



*Colbert Heights High School
Pride of the Mountain Wildcat Marching Band
Custom 2024 Pigeon Forge Trip*



In May 2024, the Colbert Heights High School Band has the opportunity to participate in a parade hosted by The Island in Pigeon Forge! This will be a weekend trip where students will perform and then visit many of the attractions in the Pigeon Forge area!

REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY!!

There are many things that students and parents/guardians need to know about the trip - important guidelines, participation requirements, and specific trip details necessary to ensure a fun, safe, and rewarding trip for everyone. Participation in the trip is 100% optional!

Registration for this trip must be completed by the end of January 2024

Deposit must be received by February 13, 2024 to guarantee a seat on the trip.

It is important to understand that information related to the trip will evolve as plans are finalized over the coming months. Updates will be communicated by email to those registered for the trip. It is each student's and parent's/guardian's responsibility to be aware of the trip-related communications and respond accordingly as needed.

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2024 Pigeon Forge Trip Registration Link*

In order to account for everyone attending this trip, every individual (student, parent, sibling, etc.) planning on joining us will need to complete this Google Form to register for the trip. Registration for this trip must be completed by the end of January 2024.

<https://forms.gle/3hqwN92xW6KY8RfC6>



This form (as well as all other important documents in this packet) can also be accessed on the CHHS Band Website at <https://colbertheightsband.weebly.com/2024-pigeon-forge-trip.html>





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Custom 2024 Pigeon Forge Trip Itinerary*

DAY 1- Friday, May 17, 2024	
7:30 AM	Bus arrives at Colbert Heights High School
8:00 AM	Depart Colbert Heights High School for Gatlinburg, TN. Six-hour drive, plus one hour for lunch stop, plus one hour for time change. <u>Meal en route is on your own</u>
4:30 PM	Arrive at The Island at Pigeon Forge. Address: 131 The Island Drive, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
TBD	Performance time TBA– Shopping and Time to Explore afterwards
TBD	Group dinner at Hard Rock
9:00 PM	Hotel check-in at The Lodge at Five Oaks. Address: 1650 Parkway Sevierville, TN 37862
10:00 PM	Lights out *Professional Security Monitors from each hotel night
DAY 2- Saturday, May 18, 2024	
8:00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel (<i>included</i>)
9:00 AM	Load bus and depart for Dollywood.
9:30 AM	Spend the day at Dollywood for the day. Address: 2700 Dollywood Parks Blvd, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. \$40.00 voucher for meals (<i>included</i>)
8:00 PM	Load bus and go back to hotel
8:30 PM	Arrive at Hotel
9:30 PM	Lights out *Professional Security Monitors from each hotel night
DAY 3- Sunday, May 19, 2024	
8:00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel (<i>included</i>)
9:15 AM	Check out of the hotel and load the bus.
9:30 AM	Depart for Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies. Address: 88 River Rd, Gatlinburg, TN
11:30 AM	Load bus and depart for lunch
12:30 PM	<u>Lunch Stop en route on your own</u>
6:00 PM	Arrive Home at CHHS

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2024 Pigeon Forge Payment Schedule*

Tour Package Prices:

Quad (4 to a room)	Triple (3 to a room)	Double (2 to a room)	Single (1 to a room)
\$615.00	\$645.00	\$685.00	\$835.00

<u>Payment</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Fundraiser to offset cost of payment</u>
Payment #1/ Reserving your Spot	<i>Tuesday, February 13, 2024</i>	\$200 per traveler	Strawberry Fundraiser
Payment #2	<i>Tuesday, March 12, 2024</i>	\$200.00 per traveler	Tumbler and Donation-based Fundraiser
Payment #3	<i>Thursday, April 4, 2024</i>	\$215.00-335.00 per traveler (Remaining Balance)	Calendar Fundraiser

Things Included:

- Two-night hotel accommodation at The Lodge at Five Oaks
- ONE-Roundtrip motor coach transportation provided by Starship Coaches
- Bus Driver's accommodations, gratuity, and parking
- Performance at The Island at Pigeon Forge
- ONE DAY Dollywood Theme Park Admission
- Group dinner at Hard Rock Café- The Silver Menu
- \$40.00 for Meals at Dollywood
- Admission to Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies
- Two Breakfast buffets at your hotel
- Lanyard provided for each traveler
- Tour Guide and Tour Planning Services provided by Best in Class Tours
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If you wish to have a modified payment plan, please email Mrs. Kirk at jkirk@colbertk12.org

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2024 Pigeon Forge Packing List

It's time to start thinking about the items to pack for Pigeon Forge! When we get near the trip, please check the weather to see what we can expect in Pigeon Forge. Plan on **rain** and **hot** weather! Even though it may be hot, I suggest bringing a light jacket or sweater just in case.

Students will be allowed 1 (one) suitcase and 1 (one) carry-on bag (backpack, etc.) in addition to instruments/equipment and uniforms.

All students need to pack the following.

