

# 2024 Sabino Band, Choir and Orchestra Spring Trip to Anaheim Packet

Dear Sabino Band, Choir and Orchestra Parents,

The Sabino Band, Orchestra and Choir will be embarking on their annual spring trip. I want to get information out to you as soon as possible so you can begin planning. Enclosed you will find the current plan for the trip. If anything changes, I will let you know as soon as possible. Please follow the link or QR code to the information survey at the end of the packet so we can get an accurate headcount for the trip. **The money for the trip will be due January 30th, 2024** in order to give us enough time to get payments processed from the purchasing department. The total cost is \$950 (\$850 with scholarship). The band has enough tax credit for me to give \$100 scholarships to students who complete 6 levels of playing tests. Please read through this packet for detailed information. If you have any questions please email me at [jack.taylor@tusd1.org](mailto:jack.taylor@tusd1.org).

Thank you,

Jack Taylor

Sabino High School Band Director

Changes this year:

- **Student Meals:** All student meals will be provided and paid for through SIMBA except the last lunch on the way home. Students will be given a \$15 gift card for both days in the park and a lunch will be provided when students put instruments away following performances.
- **Fundraising:**
  - SIMBA will run a group email fundraiser. Every student traveler is required to provide 20 emails for this fundraiser. The proceeds of this fundraiser will reduce the final payment of the trip and cover food costs.
  - SIMBA will also run a coupon book fundraiser for individuals to raise money toward their own trip.
  - A fundraising committee made up of parents of traveling students will be formed. All those interested in offering fundraising ideas are welcome to join. All fundraisers need to be approved by a Director so we submit necessary paperwork. All fundraisers must be proposed by November 15th, and conclude by January 15th.
    - **Group Fundraisers:** Money is fundraised by the group in collected into one total then divided equally among all members who participated in the fundraisers.
    - **Individual Fundraisers:** Money is fundraised by student travelers and their families and credited toward that student's trip cost.

- **Tax Credit:**
  - We've worked to make the entire trip payable by tax credit!

## **Sabino High School Band, Choir, and Orchestra Spring Trip Itinerary May 1st-May 5th (Update 10/16)**

This is the current itinerary for the band, choir and orchestra trip to California May 1st-5th, 2024. Students will be accompanied by chaperones at all times while not in the park or in their hotel rooms. In the Disney parks students will send frequent check in pictures to their chaperones to ensure they are in groups of 3 or more and all members are accounted for.

Wednesday, May 1st

**Meet at Sabino High School  
5000 N Bowes Rd.  
Tucson, AZ, 85749**

- 6:00am Bag Checks in Choir Room
- 7:00am Load Bus
- 7:30am Leave for California (Sack Lunch Provided on Bus)
- 4:00pm Arrive at Hotel  
**Embassy Suites  
900 E Birch Street  
Brea, California  
+1 714-990-6000**
- 5:00pm Pizza Dinner at Hotel (Costco pizza, students may choose a Salad or Hot Dog instead or make arrangements with Mr. Taylor for special dietary needs)
- 9:30pm Room Checks and Medication Checks
- 10:00pm Lights Out

Thursday, May 2nd

- 6:00am Wake up Call/ Breakfast
- 7:00am Load Bus for Disneyland
- 7:30am arrive at Downtown Disney entrance and walk to the security checkpoint with chaperones. We will meet at the flower planters by guest services near the lockers/restrooms in front of Disneyland. Tickets will be passed out at this time. Students will write their name on their ticket with a Sharpie Pen and take a picture of it. Students will stay within groups of three or more and send random check-in pictures to chaperones throughout the day.
- 7:45am Arrive at Downtown Disney  
**Disneyland  
1313 Disneyland Dr  
Anaheim, CA 92802  
(714) 781-4646**
- 8:00am Disneyland Opens

- **TBA Soundtrack Session (Backstage @California Adventure) This time will be finalized by Disney about 3 weeks before our trip. After the soundtrack session we will re-enter the park**
- **10:45pm Meet at Guest Services** and head for the Bus in the Toy Story Parking Lot (we will use the tram or bus, this may change depending on parking situation)
- 11:25pm Arrive at Hotel  
**Embassy Suites**  
**900 E. Birch Street**  
**Brea, California**  
**+1 714 990 6000**
- 11:30pm Medication Checks
- 11:45pm Room Checks
- 11:55pm Lights Out

