



Eagle Pride Rose Parade FAQs



Current as of May 15, 2023

Please monitor the NHS Eagle Pride Band website for the most current information and forms. We added a “Rose Parade” link so you can access everything you need. The FAQs below are going to be a recurring document that is updated as new questions are raised. The information below is simply a starting point. For the latest information, you must attend the Rose Parade Townhall Kickoff on Feb 13 at 6:00pm in the NHS auditorium.

Question: *What details are known about Niceville’s trip to the Rose Parade?*

Answer: The Niceville High School Band is one of 10 high school bands in the United States accepting an invitation to march in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. The parade will step off at 8:00 a.m. (PST) on Monday, January 1, 2024. There will be about 700,000 spectators along the 5 ½ mile parade route and about 81 million TV viewers around the world. Students will march about 6 miles with their instruments from the staging area to the finish at a pace of about 2 ½ miles per hour. Working them up to that pace and distance will be part of our preparation for the parade. Visit the Tournament of Roses website, www.tournamentofroses.com, for more information about the Rose Parade.

Question: *What are the overall dates of the trip and the itinerary?*

Answer: The overall trip duration is planned from Thursday, Dec 28, 2023 to Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024. The most current itinerary will be posted on the NHS band website under a Rose Parade link at www.nhseaglepride.com. Please note that some trip details may change but the dates will not.

Question: *How much will the trip cost?*

Answer: The trip is optional and will cost \$3250 per student. All students must pay full price, even if they plan to travel back separately with their parents. This price includes the following:

- Airfare: Round trip charter flight and fuel surcharge
- Lodging: Westin Long Beach, 4 students/room
- Entertainment: Entrance fees to all events
- Food: All food, except 2 lunches
- Transportation: Charter bus transportation to all events
- Apparel: 2 T-shirts, jacket, commemorative pin, garment bag & shako wrap

Question: How will the students travel to Pasadena?

Answer: The students will travel on an Omni Air 777-200 charter airplane, which will fly direct from the Destin-Ft. Walton Beach Airport to Pasadena, CA.

Question: Will a trip deposit be required?

Answer: Yes, a non-refundable trip deposit of \$150 is due on Feb 28, 2023 along with a signed Letter of Intent to make the trip. The letter of intent form is posted on the NHS band website under the Rose Parade link at www.nicevilleband.com.

Question: How do we pay, will there be a payment plan, and what is the refund policy?

Answer: Payments will be made to the Niceville High School Band via check or money order made out to **NHS Band**. Payments must be accompanied by a payment coupon, which are available on the nicevilleband.com website under 2024 Rose Parade Trip. Checks/money orders and accompanying payment coupons can be submitted as follows:

1. Placed in the red box in the band room
2. Mailed to:

Niceville High School
ATTN: BAND
800 E John Sims Pkwy
Niceville, FL 32578

NHS 2024 Rose Parade Payment Schedule

DATE	AMOUNT
Feb 28	\$150
March 30	\$300
April 30	\$300
May 30	\$350
June 30	\$350
July 30	\$450
August 30	\$450
September 30	\$450
October 15	\$450
TOTAL	\$3250

Payment Schedule for Late Additions (April/May)

DATE	AMOUNT
Deposit	\$150
May 30	\$400
June 30	\$450
July 30	\$450
August 30	\$450
September 30	\$450
October 30	\$450
November 15	\$450
TOTAL	\$3250

Any students who register for the trip after the Late Additions schedule will follow individualized payment schedules.

NEW Question: *How do I make payments during the summer?*

Answer: Two payments, May and June, are due during summer break and before band camp starts. Obviously placing your payments in the red box in the NHS band room is not an option after school is over. Here are your options for making your May and June payments:

1. Place your check or money order in the red box in the NHS band room before school is over.
2. Mail your check or money order to NHS with "ATTN: Band" written on the envelope.
3. Drop off your check or money order in the NHS office with "ATTN: Band" written on the envelope.

July payments can still be mailed to or dropped off at NHS, but they can also be placed in the red box in the NHS band room during band camp.

NEW Question: *How can I apply fundraiser proceeds to my student's trip?*

Answer: When fundraisers are complete and the records have been finalized, the Finance Chair posts fundraiser proceeds to Charms. Once this is done a Charms email is sent to inform everyone that the funds were posted and where they were posted so that families can go check their balance.

When the proceeds are posted they are usually posted directly to the student's Trip Ledger. Funds that are posted directly to the student's Trip Ledger **DO NOT** need to be transferred. However, if the fundraiser proceeds were posted before the student was registered for the trip, e.g., Citrus and Daily Dose, those proceeds were posted to the student's Charms Miscellaneous Ledger and **DO** need to be transferred to their Trip Ledger. Transfers are done via a Payment Coupon.

