

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

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2026 LONDON'S NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE – INFORMATION SHEET

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- Any member of the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit who is current with the ensemble donations, trip costs and financial responsibilities for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year
- Any student in a concert ensemble at Trabuco Hills High School who is current with ensemble donations, trip costs, and other financial responsibilities for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year
- Any student in a Music Program at an SVUSD High School (i.e. El Toro, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo) who is good financial standing with their program for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year
- Spots permitting, any alumni who has graduated from the THHS Instrumental Music Program – Class of 2023, Class of 2024 or Class of 2025
- Since there will be a maximum on the number of participants, priority will be given to those students who will be enrolled in the THHS Instrumental Music Program for the 2025-2026 school year
- All participants are financially responsible for the cost of the entire trip, and must submit timely payments according to the payment schedule below

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- A tentative itinerary will be published by the travel company later in 2024
 - “No schedule is sacred and is always subject to change”
- Dates, times and locations will change as events are finalized through the upcoming year
- Trip costs will include all events listed in the itinerary, except personal incidentals

FALL 2025 SEASON & LONDON'S NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE REHEARSALS

- The Trabuco Hills High School Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit will continue to compete in WBA & CSBC competitions during the Fall 2025 Season
- The Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit will not attend the 2025 Western Band Association Championships (WBA) in Fresno, which will be held the week before Thanksgiving
- Rehearsals during the Fall 2025 Season will be dedicated to either the Field Show or LNYDP
 - The dates, times and focus will be posted to the calendar on the THHS Music website
 - A tentative schedule for all LNYDP rehearsals will available in early 2025

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- Since there will be a limited number of rehearsals for the LNYDP, all participants will be **required** to attend these rehearsals dedicated to the LNYDP
 - The projected rehearsals dedicated to the LNYDP will be two Saturdays each month, starting July 2025 through December 2025
 - Additional projected rehearsals for the LNYDP will be 1-2 rehearsals each week between the week of November 17, 2025 through the week of December 22, 2025
- A confirmed rehearsal schedule for the LNYDP Parade will be posted in Spring 2025, after SVUSD has published the official district calendar, and after WBA and CSBC has published their tentative show schedule for Fall 2025 Season

PARTICIPANT COSTS

- The **estimated** total cost per participant is \$4100-\$4300
 - The cost range is due to the need to finalize the itinerary:
 - Flight cost varies dependent on airline carrier, time of day and any group rates available (flights cannot be booked until eleven months out)
 - West End Musical cost varies dependent on show availability and show selection (shows cannot be booked until nine months out)
- Included in the trip cost are the following items:
 - Full package (airfare & land) from December 27, 2025 thru January 03, 2026
 - 7-Day, 6-Night stay in London (hotel location TBD*)
 - Airfare to and from London, England
 - The cost to check one bag each way
 - Transportation to and from all events on the itinerary
 - Meals and activities as indicated on the itinerary
 - Ground transportation to and from LAX
 - Commemorative items for each participant
 - Cost of transatlantic flight and transportation of instruments, uniforms, guard equipment and supporting infrastructure for the trip
 - All instruments, uniforms, guard equipment and other required items will be shipped from THHS about 2 weeks prior to departure. Note: These items will not be checked as luggage on the flight to London.

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**Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit * Color Guard * Percussion Ensemble * Jazz Ensemble
Symphony Orchestra * String Orchestra * Symphonic Band * Pep Band**

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- The schedule shown below applies to all individuals who are participating in the full package for this trip:

DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK	PAYPAL (3% added)	DUE
Payment #1* – Deposit	\$300	\$309	09/10/24
Payment #2	\$400	\$412	12/10/24
Payment #3	\$500	\$515	03/10/25
Payment #4	\$600	\$618	05/10/25
Payment #5	\$700	\$721	07/10/25
Payment #6	\$800	\$824	09/10/25
Payment #7** – Final	Balance due	Balance due + 3%	11/01/25

