**MILTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRIP 2015**

*ATLANTA, GA & PIGEON FORGE, TN*

*MAY 30-JUNE 3, 2015*

**DATES & TIMES**

* Saturday, May 30 – Meet at 5:00 am
* Wednesday, June 3 – Arrive around 6:30 pm

**PERSONNEL**

* 130 participants – 97 students / 4 staff / 29 adults

**TRANSPORTATION**

* Gulf Coast Tours – Mobile, AL
* Three 54-passenger charter buses
* Air-Conditioned, DVD-Equipped
* Restroom on board *(rest stops)*
* Movies *(G or PG-rated) –*Write Name on DVD
* Bus Sign-Up – Next Week

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

* **Courtyard Atlanta Cumberland Center** - *Saturday, May 30*

 3000 Cumberland Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30339

(770) 952-2555

Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlcu-courtyard-atlanta-cumberland-center/>

* **The Inn on the River** - *Sunday, June1 through Wednesday, June 3*

2492 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

 (865)-868-5400

 Website: [www.myinnontheriver.com](http://www.myinnontheriver.com)

* Students stay 4 per room / Adults stay 2 per room
* Indoor Pool / Outdoor Pool / Large Hot Tub
* Rooming Lists on Instrument Room Door
* Keurig Coffee Maker, Hair Dryer, Iron

**ATTRACTIONS & MEALS INCLUDED**

* Six Flags Admission
* Six Flags Meal Voucher
* Family-Style Lunch at Dillard House
* Scenic Tour through Great Smoky Mtn National Park
* Hatfield-McCoy Dinner Show
* Hot Breakfast Buffet at Hotel (Mon/Tues/Wed)
* OberGatlinburg Aerial Tram
* Ripley’s Aquarium + 1 Other Ripley’s Attraction
* Lumberjack Feud Dinner Show
* Comedy Barn Family Variety Show
* Dolly Parton’s Dixie Stampede Dinner Show

**ATTRACTION & MEALS NOT INCLUDED**

* Drinks-Snacks in Six Flags *- $10-20*
* Possible 2nd meal in Six Flags - *$10-20*
* Possible Breakfast at Atlanta Hotel *(not recommended)*
* Activities at OberGatlinburg *(Ice Skating-$9/Alpine Slide-$7/Other Activities-$4) - $10-20*
* Lunch in Gatlinburg *- $10-20*
* Possible Other Attractions in Gatlinburg *- $10-20*
* Lunch @ the Galleria en route home - *$10*
* Souvenirs - *$20-40*
* **Recommended Amount *(Not Including Excursions)* - $80-$150**
* Excursion Option 1 – Whitewater Rafting - $30 + lunch
* Excursion Option 2 – Hiking - $0 + $8 Boxed Lunch
* Excursion Option 3 – Parkway Trolley - $3 + Lunch & Attractions
* Band Bank Option – Envelopes for Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday…deposit on Saturday morning…distribute at breakfast

**MEDICATIONS**

* School-Board Policy…turn in all prescription medications; original bottles; documentation
* Turn-in on Saturday morning…distribute at breakfast & hotel at night; other times
* Over the Counter Medications…we will supply unless it is part of a daily prescription
* Dr. Mayeaux will be attending trip with us for medical emergencies

**WHAT TO WEAR**

* Rule about Swimwear…”if it jiggles, cover it up!”
* Six Flags…comfortable summer clothes OR swimwear under clothes. Good walking shoes.
* Clothes for Sunday-Wednesday…school appropriate clothes *(shorts, t-shirts, blue jeans, etc.)*
* Dinner Show Clothes…casual wear OR you may choose to dress accordingly.

**EXCURSION DAY**

* **Excursion #1 - Whitewater Rafting on Upper Section of Big Pigeon River** –
	+ Cost - $30 per person
	+ 5-mile trip featuring 12 Class III & 3 Class IV rapids
	+ About a 1-hour bus trip from Pigeon Forge
	+ Each raft will contain a trained guide in boat
	+ Helmet, life jacket, and paddle provided
	+ Swimsuits or comfortable clothing that can get wet needed
	+ Tennis shoes, water shoes, or river sandals only…no flip-flops, Crocs, or bare feet
	+ Don’t forget sun screen!
	+ Bring towel and change of clothes…showers available at Outpost
	+ Lunch is available at Outpost *($7-10 meals)*
	+ Sign-Up by Thursday, May 14 *(on door)*
	+ Liability Forms must be returned by Tuesday, May 26
* **Excursion #2 – Hiking to Laurel Falls & Picnic Lunch in Great Smoky Mountain National Park**
	+ Cost - $8-10 per person
	+ 45-minute bus ride into National Park
	+ Hike is 2.6 miles roundtrip / About 2 hour hike
	+ Moderate grade – paved trail with some steep areas
	+ 80-ft cascading water fall
	+ After hike, we’ll find a nice stream-side location for lunch
	+ Wear comfortable hiking clothing…including good shoes
	+ Don’t forget bug spray!
	+ May want to bring a towel or blanket for picnic lunch
* **Excursion #3 – Fun on the Pigeon Forge Parkway utilizing Trolley System**
	+ Cost - $3 per person + lunch + attractions
	+ Utilize the Pigeon Forge Trolley System - $3 Day Pass
	+ Must stay in groups of 3 or more
	+ May not return to hotel until 3:00 pm
	+ Contact number given in case of issues
	+ Bring cash or ATM card
	+ Cell phone recommended
	+ Go Cart Tracks / Arcades / Touristy Spots / Shopping
	+ NASCAR Speed Track - $28 wristband
	+ Fast Tracks Go Carts - $9 for two rides (B1G1)
	+ Wonder Works (Lazer Combo) - $28 online
	+ Titanic the Experience - $22 online
	+ Ripley’s Old McDonald’s Farm Mini-Golf - $6 (in advance)

