

Men's Basketball Trips Are a Great Opportunity for IPTAY Donors

Aloha!

In December, our Men's Basketball team will travel to Hawaii to compete in the Diamond Head Classic. They will play three games: Dec. 22, 23, and one on Christmas Day. If you are looking for a destination holiday or the chance to spend some time in Hawaii, this is a great opportunity! You will have the chance to watch Clemson Basketball in an intimate setting and support our team in a beautiful location. The 2011 Diamond Head Classic promises to be an exciting tournament as Xavier, Kansas State, and Auburn are all in the field. The Tigers open tournament play with UTEP, a team that won 25 games last season.

Head Coach Brad Brownell, his staff, and the players would love to have your support in Hawaii. The tournament usually attracts smaller crowds, and you can often sit behind the team bench and be right in the middle of the action. Last year, the team competed in a very similar tournament in St. Thomas just before Thanksgiving. The Clemson fans who attended all had a great experience. Tara Snyder from Mount Pleasant, SC, was one of those attendees along with her husband, Lance, and says, "Our trip to St. Thomas last year with the Clemson Tiger basketball team was fantastic! Not only did we have a relaxing tropical vacation in November, but we saw some great basketball. Having the opportunity to get to know the coaching staff and players on a more personal basis made us feel like part of the team in St. Thomas and for the entire season!"

I previously worked at the College of Charleston, and its basketball team competed in this same tournament two years ago. My wife and I had the privilege to go on that trip, and all of the donors who attended had a great experience. We enjoyed activities such as touring Pearl Harbor, hiking Diamond Head Mountain, and driving up to the North Shore to watch the surfers and the incredible waves. Some fans came for the tournament, and then extended their stay by traveling to some of the other Hawaiian islands.

Travel packages are being offered through Pleasant Holidays at <http://www.pleasantholidays.com/classic> or 1-800-877-5223. Packages include accommodations at the team hotel, tickets for all three of our games, gameday transportation to and from the arena, and round trip airport shuttles. The team is staying at the Sheraton Waikiki right in the center of famous Waikiki Beach. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at dunham@clemson.edu or (864) 656-5209. We hope to see you in December for a Mele Kalikimaka in Honolulu!

Mahalo,

Aaron Dunham
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Men's Basketball Hawaii Trip

The Clemson Men's Basketball Team will compete in the Diamond Head Classic in Hawaii on December 22, 23, and 25. This is a great opportunity to view Clemson Basketball in an intimate setting (most of the games are not well-attended), and support our team in a beautiful location.

Travel packages can be purchased through Pleasant Holidays using the web link and/or phone number below:

www.pleasantholidays.com/classic

1-800-877-5223

Packages include nights at the team hotel, tickets for all three of our games, gameday transfers, and roundtrip airport transfers. Pleasant Holidays can also help you with airfare if you don't want to book on your own. Additionally, you may also extend your stay on the front end or the back end. They advertise 5 nights from 12/21 through 12/26, but since we play the very first game on 12/22 (10 a.m. Hawaiian time), you may wish to arrive earlier. The team will be playing at home on Dec. 19th, and then flying out to Hawaii the very next morning.

PLEASE NOTE: The team hotel is the Sheraton Waikiki so make sure to specify that is where you want to stay during booking. Another hotel is advertised, but that is because there are 3 total hotels being used as part of this tournament.

For additional information or questions, please contact Aaron Dunham at (864) 656-5209 or dunham@clemsn.edu.