* Includes a non-refundable \$300 deposit per participant

** Final trip costs currently estimated at \$4100-\$4300; actual to be announced when available

PAYMENT METHODS

- Checks made payable to THHS Music Boosters
 - To assist the team in the proper application and administration for the trip, please write separate checks for all payments for the London's New Year's Day Parade
 - DO NOT combine with any other checks made to the THHS Music Boosters
 - Please include the full names for whom the payment amount covers (i.e. Participant, Parent, Family Member, etc.)
- PayPal, which can be found on the LNYDP landing page on the THHS Music website
 - Please note the participant's name in the comments field
 - You must add an additional 3% to the payment to cover transaction fees**
- Venmo and Zelle are not available payment options

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CANCELLATION PENALTY SCHEDULE

- Our goal is for all participants to be able to attend the trip. However, situations arise and we understand there may be a need to cancel participation on the trip.
- Some deposits and money paid to vendors cannot be recouped after a certain date. As such, here is the penalty schedule for cancellation after specific points in time:

DATE	PENALTY
After 09/10/24	\$300 deposit per person
After 12/10/24	\$300 deposit + 20% per person
After 03/10/25	\$300 deposit + 40% per person
After 05/01/25	100% per person

SPECIAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- If special travel arrangements need to be made for the family, please contact thhslnydp2026@gmail.com and let the committee know what those needs may be
 - We will do our best to work with the travel company to facilitate personal requests
- For families who plan to extend their stay in London and wish to have their student depart later than the group on Saturday, please contact thhslnydp2026@gmail.com and let the committee know
 - Parents will be responsible for checking out their student from the hotel on Saturday morning prior to the group's departure from the hotel that day
 - Parents must physically check out their students in-person with Mr. Pollock on Saturday morning at the hotel
- Due to group airline bookings, frequent flyer points cannot be used as payment for any participant or any Family Members through the tour company
- TSA Precheck and Global Entry numbers, if applicable, for all travelers will be requested prior to booking flights in late 2024 / early 2025
- Travelers are required to procure and have a valid passport by late 2024 / early 2025

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FUNDRAISERS

- The Music Boosters plans to organize fundraisers with the hopes of reducing the costs of the trip for everyone, and we will need your help!!
- If there are contacts for corporate outreach or any new fundraising ideas, please reach out to the committee and the team will follow-up on those possible options
- Email thhslnydp2026@gmail.com with fundraising suggestions and lend your expertise and / or contacts to benefit all participants
- Fundraising details and events will be communicated to all families when they become available
- It is required that every family participates in any and all fundraising activities that will be offered
- Additionally, please assist in spreading the word regarding any fundraising opportunities to our local community and beyond

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Unfortunately, scholarships will not be available through the Music Boosters

OTHER

- Students will self-medicate unless otherwise requested. Please notify the committee if medication needs to be refrigerated.
- Please notify the committee of any dietary restrictions, proper arrangements can be made
- Travel insurance is optional. The tour company does provide a comprehensive policy and will be provided to upon contract execution.
- Audition Ensembles (Color Guard & Percussion Ensemble): For students in ensembles that require an audition to become a member, we understand that there might be some hesitation on the payments for this trip. Students who work hard, maintain a positive attitude, maintain good grades and have stellar attendance for rehearsals, camps and clinics will be invited as a member for the 2025-2026 school year.

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PARENTS & CHAPERONES

- Adults who are interested in being a chaperone should inform the London Committee as soon as possible by sending an email to thhslnydp2026@gmail.com
- Chaperones must have or have had a student in the program to be considered a chaperone and will be selected by the end of the end of this school year
- The committee will notify those who are selected as chaperones. Due to limited spots, priority will be given to those parents who have students in the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Chaperones must commit to the entire trip, which includes flying with the group on both legs of the flight, accompanying the participants at all times, staying at the same hotel as the participants and attending all events and activities with the participants (typically 10-15 chaperones required)
- Chaperone responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, handling instruments and equipment, uniforms, escorting students within the hotel, escorting students while walking in the city, scheduled nightly room checks, and supporting the group in any other manner as deemed necessary. A significant amount of walking will be required. Chaperones must be able to handle the winter weather conditions for London during December/January.
- Chaperones are financially responsible for the cost of the entire trip and must adhere to the payment schedule set forth
- The chaperone cost assumes quadruple occupancy and individuals will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate any room arrangement other than quad occupancy in a double/double room.