Friday, May 3rd

- 7:00am Wake Up Call/ Breakfast  
Breakfast will be downstairs in the lobby where there is an all you can eat buffet. Please make arrangements with Mr. Taylor for any special dietary needs.  
8:25am Load Bus for Disneyland  
9:00am Arrive at Disneyland  
**Disneyland**  
**1313 Disneyland Dr**  
**Anaheim, CA 92802**  
**(714) 781 4636**
- **TBA Call at Hollywood backlot stage in California Adventure.** We will meet the bus backstage and students will change into their concert dress clothes in the dressing rooms. This time will be finalized by Disney about 3 weeks before our trip.
- **TBA Performance @ Hollywood Backlot Stage in California Adventure**
- Students will receive a sack lunch and a \$15 meal card for dinner at this time. The actual time will be finalized by Disney about 3 weeks before our trip
- TBA students will go back in to the park
- **11:00pm Meet at Guest Services** and head for bus in toy story parking lot
- 11:30pm Arrive at Hotel, rooms checks, Medication checks, lights out  
**Embassy Suites**  
**900 E Birch Street**  
**Brea, California**

Saturday, May 4th

- 8:00am Wake Up Call/ Breakfast  
*Breakfast will be downstairs in the lobby where there is an all you can eat buffet. Please make arrangements with Mr. Taylor for any special dietary needs.*
- 8:15am Medication Checks
- Orchestra Clinic TBD
- Choir Clinic TBD
- 9:45am Leave for band Clinic

**Bob Cole Conservatory of Music  
California State University, Long Beach  
1250 Bellflower Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90840-7101**

- 10:30am Band Clinic at Cal State Long Beach
- 12:00pm Leave for California Science Center  
**California Science Center  
700 Exposition Park Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90037  
(213) 744-2019**
- 12:45pm Arrive California Science Center
- 4:10pm Leave for Bubba Gump Shrimp Co
- 5:00pm Dinner at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co  
**Bubba Gump Shrimp Co  
1000 Universal Studios Boulevard Suite 114  
Universal City, CA 91608  
818-753-4867**
- 6:30pm Leave for Disney Concert Hall
- 7:00pm Arrive at Disney Concert Hall  
**Disney Concert Hall  
111 S Grande Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(323) 850-2000**
- 8:00pm LA Philharmonic Concert (Dudamell Leads Mozart and Strauss)
- 10:00pm Load Bus for Hotel
- 11:00pm Arrive at Hotel, Room Checks, Medication Checks, Lights Out

Sunday, May 5th

- 8:00am Wake up call/ Breakfast  
*Breakfast will be downstairs in the lobby where there is an all you can eat buffet. Please make arrangements with Mr. Taylor for any special dietary needs.*
- 9:30am Load bus
- 10:00am Leave for Tucson
- Lunch when we arrive in Ehrenburg, Arizona (Wendy's at the Flying J travel Center). Students are on their own for this meal please bring money for lunch or make arrangements with Mr. Taylor.  
**Flying J Travel Center / Wendy's  
I-10 Exit 1, Frontage Rd N  
Ehrenberg, AZ 85334**
- **6:30pm Arrive at Sabino Middle School**  
Please park in the Sabino parking lot and avoid parking in the bus bay. If the gate is closed, wait in the gravel to pull out just before the gate. I will instruct students to call their rides home when we are in phoenix and when we are about 30 minutes away.

**Sabino High School  
5000 N Bowes Rd  
Tucson, AZ, 85711**

We have enough bus space for 45 band students, 23 orchestra students, and 22 Choir students. If more than 45 band students finish their auditions, then they will be put on a wait list. If more spots become available, then those students will be notified as soon as possible if they will be able to participate on the trip in the order in which they finished their audition. **Do not Pay unless you have completed your audition.** Tax Credit Money cannot be refunded.

We have enough bus space for 10 chaperones. Parents of Seniors will be given priority. If there needs to be a wait list, it will be based on who has completed their chaperone payment first and finished their volunteer application first. If a wait list becomes necessary, then I will notify chaperones as soon as there is space available.

Cost for students and chaperones: \$950

## **How to Pay**

### **Arizona Tax Credit**

I strongly urge parents and guardians to use their **Arizona Tax Credit** for this trip. Every year Arizona takes money out of your paycheck and the State Legislature decides where to spend it. When you give a tax credit to the Sabino High School Band, Choir and Orchestra program you get to decide how that portion of your taxes is spent. For example: If you paid \$300 in Arizona State tax this year and give a \$200-dollar tax credit to the Sabino Band toward your student's trip expense. Your student can essentially participate on this trip free of charge because you have already paid the taxes; you just get to decide how it is spent. The maximum amount you can donate depends on if you are filing your taxes jointly or single. Tax credit cannot be used for chaperon expenses. Anybody who pays Arizona income tax can participate in the tax credit program. This includes family members, friends and coworkers etc. Please encourage your friends and family who have not already designated their tax credit to give to Sabino Band, Choir or Orchestra.

