

MILTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRIP 2019

ATLANTA, GA & PIGEON FORGE, TN

January 2-7, 2019

DATES & TIMES

- Wednesday, January 2 – Meet at 6:30 am
- Monday, January 7 – Arrive around 6:00 pm

PERSONNEL

- 168 participants – 133 students / 6 school-board employees / 29 adults

TRANSPORTATION

- Gulf Coast Tours – Mobile, AL
- Three 56-passenger charter buses
- Air-Conditioned, DVD-Equipped
- Restroom on board (*rest stops*)
- Movies (*G or PG-rated*) –Write Name on DVD
- Bus Sign-Up – Already done

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Courtyard Atlanta Cumberland Center** – *Wednesday, January 2*
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** – *Thursday, January 3 through Monday, January 7*
2492 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
(865)-868-5400
Website: www.myinnontheriver.com
- Students stay 4 per room / Adults stay 2 per room
- Indoor Pool / Large Hot Tub
- Rooming Lists on Instrument Room Door
- Keurig Coffee Maker, Hair Dryer, Iron, Mini-Fridge

ATTRACTIONS & MEALS INCLUDED

- Six Flags Admission
- Six Flags AUCE Buffet (one-hour)
- Snow Tubing at Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center
- Family-Style Lunch at the Dillard House
- Scenic Tour through Great Smoky Mtn National Park
- Hatfield-McCoy Dinner Show
- Hot Breakfast Buffet at Hotel (Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon)
- Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show
- Dollywood Theme Park
- \$10 Meal Ticket @ Dollywood Theme Park
- OberGatlinburg Winter Wristband (*Aerial Tram, Ice Skating, Scenic Chairlift, Wildlife Encounter, Rockwall, Carousel*)
- Ripley's Aquarium + 1 Other Ripley's Attraction
- Excursion Day Activity (*paid prior to leaving*)

ATTRACTION & MEALS NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks-Snacks in Six Flags - \$10-20
- 2nd meal in Six Flags - \$10-20
- Possible Breakfast at Atlanta Hotel (*not recommended*)
- Dinner in Pigeon Forge on Thursday night - \$10-20
- Excursion Day Lunch (*Skiing & Free Time groups only*) - \$10-20
- One meal at Dollywood on Saturday (*one \$10 meal ticket provided*) - \$10-20
- **Recommended Amount - \$100-\$225**
- Activities at OberGatlinburg (*Ice Bumper Cars-\$7; Mountain Coaster-\$15; Snow Tubing-\$25-waiver required; Cubbies Snow Zone-\$5*) - \$10-50
- Lunch in Gatlinburg - \$10-20
- Possible Other Attractions in Gatlinburg - \$10-20
- Lunch @ the Galleria en route home - \$10-20
- Souvenirs - \$20-40

- **Band Bank Option** – Envelopes for Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday...deposit on Wednesday morning...distribute at breakfast

MEDICATIONS

- School-Board Policy...turn in all prescription medications; original bottles; documentation.
- Turn-in on Wednesday morning...distribute at breakfast & hotel at night; other times.
- Over the Counter Medications...we will supply unless it is part of a daily prescription.

WHAT TO WEAR

- Rule about Swimwear..."if it jiggles, cover it up!"
- Six Flags...comfortable clothes that can be layered. Good walking shoes. Avg Temps are 35° to 52°.
- Clothes for Thursday through Monday...school appropriate clothes that can be layered. Avg Temps are 26° to 48°. Heavy coat, winter hats, gloves, insulated underwear, scarfs, etc are encouraged.
- Dinner Show Clothes...casual wear OR you may choose casual dressy if you'd like.

EXCURSION DAY

- **Excursion #1 – Snow Skiing at OberGatlinburg**
 - Cost - \$49 per person
 - Dress in layers!!!
 - Jackets & Gloves
 - Water-Proof or Water-Resistant Pants
 - Glasses/Sunshades with Straps
 - Tennis Shoes
 - May rent Jacket (\$12), Bibbers (\$12), and Helmet (\$6) from OberGatlinburg
 - One Group Lesson included
 - Liability Forms must be returned by Thursday, Dec. 13
- **Excursion #2 – Hiking to Laurel Falls (or possible alternative) & Picnic Lunch in Great Smoky Mountain National Park**
 - Cost - \$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
 - Layer your clothes/comfortable walking shoes
 - Subway lunch provided (online order)
 - 80-ft cascading water fall
 - After hike, we'll find a nice stream-side location for lunch
 - Wear comfortable hiking clothing...including good shoes
 - May want to bring a blanket for picnic lunch
- **Excursion #3 – Fun on the Pigeon Forge Parkway utilizing Trolley System**
 - Cost - \$10 per person + lunch + attractions
 - 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 - \$30 wristband
 - Wonder Works (Lazer Combo) - \$28 online
 - Titanic the Experience - \$22 online
 - Ripley's Old McDonald's Farm Mini-Golf - \$15 online
- **Excursion #4 – Cades Cove Trip & Picnic Lunch**
 - Cost - \$30 per person
 - We'll travel in two 7-passenger minivans
 - 45-minute drive to Cades Cove from hotel
 - Bring Cameras
 - Layer your clothes as we'll be touring outside locations along the car route
 - Subway lunch provided (online order)

DEPARTURE MORNING

- Bandroom opens at 5:30 am
- Check-In Medications & Band Bank Envelopes
- Place luggage underneath assigned bus when instructed
- Place personal belongings on bus when instructed
- Check roll at 6:30 am
- Depart by 9:00 am

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.

