

Gatlinburg Trip 2024!!!!

Dear Parents,

The William Lenoir Band and Chorus are planning to attend the 2024 Smokey Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg. The trip will be April 11-13, 2024. At this event, our groups will be competing for a rating (superior, excellent, etc.) and also a ranking with other schools (1st, 2nd, etc.) This festival will be a great opportunity for our groups to perform against some of the best bands and choruses from across the southeast.

The cost of the trip will be \$500.00 and will include: Entrance into the music festival and tickets to Dollywood Theme Park, Hotel for 2 night in Gatlinburg, Full Breakfast Friday and Saturday morning, Charter Bus transportation, a Theater Show, Dinner and an activity on Friday.

We have set up a payment schedule so you will not be responsible for the entire \$500.00 at one time. Also, any profits from the three fundraisers that the 8th grade band and chorus members participate in this year will go directly to the cost of that student's trip. The payment schedule will be:

September 25- September 29	1st Payment of \$125.00
October 30-November 3	2nd Payment of \$125.00
January 29-February 2	3rd Payment \$125.00
February 26- March 1	4th Payment of \$125.00 or balance

Along with performing in the festival, we will be participating in several other activities. We will travel to Gatlinburg on Thursday and go to The Comedy Barn. Friday we will perform, tour Gatlinburg, have an awards ceremony. Saturday we will spend all day at Dollywood Theme Park and return to Lenoir by 9:00pm. A more extensive itinerary will be sent to you closer to the trip date.

With any trip of this scale, we really need all of our students to attend. This will help our groups perform to the best of their ability. We also need the help of at least 12 chaperones. **Please note that per Caldwell County Broad of Education policy all chaperones must have a background check on file at the Education Center prior to chaperoning any school activity.** The cost for a chaperone will be \$500 because of the double occupancy of the hotel rooms, but your child can raise money to go toward your trip as well. A chaperone will be responsible for two rooms (8 students) for the length of the trip. If you would like to be a chaperone, please check the bottom of this letter and return it with your child.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 726-3910 or email Mr. Reid at tereid@caldwellschools.com or Mrs. Reid at creid@caldwellschools.com. Please sign and check the bottom portion of this letter and return it along with the attached Behavior Policy by Friday, September 15. Thank you for all your cooperation and support of the music programs at William Lenoir Middle School.

Sincerely,
Terry and Carla Reid

_____ Yes, my child will be able to participate in the annual 8th grade Band and Chorus trip to Gatlinburg, TN on April 11-13.

_____ No, My child will not be able to participate in the annual 8th grade Band and Chorus trip to Gatlinburg, TN.

_____ Yes, I would **LOVE** to chaperone the 8th grade band and chorus trip to Gatlinburg on April 11-13.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____