

## **Information for parents who wish to travel on their own to California:**

For those parents who are planning on attending the Tournament of Roses Parade, we have put together this information package to aid you in your planning. The band will be arriving in California on December 28, 2012 and returning to NJ on January 2, 2013.

You must remember that this is not a family vacation, it is a school band trip for your child. We ask that all parents coming to California understand and respect this. There will be some events that the band will be participating in that will not be open to parents. Parents, other than assigned chaperones, will not be allowed to be in their child's hotel room. All meals will be with the band and parents will not be permitted to take their child away from any activity or meal that the band is participating in.

**AIR FARE AND RENTAL CARS:** Flights and rental cars are available on most all commercial airlines and through most rental car companies. There will be no room for any parents on the band motor coaches so please make sure you have transportation to and from all events in which you will be participating. Please note that most hotels and restaurants charge for parking.

**ROSE PARADE GRANDSTAND SEATS:** Tickets go on sale for the 2013 parade on February 1st. All parents attending the parade will need a grandstand ticket, including chaperones. No chaperones are allowed to walk with the band and sidewalk space is only available to those who camp out over-night to secure it. For tickets see <http://www.sharpseating.com>

**BANDFEST SEATS:** Tickets for the 2012-2013 Tournament of Roses Bandfest are available for purchase. The Jackson Memorial Jaguar Band will be performing their field show at Bandfest. All parents attending the parade will need a ticket if they want to attend Bandfest, including chaperones. We have not yet been assigned a date for our performance (either December 29 or December 30). Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.sharpseating.com>

Check out the other exciting tickets for pre- and post- parade festivities including tours of the float making process, equestrian and float tours after the parade. All tickets are available on <http://www.sharpseating.com>

**DISNEYLAND TICKETS:** The Jaguars will be marching in the Disneyland Magic Kingdom parade on either December 29 or 30 (date subject to Bandfest date). Tickets for Disneyland Magic Kingdom and Disneyland California Adventure are available on [www.disneyland.disney.go.com](http://www.disneyland.disney.go.com). All parents who want to see the parade must purchase a park or park-hopper ticket. Chaperone park-hopper tickets are included in the cost of their trip package.

**HOTELS:** The band will be staying in the Anaheim area (Garden Grove) - walking distance from Disney, a short drive to the beach and a 45 minute drive to Pasadena. Hotels in Pasadena are both hard to find and expensive, this is why we are staying in the Anaheim area. As discussed at the band parent meeting, we strongly encourage parents

who are not official chaperones not stay at the same hotel as the band. This was recommended to us by other band directors who have participated in the parade in past years. Although not intentional, we have been told that the presence of parents at the same hotel causes disruption in the schedule for the band, difficulty for band staff and chaperones and a distraction to the students. We ask that you please respect this decision.

Here are some hotels in the Garden Grove area.

Candlewood Suites Garden Grove/Anaheim Area

12901 Garden Grove Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92843

Starting Rate: \$118

Embassy Suites Anaheim South

11767 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$127 \$159

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Garden Grove

12867 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$75

Crowne Plaza Resort Anaheim-Garden Grove

12021 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$112

Americas Best Value Inn

12550 Lampson Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$70

Days Inn And Suites Anaheim Resort

12792 Palm Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$88

Ramada Plaza Hotel Garden Grove

10022 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92844

Starting Rate: \$89

Residence Inn Anaheim Resort Area/Garden Grove

11931 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$184

Homewood Suites By Hilton Anaheim

12005 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$179

Hampton Inn Suites Anaheim/Garden Grove

11747 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$151

Anaheim Marriott Suites

12015 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$229

Sheraton Garden Grove-Anaheim South

12221 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Starting Rate: \$178