

## Gatlinburg Trip 2023!!!!

Dear Parents,

The William Lenoir Band and Chorus are planning to attend the 2023 Smokey Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg. The trip will be April 20-22, 2023. At this event, our groups will be competing for a rating (superior, excellent, etc.) and also a ranking with other schools (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 \$400.00 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, and a Dinner Theater Show.

We have set up a payment schedule so you will not be responsible for the entire \$400.00 at one time. Also, any profits from the three fundraisers that the 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>September 26- September 30</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Payment of \$100.00</b>
<b>October 31-November 4</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Payment of \$100.00</b>
<b>January 30-February 3</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Payment \$100.00</b>
<b>March 6- March 10</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Payment of \$100.00 or balance</b>

Along with performing in the festival, we will be participating in several other activities. We will travel to Gatlinburg on Thursday. Friday we will perform, tour Gatlinburg, have an awards ceremony and go to a Dinner Theater Show. 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 \$400 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](mailto:tereid@caldwellschools.com) or Mrs. Reid at [creid@caldwellschools.com](mailto: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 16. Thank you for all your cooperation and support of the music programs at William Lenoir Middle School.

Sincerely,  
Terry and Carla Reid

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child will be able to participate in the annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band and Chorus trip to Gatlinburg, TN on April 20-22.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, My child will not be able to participate in the annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band and Chorus trip to Gatlinburg, TN.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would **LOVE** to chaperone the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and chorus trip to Gatlinburg on April 20-22.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_