Maximum tax credit donation amount

\$200 - maximum if filing single

\$400 - maximum if filing jointly

You can pay the full amount in tax credit but you can only claim the maximum allowed amounts on your taxes.

### **How to do a tax credit donation**

## Online

You can donate online at the following website by debit/credit card.

<https://az-tucson-lite.intouchreceipting.com>

- Select Sabino High School
- under Item select you program Band, Choir or Orchestra TAX CREDIT
- Under Memo indicate who the tax credit is for (write Disneyland performance payment for (student's name)
- Amount – Select the amount you wish to pay

## Check

I strongly urge you to pay online because it is much easier to keep track of payment this way. If you can only pay by check, bring a check to Carmen Nichols in the Bookstore. Make the check out to Sabino Band. In the comments write California Trip Fee for (student's name)

## Financial help/ Chaperones and other stuff

We have limited space for chaperones so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. Preference will go to those chaperones whose students are seniors. My family as well as myself will be donating our tax credits to the Sabino Band and make them available to students who have financial difficulty in paying the \$950.

## Band Trip Scholarship

**I will be making available \$100 in trip credit to students who finish 6 levels of playing tests. This will make the cost of the trip \$850. We are able to do this through the generous donations over the years of many Sabino Band, Choir and Orchestra Families to the Sabino Band, Choir, and Orchestra Accounts.**

I would encourage all parents to donate the maximum amount of their tax credit to the Sabino Band, Choir or Orchestra programs. We can certainly use the extra money to purchase new instruments for our programs or fund student trips. If you can donate more tax credit than is needed, please let me know if you would like it to go toward instruments and music or to students in need who demonstrate hard work in the Sabino Programs. In order to do this, I need to get an accurate count of how many students and chaperones will be attending. **Chaperones cannot use tax credit to pay for their portion of the trip.**

Thanks,  
Jack Taylor

## Student Criteria for Participation on Disneyland Trip

**The Sabino Band Program has a reputation for being well behaved, courteous and good guests when we travel. In order to maintain this reputation and to avoid safety and behavior issues we have strict criteria for who can attend this trip. This is both for the safety of the students and the reputation of Sabino. In order for students to attend they must demonstrate good decision making in both their work ethos and overall behavior.**

**This is the criteria to attend**

**-No Suspensions in the current year (This includes ISI in school and out of school suspensions)**

- **Band Students must be able to Play F, Bb, Ab, C, and Eb sheets (5 sheets total)**
- **Must be a positive and contributing member of class**
  - **Follows class rules**
  - **Participates in rehearsal**
  - **Respects students and their property**
- **Must be willing and able to attend after school Disney rehearsals. If you are unable to attend, then do not sign up for the trip**

**If a student does not fulfill any of these criteria, then the next student on the waitlist will take their place.**

### **Important!**

**The State of Arizona does not allow Tax Credit money to be refunded once it has been paid and a receipt issued. If you are unsure of your student's ability to meet the criteria or follow the expectations, please be aware that Tax Credit money cannot be refunded as you will receive a credit once you do your taxes.**

**The current itinerary is preliminary and may change slightly as we get closer to the dates that we leave.**

**Please email me with any questions that you might have.**

**Thank you**

**Jack Taylor**

[jack.taylor@tusd1.org](mailto:jack.taylor@tusd1.org)

**By signing below you are agreeing to adhere to the payment policies and behavior policies stated in the 2024 Sabino Band, Choir and Orchestra Spring Trip to Anaheim Packet.**

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### Chaperone and Student Payment Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to pay the full amount of \$950 to the school bookstore through the student portal or through Arizona Tax Credit for the 2024 Band, Choir, and Orchestra Spring Trip to Anaheim. I understand that funds paid through tax credit are not able to be refunded and that failure to make payment by January 30th will result in your student being removed from the trip. I understand that after January 30th it may not be possible to refund payments made toward your students trip in the student portal. I understand that no trip insurance is offered for this trip. I understand that violating the students criteria to attend, may result in removal from the trip without refund.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_