- 2024 Trip T-Shirt(s)**
 - 2023 CHHS Band Show T-Shirt**
 - Band Uniform accessories** (band shoes, black socks, gloves, etc.)
 - Tennis shoes** and/or other comfortable walking shoes.
 - Rain Jacket/Poncho**
 - Other clothes** (shorts, shirts, pants, hats, pajamas, swimsuit, undergarments, socks, sweatshirts, etc.)
 - Personal items** (contact solution, deodorant, toothbrush, etc.)
 - Spending money for meals** (Please note pre-authorized debit cards provide some extra security as opposed to cash). **You will need money for 3 (fast food) meals total.** Breakfast is included with our hotel, and we will have **1 group dinner** included in our trip (Hard Rock Cafe). While in Dollywood, we will receive meal vouchers (**2 \$20 meals**). As prices have risen, it might be a good idea to bring some extra money for meals inside the park if you would like snacks or a larger meal. Depending on how much you eat, \$20-\$40 should be *plenty* to cover you. Remember, you can bring water bottles and snacks into the parks to save money if desired.
 - Spending money for souvenirs.** There will be several opportunities to shop around and purchase souvenirs! Some souvenirs are very affordable (like postcards) while others can be very expensive (like a custom hoodie). I suggest setting a budget for yourself on how much you would like to spend on souvenirs and stick to that budget. I know many of you might want to buy gifts for friends and family. Try to come up with a plan on how much money to spend overall on gifts, and divide it between the number of gifts you are planning to buy.
 - Cell phone** – if you bring one, you will need a charger! Maybe bring a portable battery pack as well!
 - Instrument/equipment, reeds, oil... and all music.**
 - You may bring **movies (DVD only)**. All movies **MUST** be marked with your name. No rated “R” Movies will be allowed.
 - Headphones** are required for your devices on the bus.
 - Medications:** All medications that are to be taken on the trip must be administered by the student's parent/Guardian or the band director. If the band director sees anyone with unauthorized medication, it may be confiscated. To register any over-the-counter or prescription medication, please see the school nurse 2 weeks **PRIOR TO** the trip. This does not include personal Epi-pens or inhalers which can be kept on the student's person.
 - ★ Mark all luggage and personal valuables with your name and contact information.
 - ★ Remember that you, your room, and all personal belongings may be subject to search at any time.
- Start planning now - The time to go will be here before we know it!!**

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2024 Pigeon Forge Trip Frequently Asked Questions*

Who is performing?

The 2023 Wildcat Marching Band members. Unfortunately, this does not include the newest members to audition to be a part of the 2024 Guard and Majorette lines.

Will there be fundraisers for my student(s) to raise their own money to pay for the trip?

Yes! We will have 3 individualized fundraisers for students to offset costs of the trip (See Payment Plan for more information). Each student has their own spreadsheet that outlines how much they owe, how much they raised through fundraisers, and how much they have paid outright. If you ever want an update on your student's spreadsheet, just email the band director jkirk@colbertk12.org.

How many people are there per room?

The most affordable option is to have 4 to a room (max capacity per room). There are more expensive options if you choose to be in a room with less people (1-3. See the Payment Plan for more information).

Can we have more than 4 people in a room?

No. Hotel and trip policy. If your entire family is joining, they might need to split up between rooms to not exceed capacity.

Can I choose who to room with?

Yes and no. There will be strict guidelines for roommates (including girls and boys separation). There will be a sign up list for you to write down your preferences, but Mrs. Kirk will have the last say on who will be rooming together. I know many families will want to room together. I will do the best I can for the best overall rooming assignments!

What meals do we need to plan to pay for?

Like on the packing list: **You will need money for 3 (fast food) meals total!** Breakfast is included with our hotel, and we will have **1 group dinner** included in our trip (Hard Rock Cafe). While in Dollywood, we will receive meal vouchers (**2 \$20 meals**). As prices have risen, it might be a good idea to bring some extra money for meals inside the park if you would like snacks or a larger meal. Depending on how much you eat, \$20-\$40 should be *plenty* to cover you. Remember, you can bring water bottles and snacks into the parks to save money if desired.

Can we eat somewhere else during the group dinner?

No. Students are to join the rest of the band for all group dinners just like the other group activities in the itinerary. See the itinerary for more information.

Can students order food to their hotel room like pizza?

Maybe; only for special circumstances. You need to ask permission from the band director **BEFORE** you order anything. **No leaving your room after curfew**, so someone would need to bring food to you if anything is delivered afterwards.

I want to drive separately from the bus. Can my band student ride with us?

On the way to Pigeon Forge and throughout the trip, your student is to be with the rest of the band (including riding on the charter bus) as per Board policy. The student is to participate in all scheduled activities explained in the itinerary. There is a possibility that once the trip has commenced, you might be allowed to check out your student and stay in Pigeon Forge longer or have them ride back to Colbert Heights with you. TBD.

We are at the parks for a while. Can we leave to do something else in Pigeon Forge if we have a chaperone?

No. All students and chaperones on this trip are guests on this trip and to adhere to the itinerary. See the itinerary for more information.

What if there is an emergency and I need to leave my hotel room after curfew?