NEW Question: *How do I know how much my student earned from a fundraiser?*

Answer: When fundraisers are complete and the records have been finalized, the Finance Chair posts fundraiser proceeds to Charms. Once this is done a Charms email is sent to inform everyone that the funds were posted and where they were posted so that families can go check their balance. Note: When the proceeds are posted they are usually posted directly to the student's Trip Ledger. Funds that are posted directly to the student's Trip Ledger **DO NOT** need to be transferred. However, if the fundraiser proceeds were posted before the student was registered for the trip, e.g., Citrus and Daily Dose, those proceeds were posted to the student's Charms Miscellaneous Ledger and **DO** need to be transferred to their Trip Ledger. Transfers are done via a Payment Coupon.

NEW Question: What do we do for payments during the summer?

Here are your options for making your May and June payments:

1. Place your check or money order in the red box in the NHS band room before school is over.
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July payments can still be mailed to or dropped off at NHS, but they can also be placed in the red box in the NHS band room during band camp.

When making your summer payments, please remember to include a payment coupon. The payment coupon is what we use to post your payment to your student's trip account and is important to help ensure accurate records are kept.

As always, if you have any questions about payments or band finances, please contact our Finance Chair, Peggy Milz, at EaglePrideFinance@gmail.com.

NEW Question: *My student has earned enough money to offset all or part of a payment. What should I do?*

Answer: Charms is available 24/7 for you to monitor your student's band account, including their trip account. Before a payment due date, check your student's Charms account. If your student has fundraisers posted to their Trip Ledger that will cover part of an upcoming payment and you want to use that for the upcoming payment, simply send the remainder of the payment amount via check or money order with a payment coupon. *Do not indicate a Charms balance transfer on your Payment Coupon if the money is already in their Trip Ledger.* If your student has fundraisers posted to their Trip Ledger that will cover all of an upcoming payment and you want to use that for the upcoming payment, there is no need to do anything.

UPDATED Question: *Why do I need a payment coupon to accompany my payments and where do I find one?*

Answer: *Payment coupons are what is used to post payments to the students' Trip Ledgers in Charms. They are important for accurate record keeping. Payment Coupons are available on Nicevilleband.com under the "2024 Rose Parade Trip" menu entry.*

Question: *I have more than one student going on the trip, can I write one check to cover multiple students?*

Answer: Yes – you can make a payment for multiple students with one check or money order, but you do need to submit a separate payment coupon with the check or money order for each student.

Question: *I have more than one student going on the trip, can I complete one payment coupon to cover multiple students?*

Answer: No – you can make a payment for multiple students with one check or money order, but you do need to submit a separate payment coupon with the check or money order for each student.

Question: *Can I pay ahead of the payment schedule?*

Answer: Yes – you are welcome to make larger payments than what is required by the payment schedule or submit payments between payment due dates.

Question: *My student received a check to NHS Band from a family member/friend to help pay for their trip. How do I get that credited to my student's trip account?*

Answer: You can simply turn that in as part of or in addition to your monthly payment and annotate it on the payment coupon, or you may submit it between payment due date with a Miscellaneous payment coupon.

Question: *My student has money in their Charms account. Can I use it for the trip?*

Answer: Yes – each payment coupon provides a space for you to indicate how much money you want utilized from your student's Charms account for their trip.

Question: *How do I access my student's Charms account?*

Answer: There are instructions on Nicevilleband.com that give step-by-step instructions for accessing your student's account.

Question: *Will there be fundraisers?*

Answer: Yes. The steering committee is working very hard to make sure there are several fundraising opportunities. The following fundraisers have either been completed or still in work.

1. **Super 50/50 Drawing**

- **What:** Super 50/50 Drawing by Chance
- **When:** Feb-Apr—Drawing occurred on at Jazz Dinner in April
- **Comment:** Students raised over \$19,000!

2. **Cruise for 2 Drawing by Chance**

- **What:** 7 Night Eastern or Western Caribbean Cruise Drawing for Two
- **When:** Apr-Oct ticket sales; winner picked at Sounds of Stadium in Nov
- **Proceeds:** Students and Band
- **POC:** TBD
- **Departure Port:** Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa or Port Canaveral
- **Comments:** The cabin category is in the minimum inside stateroom but winners can pay to upgrade if desired. Winner pays for transportation to the port and is responsible for taxes and fees, which may run from \$350-\$400 per person. Winner has flexible dates to choose.

3. **Other Band Fundraisers.** There are several other student and general fundraisers as listed below.

- **Domino's Pizza Tickets**
- **Custom Jewelry Sales**
- **Calendar Fundraiser**

- **Disc Golf Tournament**
- **Food Truck Rally**
- **Niceville Parade**
- **Movie Nights**

Question: *Will there be scholarship opportunities for those in financial need?*

Answer: Yes. Qualified students may be awarded a maximum of 50% of the trip cost, based on availability of scholarship funds. Recipients will be required to submit an application. Selection will be based on attitude, character, scholarship, financial need, and their active participation in fundraising activities. The scholarship forms will be available on the website under the Rose Parade link or from the band directors. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made by downloading the sponsor form, which is posted on the band website under the Rose Parade link at www.nicevilleband.com.

