

# Parent/Tag-A-Long Information

Let me be the first to thank you for joining us on this “Once in a Lifetime Trip”. It will be great to have a large crowd of supporters cheering for the band at their performance. At present we have 100 students going on the trip about 25 staff, chaperone/parents and about 25 tag-a-longs. As you can see, the parents and tag-a-longs make up the bulk of the group. That being said, there are several rules, regulations and procedures that parents and tag-a-longs need to be aware of that will make the trip more enjoyable for all.

1. **THIS IS A BAND TRIP!** The trip is for the band students and it is the director’s primary responsibility to see to it that all of the band students are taken care of and have an enjoyable trip.
  - The first priority will always be the student’s safety, well-being and enjoyment on the trip.
  - The directors will not answer or deal with trip problems with parents or tag-a-longs unless it is a full group issue. These may be discussed with the tour operator.
2. **The band students are the responsibility of the directors, staff and their designees from the time we arrive at the Charlotte airport on April 1<sup>st</sup> until we return on April 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - We realize that there are many parents accompanying their children, but on a band trip, the band directors are in charge of the students for the duration of the trip. The students will do as they are instructed to by the directors at all times.
  - Students will be released to their parents at certain times on the trip, but all school and trip rules and regulations still apply.
  - Students will only room with other students and will not be allowed to room with their parents.
  - Student curfews will be maintained at all times.
  - Students will participate in all aspects of the trip as listed on the group itinerary.
  - Students will remain with the band group in airports and on group outings on the island.
  - All discipline matters will be handled by the band directors.
3. **Be Flexible.** If you have never been on a band trip before the first thing you need to be aware of is that nothing will go exactly according to plan or schedule. The more flexible and understanding you are, the more enjoyable your trip will be.
4. **The trip is all inclusive. You may participate in as much or as little of the planned itinerary as you wish, but there are no refunds for “opting out” of an event.**
  - Problems with any part of trip should be addressed with the tour company...not the directors.
  - The tour company is acting in the best interest of the group so please be reasonable with any special requests. This trip is not designed as anyone’s personal vacation package.
  - There is no guarantee for activity or meal quality. This is not a “first class” or “premium” trip to Hawaii. Please have reasonable expectations.
5. **The schedule will not be adjusted in any way to accommodate special requests. Again, the trip is for the band students and the activities listed are part of their experience.**
  - Departure times for group activities will be strictly adhered to. Once the students, staff and chaperones have been accounted for the group will depart. This includes all stops during the activities. **We will not wait for you.** Please be courteous of the group’s time.
  - Departure times for events will be posted in the lobby daily. It is the tag-a-long’s responsibility to be on time for activity departures if they wish to go.
6. **Remember, even as a tag-a-long you represent the Clover High School Band program and Clover High School.**
  - Please always remember that you represent the group... not just yourself.
  - Parents should not “allow” their child to drink or even “sip” alcoholic beverages or use tobacco on the trip.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR FOLLOWING THESE RULES AND PROCEDURES!!**