

Wapakoneta High School Band  
Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge Trip  
May 12-15, 2022

Dear Parents,

Every four years members of the Wapakoneta High School Band are given the opportunity to take a trip. This is an opportunity for the band to perform and an experience they will remember for years to come. The trip is scheduled from Thursday, May 12th through Sunday, May 15th, 2022 in Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Noteworthy Tours, Inc. will be handling payments and registration for the trip. Attached you will find the "Trip Policy". This document outlines how to register, when payments are due, the amounts of the payments, how to make payments, cancellation policies, payment policies and travel insurance. Carefully read through all of the information before enrolling for the trip. A tentative itinerary can be found on the high school band website <https://www.wapak.org/page/high-school>.

All participating students must submit a completed registration form online with the \$150 deposit by October 15, 2021. **(THIS REGISTRATION IS FOR STUDENTS ONLY. ADULTS THAT ARE SELECTED TO CHAPERONE WILL REGISTER AT A LATER DATE.)** When registering, you are agreeing to the Trip Policies. The current cost for the trip for students is \$726.00 (Quad Occupancy). Trip costs may be adjusted slightly as the number of trip participants increase or decrease.

At this time we are planning on taking 2 charter buses for the trip, which will allow seats for 98 students and 10 chaperones. Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis so be sure to get your deposit and registration submitted as soon as possible. Once the 2 buses are full we will develop a waiting list for the possibility of adding a 3rd bus. We have to pay for each bus so every empty seat we have will increase the cost of the trip.

### FUNDRAISING

The Band Boosters are planning on offering fundraising opportunities for students to raise money to help with part of the trip cost. More information will be given to the students at a later date. Money from the fundraising can not be used for the \$150 deposit on October 15th.

### CHAPERONES NEEDED

We are presently seeking parent volunteers to chaperone. In order to encourage parent volunteers the cost of the trip for chaperones (Double Occupancy) has been reduced from \$894 to \$433.50 per chaperone. The payments for the trip will be spread out over 4 payments of with the first payment due on November 15th.

Before volunteering, be aware that this is a working trip for the chaperones. You will have an opportunity to enjoy all the events and attractions that the students do but will be responsible for approximately 12 students for the entire tour, and will need to help the directors in any way possible. We can not guarantee that you will be chaperoning your son or daughter's group, but we will do our best.

Keep in mind that once committed to being a chaperone we expect that your commitment will be fulfilled. If for whatever reason, you decide to pull out of this position the money invested up to that point will be non-refundable until we find a suitable replacement for your position. If a student of a chaperone quits the band program, we will seek to find a suitable chaperone replacement. If none is found you will still be permitted to attend the trip. If a replacement is found you will be refunded the money invested up to that point.

All adults going on the trip must have a current BCI and FBI background check submitted to the board office. Cost of background checks are not included in the trip cost.

Those parents interested in being a chaperone need to make their interest known by completing the chaperone application form found on the band website <https://www.wapak.org/page/high-school>. Applications must be submitted by October 15, 2021. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at [wimmst@wapak.org](mailto:wimmst@wapak.org) or call 419-739-5221.

Steve Wimmers  
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Wapakoneta City Schools



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## Working Itinerary

Tour ID: TN3144WMB

The Working Itinerary is a view of the current dates and times confirmed by vendors associated with your tour. A **Final Itinerary** will be available once ALL arrangements are confirmed.



## Wapakoneta High School Marching Band Tennessee Tour May 12-15, 2022



Band Director: **Steve Wimmers**  
Tour Consultant: **Randy Clark**

Tour Director:

September 1, 2021

### Thursday, May 12, 2022 (Depart to / Arrive in Tennessee!)

- 7:30 AM: Motorcoaches arrive at **Wapakoneta High School**, 1 Redskin Trail, Wapakoneta, OH.
- 8:00 AM: Depart to **Gatlinburg, Tennessee** via first class, restroom/DVD/equipped, climate controlled **BUCKEYE CHARTER SERVICE** motorcoaches.  
[www.buckeyecharterservice.com](http://www.buckeyecharterservice.com)
- Rest and meal stops en route at the band director's discretion including a meal stop at Georgetown, KY.
- 4:00 PM: Arrive at your Gatlinburg, TN-area **HOTEL** for check-in.  
Meet your **Noteworthy Tours Director**
- Evening: **DINNER** and **SHOW** at **Dolly Parton's Stampede** in nearby Pigeon Forge, TN  
Return to your hotel after the show
- 11:00 PM-7:00 AM: **HOTEL SECURITY**