SIGN-UP FOR EXTRA RIPLEY'S ATTRACTION

(All Trip Participants)

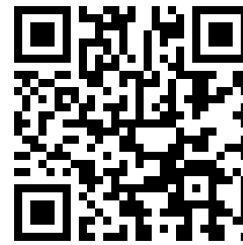
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SIGN-UP FOR SUBWAY LUNCH BOX

(Cades Cove & Hiking Excursion Only)

Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/yRHOPa8wqpZ83u6o2>



Please sign-up for the appropriate REMIND Text Groups!!!

All Trip Participants Remind Group Texting:

text @mhstrip to the number 81010

Band Trip Adults Remind Texting Group:

text @tripadults to the number 81010

Band Trip Leadership Remind Texting Group:

text @tripleader to the number 81010

BAND TRIP 2019 – ITINERARY – ATLANTA & SMOKY MOUNTAINS

Wednesday, January 2

- 5:30 am - Bandroom Opens
- 6:30 am - Meet at Bandroom
- 7:00 am - Depart for Atlanta (300 miles / 5 hours + time change)
- 1:00 pm - Arrive at Six Flags Over Georgia / Fun in Park
- 2:00-3:00 pm – AUCE Buffet at Reserved Pavilion (Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, etc)
Dinner – On Your Own (\$\$\$ needed)
- 9:00 pm - Park Closes / Head to Hotel (Duluth-area...37 miles or 45 mins)
- 10:30 pm - Check into Hotel / Sleep

Thursday, January 3

- 7:00 am - Breakfast on Your Own (recommend bringing a snack for room)
- 8:00 am - Depart for Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center (100 miles / 2 hours)
- 10:30 am - Arrive at Scaly Mountain / Snow Tubing!
- 1:00 pm - Lunch at Dillard House
- 2:30 pm - Head to Pigeon Forge...over the mountains (91 miles / 3 hours)
- 6:30 pm - Arrive at Hotel in Pigeon Forge / Check-In
- 8:30 pm - Dinner on the Pigeon Forge Parkway...30+ eateries within 1 mile of hotel! (\$\$\$ needed)

Friday, January 4

- 7:00 am - Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:30 am - Excursion Day (Cades Cove, Hike @ Laurel Falls, Fun on the Strip)
Lunch - Cades Cove & Hike (included in excursion) / Snow Skiing & Pigeon Forge Parkway (\$\$\$ needed)
- 5:00 pm - Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show (Dinner provided)

Saturday, January 5

- 8:00 am - Breakfast at Hotel
- 11:00 am - Dollywood Theme Park all day (closes at 9:00 pm)
Lunch - On Your Own (\$\$\$ needed)
- Dinner - \$10 Meal Ticket Provided for Dollywood

Sunday, January 6

- 7:30 am - Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:30 am - Depart for Gatlinburg
- 9:00 am - Visit OberGatlinburg (aerial tram, ice skating, etc) / Gatlinburg Strip / Other Ripley's Attraction
Lunch - On Your Own (\$\$\$ needed)
- 3:00 pm - Meet at Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies
- 5:15 pm – Arrive at Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show
- 6:00 pm – Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show (Dinner Provided - AUCE Fried Chicken & Ribs)

Monday, January 7

- 7:30 am - Breakfast at Hotel / Check-Out / Load buses
- 8:30 am - Depart for Milton (500 miles / 8 hours + time change)
- 12:30 pm CST – Lunch at Riverchase Galleria Mall in Birmingham (\$\$\$ needed)
- 6:00 pm - Arrive back in Milton

PACKING LIST - WHAT TO BRING

- Meal & Spending Money**
- Bus Trip Extras** (*DVD's, Phone Chargers, Headphone for Electronics, Games, etc.*)
- Snacks and Drinks for bus & room** (*mini-fridge in each hotel room*)
- Casual Clothes for cooler weather - 5 days**
 - Long Sleeve Shirts*
 - Underwear*
 - Pants*
 - Insulated Underwear*
 - Coat/Jacket*
 - Winter Apparel – Gloves, Hat, Scarf, etc.*
 - Socks*
 - Comfortable Walking Shoes*
 - Hiking Shoes/Boots (for those choosing that excursion)*
 - Snow-Skiing apparel (for those choosing that excursion)*
 - Appropriate Swimwear*
- Personal Hygiene Supplies** (*toothbrush, deodorant, brush, etc.*)
- Swimsuit for Water Activities** (*hotel pool*)
- Cell Phone or Plan for calling home** (*calling card, etc.*)
- "Ready to Have Fun" Attitude!!!!!!**

We'll check and email out the weather forecast at the beginning of the week of the trip.

Remember...the normal average temps for this time of year are...

Atlanta – 39° to 52°

Pigeon Forge – 26° to 48°

Layer your clothing for warmth and also so that layers can be removed as needed during the day!