PARENT & CHAPERONE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- See Above: Chaperones must adhere to the same payment and cancellation schedules as participants.

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PARENTS AND/OR FAMILY MEMBERS – LAND ONLY PROGRAM

- The travel company does offer a “Land Only” Program for Family Member who are not chaperones and will procure separate travel arrangements from the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit
- Priority will be given to immediate family members based on the maximum trip capacity
- Airfare is not included in this “Land Only” Program; travelers are responsible for their own airfare
- Please contact thhslnydp2026@gmail.com if you have interest in this program
 - Costs for this program needs to be confirmed with the travel company, if there is enough interest to offer this program
 - If this program is offered, a similar payment schedule to the Participant Schedule above will be created for all “Land Only” Program participants
- Note: At this time, participants are unable to participate in the “Land Only” Program

PAYMENT SCHEDULE – LAND ONLY

- The schedule shown below applies to all individuals who are participating in the *Land Only* package for this trip:

DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK	PAYPAL (3% added)	DUE
Payment #1* – Deposit	\$300	\$309	09/10/24
Payment #2	\$400	\$412	12/10/24
Payment #3	\$500	\$515	03/10/25
Payment #4	\$600	\$618	05/10/25
Payment #5	\$700	\$721	07/10/25
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** The Land Only trip cost is currently estimated at \$2900; actual to be announced when available

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UPDATES SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING

- “Land Only” Program cost will be \$2900 per person
- If you would like to have your own room, there will be an additional fee of \$840
- Passports must expire MORE than 6 months after the travel dates
- Deadline to receive deposits and payments to participate in this trip
 - Current 9th, 10th, 11th grade students for the 2024-2025 school year = **December 10, 2024**
 - Current 12th grade students for the 2024-2025 school year = **March 10, 2025**
 - Current 8th grade students for the 2024-2025 school year = **May 10, 2025**
- Tentative Rehearsal Schedule
 - Approximately two Tuesdays a month (every other week) starting in TBD*
 - Approximately two Weekends a month starting in June 2025
 - **Very Tentative** Weekend Rehearsal Plan (to be finalized in Spring 2025)
 - Saturday 06/14/25 & Saturday 06/21/25
 - Saturday 07/12/25 & Saturday 07/19/25
 - Saturday 08/02/25 & Saturday 08/16/25
 - Sunday 09/07/25 & Sunday 09/21/25
 - Sunday 10/05/25 & Sunday 10/19/25
 - Sunday 11/02/25 & Saturday 11/22/25
 - Saturday 12/06/25

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I, _____ (name of parent or guardian), give permission for my student(s), _____ to participate in the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program's trip to the 2026 London's New Year's Day from December 27, 2025 through January 03, 2026.

I understand that I am financially responsible for the \$300 non-refundable hard commitment deposit requirement (per each participant and traveling family member) by September 10, 2024, and that all required subsequent trip payments must be paid timely and outright, or fundraised through the opportunities presented throughout the year by the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program. **All chaperones must be approved by the London Committee, at a future date.** I also understand the payment schedule and cancellation policy and agree to abide by them.

Mark **(S)**tudent, **(C)**haperone, or **(F)**amily member. Total deposit included: \$ _____

	S/C/F	FULL NAME (print legibly)	EMAIL ADDRESS (print legibly)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

_____ Cash _____ Check Number _____ PayPal (Must include additional 3%. Attach proof of payment)

Parent Signature _____

Parent Phone # _____

Date _____