as organized tours and educational activities.

Travel arrangements will be finalized based on a detailed itinerary and cost considerations. The estimated cost per student is approximately \$2,649.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Waunakee High School Band Department - 2026 - 2027 Trip Proposal - San Diego

(As of 4/30/26)

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Educational Goals/Objectives

1. To share our music with a captive audience
2. To educate students regarding the importance of sharing their music with others and the importance of "giving back".
3. To broaden cultural and historical perspectives of our students.
4. To provide our students with a high quality music performance/concert.
5. To foster camaraderie, pride, and a sense of family within our ensemble and band program.
6. To provide an opportunity to learn alongside professional musicians and ensembles.
7. To provide an opportunity to represent the school and community as positive musical ambassadors.

Student Needs

1. To provide a performance and travel opportunity for all high school band students despite financial obligations.
2. To provide a reward for participation in music at least once in every four (4) years.
3. Incentive for program retention

Performance(s): One performance during the trip at a retirement home, veteran's home, children's hospital, or other venue with a captive audience.

Proposed Travel Dates: March 31, 2027 through April 4, 2027

Participants: 100 band students, 7 chaperones, 3 band teachers

Chaperones: To be determined

Travel Vendor & Cost: Bob Rogers was this year's chosen vendor based on itinerary and cost. The price per student will be \$2,649 for a quad occupancy (4 people per room) with \$150 being deducted due to FORMATA support.

Funding Sources

1. Families
2. FORMATA Support
3. Further fundraising opportunities

Trip Itinerary Possibilities

1. 5 day/4 night tour via air round trip from Waunakee to San Diego
2. One or two performances and/or clinician experience. Would also look into a possible performance exchange with another public school.
3. Tour stops & visits to be taken from the following: See attached itinerary
4. Attend a concert or rehearsal of a professional music ensemble, see a Broadway show or the like for music consumption. Have the opportunity to talk with performers or conductors to learn about what a music career looks like.
5. Meals at appropriate restaurants provided by the vendor as part of the package to be determined.
6. 1 tour guides

Conclusion: The attached has a specific list of the attractions that students may be seeing. To summarize, in addition to lodging and transportation, the cost includes (list specific, important information of what the students will be seeing/doing here.