

Memo

To: Members and Parents, Selected High School Bands and Orchestras
From: Denton Stokes & Michael Cook, *Band Directors* & Anne Rupert, *Orchestra Director*
Date: November 5, 2008
Re: Band/Orchestra Competition in Gatlinburg, TN April, 2009

Preliminary arrangements are underway for the Robinson High School Bands and Orchestras to compete next April in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg. The purpose of this memo is to provide pertinent information and seek parental approval so that arrangements may move forward. As you may know, student interest and participation is essential for this performance and trip to become a reality. **Parents wishing to chaperone may so indicate on the last page of this letter, to be returned by November 25th.** This information will be given to the RBOPO Spring Trip Coordinator. If you have questions, please feel free to call Mr. Stokes at 703-426-2147 or Mrs. Rupert at 703-426-2143. Thanks.

FESTIVAL COMPANY

Smoky Mountain Music Festival
601 Westborough Road
Knoxville, TN 37909
1-800-553-1032
www.smmfestival.com
www.gatlinburg-tennessee.com/conventions/center.html

HOTEL

Park Vista Hotel
705 Cherokee Orchard Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
1-800-421-7275
www.parkvista.com

DRAFT ITINERARY / SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Thursday, April 23rd, 2009

4:00 AM Arrive at Robinson with all required equipment/personal items
4:30 AM Load Buses
5:00 AM Depart Robinson (**eat at home or bring breakfast food**)
11:00 AM Lunch Stop / Sullivan TN Rest Stop & Welcome Center (**bring a sack lunch & drink**)
12:00 PM Depart for University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2:00 PM Rotating Rehearsals / UT
5:00 PM Dinner / Calhoun's on the River, Knoxville / included / www.calhouns.com
7:00 PM Depart for Gatlinburg
8:00 PM Arrive Gatlinburg Park Vista Hotel / Unload & check in
9:00 PM Free time / Indoor pool facility
11:00 PM Room Curfew

Friday, April 24th, 2009

7:00 AM Breakfast / Hotel Buffet / included
TBA Rotating Festival Performances / Gatlinburg Convention Center
Lunch Rotating / Hotel Buffet / included
TBA Rotating Free time / Hotel or Downtown Gatlinburg
TBA Festival Awards / Gatlinburg Convention Center
11:00 PM Pizza in Rooms (tentative) / Room Curfew / included

Saturday, April 25th, 2009

7:30 AM Breakfast / Hotel Buffet / included
9:00 AM Depart for Great Smoky Mountain Nation Park Tour & Hike / included / www.nps.gov/grsm/
12:00 PM Optional Activities (Signups) / Dollywood,, Downtown Gatlinburg / included
www.dollywood.com / www.gatlinburg.com
Lunch **Dollywood or Downtown Gatlinburg / on your own**
6:45 PM Downtown Gatlinburg folks meet buses and load for Dixie Stampede
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7:00 PM All buses depart for Dixie Stampede / www.dixiestampede.com/pigeonforge.php
7:15 PM Arrive Dixie Stampede for show & dinner / included
10:30 PM Return to Hotel / Free time / Indoor pool facility
12:00 AM Room Curfew

Sunday, April 26th, 2009

7:00 AM Breakfast / Hotel Buffet / included
8:30 AM Load buses
9:00 AM Depart Hotel
1:30 PM **Lunch / Roanoke's Valley View Mall / on your own / www.valleyviewmall.com**
2:45 PM Depart Roanoke
6:30 PM Arrive Robinson / unload / clean buses / store gear / go home...

- Two school days missed (Thursday, Friday)

PROJECTED COST: \$595

Cost includes: all transportation, 3 nights lodging and buffet breakfasts, admission to attractions as indicated, performances & events, insurance, photos, all festival costs, and most meals. To assist with the trip cost, students are encouraged to participate in the fall fund-raisers, and all earned fund-raising credits will then be applied to the student account balance. Student account statements will be processed and distributed in January. All student account balances must be paid by February 15th.

Estimated cost for sightseeing, meals, and souvenirs (not included in above) is approx \$100, to include: Saturday lunch, cash for optional activity, Sunday lunch, and all other incidentals. Optional activities signups will be conducted in conjunction with room signups.

MOTOR COACHES: New World Tours

Finally

The Robinson music department has a long history of successful travel and participation in competitions and festivals, including recent trips to Orlando, Virginia Beach, Atlanta, and Gatlinburg. Robinson has competed successfully at this event in the past, which due to location, organization and reputation, will provide a musical and competitive challenge as well as an enjoyable and educational experience.

ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BAND & ORCHESTRA SPRING TRIP

Gatlinburg, 2009

(one form per student please)

STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT ROBINSON ID # _____

PERFORMING ENSEMBLE _____

MY SON/DAUGHTER WILL PARTICIPATE * - Requires \$100 Deposit, see below

PARENT FIRST/LAST NAME: _____

Parent Signature

"Parents requesting to chaperone may either: 1) return page 3 of this form so indicating, which will then be forwarded to the trip & chaperone coordinators, or 2) send an e-mail to chaperone@robinsonband.org no later than Tuesday 11/25. Chaperone assignments will be confirmed once the trip has been approved as a "go" based on student response, approximately January 7th."

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR DIRECTOR BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

THANKS!

* - Please attach a check payable to RBOPO in the amount of \$100.00 with the return of this form. **THESE CHECKS WILL NOT BE DEPOSITED AT THIS TIME.** If, based on student response, the directors elect not to travel, the checks will be returned for your disposal. If student response makes our participation possible, parents will be notified and the checks will be deposited as a **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit toward trip expenses.