**DEPARTURE MORNING**

* Bandroom opens at 4:30 am
* Check-In Medications & Band Bank Envelopes
* Place luggage underneath assigned bus
* Place personal belongings on bus
* Check roll at 5:00 am
* Instruction given to load

**RULES & POLICIES**

* No alcohol, tobacco, medications
* Hotel rules *(opposite sex rooms, curfew, noise, damage to room)*
* PDA rules *(bus, hotel, other places)*
* Room checks
* School Dress Code *(swimsuit review)*
* Be on time, where you need to be, & pay attention
* Trash & food *(bus, restaurants, rooms, etc.)*
* Respect yourself…and respect others!
* Staff & Chaperone Authority
* Language & Actions…be a great representative!
* Don’t sweat the small stuff!
* Leave a great impression!
* Consequences: *Chaperone Arrest, Sent Home*

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

* Contact Gray Weaver @ 850-324-9768 or Michael Schultz @ 850-525-9551.

***PACKING LIST - WHAT TO BRING***

**\_\_\_\_\_ Meal & Spending Money**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Bus Trip Extras** *(DVD’s, MP3 Player, Games, etc.)*

**\_\_\_\_\_ Snacks and Drinks for bus & room** *(mini- in each hotel room)*

**\_\_\_\_\_ Casual Clothes for 6 days**

*\_\_\_ Shirts*

 *\_\_\_ Shorts*

 *\_\_\_ Underwear*

 *\_\_\_ Pants*

*\_\_\_ Jacket/Sweater for cooler evenings*

 *\_\_\_ Socks*

 *\_\_\_ Comfortable Walking Shoes*

 *\_\_\_ Appropriate Swimwear & Cover-ups*

**\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Hygiene Supplies** *(toothbrush, deodorant, brush, etc.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Swimsuit for Water Activities** *(hotel pool, whitewater rafting)*

**\_\_\_\_\_**  **Beach Towel for Water Activities**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Change of clothes for Water Activities**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Plastic bag for wet clothes**

**\_\_\_\_\_** **Sunglasses, Hat, Sunscreen, Insect Repellent**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone or Plan for calling home** *(calling card, etc.)*

**\_\_\_\_\_ *“Ready to Have Fun”* Attitude!!!!!!!**

***MILTON HS BAND TRIP ITINERARY 2015 – ATLANTA & SMOKY MTS***

**Saturday, May 30**

 5:00 am – Meet at Bandroom / Load

 5:30 am – Depart for Six Flags

 1:00 pm - Arrive @ Six Flags

 3:00 pm - One Meal Voucher Included / One Meal on Their Own

 9:00 pm - Park Closes. Travel to & check-In at hotel *(Courtyard Atlanta Cumberland Center)*

**Sunday, May 31**

 7:30 am - Wake-Up / Load Buses *(hotel breakfast available…early lunch)*

 8:45 am - Depart for Dillard, GA *(2 hrs / 128 miles)*

11:00 am - Lunch at the Dillard House– *Family-Style AUCE Country Cooking! (meal included)*

12:30 pm - Depart for Pigeon Forge, TN *(2 ½ hrs / 90 miles)*

 1:30 pm - Sightsee Smoky Mountains

 4:00 pm - Arrive at Hotel *(The Inn on the River)*

 7:15 pm - Hatfield McCoy Dinner Show *(meal included)*

**Monday, June 1**

 7:30 am - Wake-Up / Hot Breakfast Buffet @ Hotel *(meal included)*

 9:00 am - Depart for day in Gatlinburg

 9:30 am - Arrive at OberGatlinburg Aerial Tram – take Aerial Tram up to Ski Mountain

10:00 am - OberGatlinburg Amusement Park *(ice skating, alpine slide, scenic chair lift, mini-golf, maze, etc)*

12:00ish - Return in small groups / free time sightseeing Gatlinburg / Lunch on your own in Gatlinburg

 4:30 pm - Meet @ Aquarium of the Smokies / Tour Aquarium

 7:30 pm – Lumberjack Feud Dinner Show *(meal included)*

10:00 pm - Return to hotel

**Tuesday, June 2**

 8:00 am – Wake-Up / Hot Breakfast Buffet @ Hotel *(meal included)*

 9:00 am – Group Excursions Day *(Whitewater Rafting / Hiking / Fun on the Parkway)*

12:00 pm – Lunch on their own

 4:00 pm – Everyone back at hotel / Depart for Comedy Barn

 5:00 pm - Comedy Barn Family Show

 6:30 pm – Depart for Dixie Stampede Dinner Show

 8:15 pm – Dixie Stampede Dinner Show begins *(meal included)*

10:00 pm – Return to Hotel

**Wednesday, June 3**

 7:30 am - Wake-Up / Hot Breakfast Buffet @ Hotel *(meal included)*

 9:00 am - Load luggage / Check out of Hotel / Depart for Milton

 1:00 pm - Lunch stop at Galleria Mall Food Court in Birmingham

 2:30 pm - Continue to Milton

 6:30 pm - Arrive back at Milton HS