

## **Spring Trip – Gatlinburg 2017 – Preliminary Information** **South Davie & William Ellis MS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands**

Plans for this year's spring trip are underway, and this year's trip will be done in conjunction with students from the South Davie & William Ellis 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands. This will be a collaborative event, and one that we hope our students will enjoy. Be sure to return the attached form and first deposit by the deadline to hold their spot.

### **Date Proposal**

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> & Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Hotel**

Country Inn & Suites Gatlinburg (Quad Occupancy with 4 Students)

### **Bus**

\$2,600 (Does not include driver's room.)

### **Attractions**

Ripley's Aquarium, Ripley's Oddities, Genesis Book of World Records

### **Music in the Park & Dollywood**

Includes park ticket and 1 Saturday meal voucher.

### **Meals & Extra Money**

Friday Dinner: TBA (Included in Cost)

Saturday Breakfast: Hotel (Included in Cost)

Saturday Lunch: Park Voucher (Included in Cost)

### Not Included in Cost

Extra money needed for Friday breakfast, Friday lunch, Saturday dinner on way home.

### **Other Costs**

Includes money to help cover security guard, drivers room, driver's tip, unexpected rise costs, etc.

**Estimated Total for Students: \$240**

### **Chaperones**

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### **Date Proposal**

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> & Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

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Country Inn & Suites (Double Occupancy with One Other Adult)

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### **Other Costs**

Includes money to help cover security guard, drivers room, driver's tip, unexpected fuel costs, etc.

**Estimated Total for Chaperones: \$200**

## **Trip Reservation & Payment**

Space is limited, and for this trip, we have room for 53 students and parents. Once we receive your deposit and commitment form, your spot will be secured. Any forms returned after the deadline are not guaranteed a spot on the trip. We have divided the price for the trip in a manner that will hopefully make it easier to make payments. Below, we have listed payment due dates and the minimum amount due each time:

11/18/16	Deposit Due	\$50 (1 <sup>st</sup> Payment)
1/6/17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment Due	\$50
2/3/17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment Due	\$70
3/10/17	4 <sup>th</sup> Payment Due	\$70

The above amounts are what we need from each participant in order to ensure we are able to meet the travel companies' payment deadlines of 30, 60, and 90 days prior to our departure. Please make sure payments are made on or before the deadline so that we have time on our end to process payment. We want everyone that has a desire to go to have that opportunity, so PLEASE communicate with us if issues arise.

## **Financial Aid**

If you are in need of financial assistance to make this trip possible for your student, please notify the band directors. In order to be eligible for funding, students should have participated in fundraisers by selling items in order to earn credit toward their balance. We can also explore other possibilities that will help your student find the money for this event. We do not want a student to not attend due to not having the money, and we will do our best in helping make this opportunity happen.

## **Withdrawal Penalties**

**\*More than ninety (90) days prior to departure date:** Full refund less deposit and any charges or penalties assessed by outside services/vendors.

**\*46 to 90 days to departure:** Full refund less deposit and \$25 cancellation fee per person plus any charges or penalties assessed by outside services/vendors.

**\*Less than forty-five (45) days prior to departure date:** No refunds. Group shall be responsible for any additional charges or penalties assessed by outside services/vendors.

**ALL REFUND REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MR. MCCRARY IN WRITING. FAILURE TO FOLLOW SPECIFIC REFUND GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN REFUSAL OF THE REQUEST.**

The reason? We pay for the trip in full 45 days prior to departure; therefore, once we reach a certain deadline, we are not able to get the money back from the company, and we do not have funds on hand to give out. Please be aware of this policy!

## **Rooming**

Rooming assignments will be completed by the beginning of March for submission to the hotel by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Students and adults are in separate rooms.

## **Other Reminders**

Students that are on Level 1 or 2 at the time of trip departure will not be allowed to go, and will not be given a refund.

Directors have the right to not permit students to travel due to behavior concerns.

Information such as rooming lists, bus lists, and a detailed travel itinerary will be solidified and distributed as we get closer to the event.

Thank you for your support of the South Davie & William Ellis Bands!

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