

The Aberdeen High School Band has been invited to perform for the Victoria Days Celebration. The band will travel to Victoria, B.C. on Saturday, May 19th and return on Tuesday, May 22nd. The Marching band will participate in the Festival of Bands, and march in the Victoria Days parade.

At the current time, we have 66 students eligible to travel and we will be taking ten to twelve chaperones.

Each student will be responsible for the following **approximate** costs: housing (\$200 per student). Total student responsibility to be paid to the AHS Band (ASB Account) before we leave is \$200. Students are also responsible for 10 meals (approx. \$80-100) and any personal purchases (souvenirs, etc.) or entrance fees for entertainment (money to be brought by the student to the trip). Students have the opportunity to participate in various fundraising events or may pay the balance on their travel account from personal funds.

The district will be asked to pay only the cost of busing students to Port Angeles and back (drivers and mileage). Two buses will be required.

All students planning on traveling to Victoria MUST have appropriate identification and surrender it to me prior to our May 19th departure. I will hold all identification for the duration of the trip. Appropriate identification required by the border personnel is the following:

EITHER

- A valid passport or passCARD

OR

- A state issued photo identification card (a Driver's License, Learner's Permit, ID card or Military card are all preferred. They do not need to be enhanced. Most are available from the DMV in Hoquiam.)

AND

- Your official certified Health Department Birth Certificate (The one with a bumpy seal, NOT the one with your hand and foot prints)

In addition, there will be a permission slip required in order to cross the Canadian border. They will be sent home as we get closer to the date of the trip. Any student not producing appropriate identification WILL NOT be allowed to travel with the band.

If you would like for your child to bring Canadian currency on the trip, please contact your bank several weeks in advance. There are several places to exchange money in Victoria, but the best exchange rates are usually found at U.S. financial institutions. Also, many retail establishments in Victoria accept U.S. Dollars.

This letter should provide some basic information about our trip to Victoria. In early May, I will send out the permission slip, plus a list of student expectations regarding medications, behavior, discipline and other important details. A detailed itinerary will be sent out at the same time. There will be a chaperone meeting the week before we go.