Question: *How can I make a corporate or individual donation to the band or for a specific student?*

Question: *Can parents and other family members travel with the band and attend events?*

Answer: The travel agent, Grueninger Music Tours, has prepared a tremendous friends and family travel package. The plan is for all friends and family to travel on the 777 aircraft with the band. A friends and family brochure and the registration website will be located on the NHS band website under the Rose Parade link at www.nicevilleband.com.

Question: *Will there be a discount if I keep my child in Pasadena and travel back separately?*

Answer: No. All students must pay full airfare since the trip is based on a round trip airfare. Students will be allowed to be checked out from the hotel after the parade and travel home with their families. However, there will be no discounts.

Question: *Can we check out our children during the trip to visit relatives who live in Pasadena?*

Answer: No. Due to safety, security, and logistics reasons, students cannot be checked out during the trip. Parents will have the opportunity to check out students permanently from the hotel after the Rose Parade and have the student travel back separately from the band.

Question: Can we visit students at the hotel?

Answer: Yes, but only during designated visiting hours and in the lobby only. Visiting hours will be posted on our final itinerary in early December.

Question: *Will new color guard & majorettes participate in the trip since tryouts are typically in April?*

Answer: Both the color guard and majorettes are key components of the band, and they are encouraged to make the trip. All majorettes and Color guard will need to fill out a letter of commitment form to make the trip.

Question: *Will new transfer students be allowed to go on the trip?*

Answer: Yes. New transfer students who join the band and want to go on the trip must begin payments as soon as possible upon arrival in the NHS Eagle Pride. New students will need to work directly with the treasurer to make payment arrangements.

Question: *Can my current 8th grader who will be in the Eagle Pride Marching Band in the Fall of 2023 participate in fundraising activities with the NHS Band?*

Answer: Yes. High School Charms accounts will be established for each current 8th grader who may join the Eagle Pride. Trip payments and fundraising profits will be posted to these account. Please direct any questions to your respective middle school liaisons.

Question: *How do I notify the Band Directors I want to march in the Rose Parade?*

Answer: All students who want to make the trip and march in the Rose Parade are required to pay the \$150 deposit and fill out a Letter of Intent.. The form is posted on the band website under the Rose Parade link at www.nicevilleband.com.

Question: *What are the committees, and how can I help?*

Answer: The committees are listed in the table below and all committees will need help. In addition to the committees, there are several subcommittees, such as individual fundraisers, requiring volunteers. Please do not hesitate to contact the committee chairman with any questions or contact the steering committee chairman.

Question: *When will we be able to sign up for the trip?*

Answer: On Feb 23 the GMT website will be open for registration. The timeline for events is below:

Feb 21 - Last day to turn in Letter of Intent. It may be turned into the Red Box in the band room.

Feb 23 - Registration through the GMT website will open for all students. If you are going to apply to be a chaperone DO NOT register until you are told you will be going on the trip.

Feb 28 - Last day to turn in a deposit check of \$150. This will be put in the RED BOX in the band room.

2024 NHS Band Rose Parade Committees

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Question: Why do we need your Health Insurance information?

Answer: We need your health insurance information in the event your student develops a situation in California requiring medical care beyond our first aid team capabilities. Having your insurance information protects you from receiving a full bill & having to sort out insurance after the fact.

Question: What number do I provide if I have Tricare?

Answer: If you have Tricare, there is a member benefits number in the back of the dependent's ID card that you can be provided instead of the sponsor's social security number.

Question: What do I do with my child's medication required for the trip?

Answer: The following guidelines should be followed.

- Certain medications should be kept with your child at all times such as Epi-pen and inhalers.
- Pill type medications (prescription* or medically necessary) should be turned-in to the First Aid table on luggage turn-in day, Date time TBD, in their original packaging, with the accompanying Med Dispensing form available for download at <https://www.nicevilleband.com/forms> .
- For discretion, birth control pills can be kept in the student's luggage, and self-dispensed with a signed waiver (see med dispensing form above) turned in to First Aid. (see First Aid at luggage turn-in day).
- Cream type meds can be kept in the student's possession or turned in to First Aid at the parent's/student's preference.
- If your child takes a medically necessary vitamin, see the 'pill' instructions above.

* Prescription medication needs to be in the original packaging with CURRENT prescription information on it. Please, only send as much medication as your student will need on the trip.

Question: What does my child do if they are not feeling well during the trip?

Answer: Speak to their chaperone and/or the First Aid Chaperones as soon as possible. First Aid will have all the over the counter (OTC) meds listed on the med form and OTC meds will be dispensed as needed based on authorizations granted on the med form (handed in around the time of Band Camp this summer).

Question: What do I do if my Health Insurance information has changed since summer?

Answer: Please submit an updated 'Med Form'to the Blue Box in the band room.

Question: Will there be a medical doctor on the staff for this trip?

Answer: We are fortunate to have an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and multiple Registered Nurses as chaperones. If any student requires medical attention over and above medicine dispensing and minor ailments, your notarized Med Form authorizes your student to receive any necessary medical treatment including a visit to the Emergency Room if necessary.

Question: What if my child has food allergies and needs a special diet?

Please complete the Food Allergy Form located at <https://www.nicevilleband.com/forms> and place it in the Blue Box in the band room.