### Friday, May 13, 2022 (Explore Gatlinburg & Pigeon Forge)

**BREAKFAST** at your hotel





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### **Friday,** (continued)

Visit **RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM OF THE SMOKIES**

Lunch on your own

Explore **SKYLIFT PARK GATLINBURG**

Admission includes SkyLift, SkyDeck, and SkyBridge.

**GUIDED BUS TOUR** of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

**DINNER** at **Hard Rock Café** or similar

**SHOW** at the **Comedy Barn**

Return to your hotel after the show

11:00 PM-7:00 AM: **HOTEL SECURITY**

### **Saturday, May 14, 2022 (Music in the Parks / Dollywood)**

**BREAKFAST** at your hotel

Marching Band **PERFORMANCE** in a **MUSIC IN THE PARKS** festival event at a local high school or church

*Performance time and location to be determined by Music in the Parks*

After the performance, depart to **DOLLYWOOD**

**MEAL VOUCHER** provided.

**AWARDS CEREMONY**

Park closes. Load motorcoaches and depart to your hotel

11:00 PM-7:00 AM: **HOTEL SECURITY**

### **Sunday, May 15, 2022 (Depart for / Arrive Home)**

8:00 AM: **BREAKFAST** at your hotel







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### Sunday, (continued)

- 9:00 AM: Check-out and load motorcoaches
- 9:30 AM: Depart for home
- 5:30 PM: Arrive at **Wapakoneta High School** with *Memories to Last a Lifetime!*

***Welcome home!***

***Thank you for traveling with Noteworthy Tours!!***





Exhibit A

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## Tour Package Inclusions

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### ♪ Transportation

- Roundtrip Transportation on first class, restroom/DVD/equipped, climate controlled **BUCKEYE CHARTER SERVICE** motorcoaches.
- Motorcoach Driver's Gratuity and Hotel Accommodations
- Motorcoach Parking and Tolls

### ♪ Accommodations

- Three Nights of Hotel Accommodations at Country Cascades, pending availability

### ♪ Meals

- Three Breakfasts at your Hotel
- One Dinner and Show at Dolly Parton's Stampede
- One Dinner
- One Dollywood Meal Voucher

### ♪ Admissions

- Admission to Dollywood
- Band Performance in the Music in the Parks Festival with Awards Ceremony
- Guided Bus Tour of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park with Step-On Guide
- Admission to Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies
- Admission to SkyLift Park Gatlinburg
- Show at the Comedy Barn

### ♪ Complimentary Packages

- Nine Complimentary Tour Packages Valued at the Double Occupancy Rate

### ♪ Additional Inclusions

- Attention to Details, Personal Service, Tour Planning, and a Detailed Itinerary
- Hotel Security (one, private security guard from 11:00 P.M.-7:00 A.M.)
- Noteworthy Tours Director to Manage Tour Details at Your Destination  
A Noteworthy Director will remain with your group 24 hours a day in Tennessee.
- Step-On Guide Gratuity
- Online Payments  
Individual payments are made online at [www.noteworthytours.com](http://www.noteworthytours.com).
- Noteworthy Tours Luggage Tag
- Noteworthy Tours Drawstring Bag OR Lanyard with Zippered Pouch
- Noteworthy Tours Virtual Briefcase  
Find the information you need quickly and easily, anytime you need it!
- All Taxes, Service Charges, and Gratuities
- Noteworthy Tours carries Commercial General Liability Insurance (\$4,000,000.00/General Aggregate; \$2,000,000.00/Personal Injury; \$4,000,000.00/Products) and \$200,000 Deposit Protection as recommended by SYTA (Student and Youth Travel Association)

### ♪ Options Available for An Additional Fee

- Group Travel Video Souvenir + Tracking/Messaging App: ADD \$10.00 per person

