

Dear Sherwood Band Parents & Students,

On April 16-18 we plan on taking a trip to Newport, Oregon with all of our Sherwood HS Bands (Bowmen, Concert, Wind Ensemble). I have three objectives for this trip:

1. Building our Culture – The marching season brings all ensembles & ages together. This trip will allow our groups to further interact without the boundaries of distinct classes/ensembles and away from our normal school setting.
2. Educational Value – Bringing out guest clinicians to the coast whether they be guest conductors, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians to work with our ensemble. Another option is to stop by the University of Oregon for workshops on our way to Newport. We will have music education goals built into the itinerary for 2 days on this trip.
3. Great reward and opportunity for our students and program. Aside from the educational aspects, we will take full advantage of some of the fun activities the Oregon Coast has to offer.

I do not have a cost total yet for this trip and will get that to you by mid-January. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact our Band Booster President – Lennae Bishop at shsbandboostersinfo@gmail.com.

4 Year Trip Cycle Announced

Something that has been in the discussion between myself, our Principal Mr. Bell, and our Band Booster President over the past several months is planning a 4 year trip cycle. This trip cycle will be a reoccurring process and will allow students who are enrolled in band for all 4 years to have a wide variety of musical & educational experiences. Below are the details:

Year 1 – Small Trip. During Spring Conferences: Take a lower cost 2 Night Trip somewhere close in Oregon with Guest Clinicians.

Year 2 – Medium Sized Trip. During Spring Break: Take a 4-5 day trip to Southern California. Experience symphony, Universities, Attractions, and WGI Regional and/or a Music Festival.

Year 3 – Artist in Residence/No Trip. Booster led fundraising effort to bring a very big name composer or guest artist (ex. Frank Ticheli, Eric Whitacre, Pat Sheridan, etc.) for a 2-3 day artist in residence at SHS. Student membership (freshmen, sophomores, juniors as well as current 8th grade band students) will be encouraged to do personal fundraising to save up for Year 4.

Year 4 – Big Trip. During Spring Break: Take a 5 day trip to somewhere big; New York, Washington DC, Hawaii, etc. Look for musical, educational, and fun opportunities that come with those regions.

Right now we are currently in Year 1. I will be in further discussion with the Band Booster Board to talk logistical details regarding the upcoming years. I will communicate those details later this school year.

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