There are security guards posted outside in the halls. Have one escort you to the Band Director. If it is a dire emergency, Dial 911 before finding the band director. Please do not leave premises without informing the Band Director.

Can my student bring their over-the-counter medication for headaches and/or allergies?

If the band director sees anyone with medication, it may be confiscated. To register any over-the-counter or prescription medication, please see the school nurse 2 weeks PRIOR TO the trip. All registered medication must be administered by the band director or parent/Guardian. This does not include personal Epi-pens or inhalers which can be kept on the student's person.

It looks like there may be late nights and early mornings. Will my student be allowed to skip some things to get to the hotel sooner in the evening or leave the hotel later in the morning?

No. It will be tiring, but students are to try and get as much sleep as possible while at the parks to minimize fatigue. Being worn out by the end of the day will encourage students to go straight to sleep instead of staying up until 3AM. Students are to adhere to the itinerary unless there are VERY special circumstances.

Can students bring a pillow/blanket for the bus?

They can if they want. Take into consideration limited space.

Do students go to classes on Monday, May 20th?

Yes, they are expected to go to school after the trip for the last week of school unless otherwise indicated by their teachers.

I am concerned that my student will be unsafe during this trip. How do I know they will be taken care of?

Great question. Traveling outside of the state always has its risks, and it can be uncomfortable for some students/parents. We will be in top-of-the-line charters with professional drivers. We will have PLENTY of chaperones (some of whom have experience in Healthcare and services alike). We will have a personal security team hired by the hotel to take care of us while at the hotel. We will have a system that ensures a chaperone is with students at all times. We have a TIGHT schedule that keeps everyone busy and out of trouble. You can download apps to track your students' location. You can contact the band director at any time to check up on your student. You can befriend another parent who is going on this trip and ask them to take care of your student. There is always some amount of risk no matter where you go. But this might be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your student.

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2024 Pigeon Forge Trip Rules*

Participating in a performance trip is a special privilege with serious responsibilities. Every student traveling must be in good standing with CHHS and the music program to attend this trip. To ensure the safety of every traveling member and to retain the privilege of traveling for future students, all trip participants must agree to the following rules:

1. All applicable CHHS rules and dress code policies will be followed at all times.
2. Students are prohibited from carrying, consuming, or using any alcohol, narcotics, tobacco, e-cigarettes/vapes, fireworks, or firearms during the duration of the trip. Any student found in possession of the aforementioned substances is subject to be sent home immediately, at their parent's expense. In addition to school-imposed punishments or legal consequences, students could be sent home for such violations and may be prohibited from participating in ANY CHHS Band activities for the remainder of their high school career. For adults attending this trip, no tobacco products are to be used when on the bus, representing the band (having the band/school logo on clothes), or in the hotel rooms. There are designated smoking areas outside of the hotel and in the park.
3. Students will follow any instructions or requests given by any trip chaperone or by the director at any time.
4. Students will have an assigned room in the hotel. This is where students are to store all luggage and sleep. Students may not change rooms. Students are not permitted to enter the rooms of members of the opposite sex for any reason. Violations of this rule may result in the suspension of trip privileges, or the student being sent home as in rule #2 above.
5. Every night there will be an enforced curfew. The director will announce the exact time each evening. After curfew, all students must remain in their hotel rooms unless there is an emergency. To enforce the curfew, a security officer will monitor hallways throughout the night.
6. While in the hotel, students are not allowed to charge any services to their room, including but not limited to room service and on-demand movies/entertainment of any type. Any student found in violation of this policy will be required to pay for the expenses and will be subject to further disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the CHHS Band Director and administrators.
7. While traveling on the bus, we are sharing a "communal" living space. Students will refrain from using inappropriate language at all times. Individual electronic devices are acceptable as long as headphones are used. The buses are equipped with video monitors and DVD players. The chaperone or director must first approve movies and/or videos. No "R" rated movies will be accepted.
8. When traveling through the parks, students are to travel in groups of at least 2 and with at least 1 chaperone.
9. ALL students will be expected to follow all applicable school rules and policies regarding contact and displays of affection (see rule #1). Repeated violation of this rule may result in students being separated and monitored by chaperones for the remainder of the trip.

Remember that traveling with a school group is a very special privilege and that you are serving as a representative of our school and community. At ALL times treat equipment, furnishings, motor coaches and persons with respect. THIS INCLUDES PICKING UP ALL TRASH. Students will be held financially responsible for any damages or charges that occur as a result of their actions.

This list of rules cannot cover every conceivable situation that may be encountered. In any case, the director reserves the right to change or add special rules or policies as necessary to ensure the safety of all students.

Students who violate any of the trip rules (with the exception of punishments listed under #2) will receive a verbal warning and/or suspension of certain trip privileges. Students suspended from trip privileges will be confined to their room and have a chaperone monitor during selected activities. Any student who becomes a nuisance through repeated violations of trip rules will also face punishments upon returning home. These might include detentions, suspension from school activities, and expulsion from the music program.

I have read and understand the rules and expectations of the performance trip for the Colbert Heights High School High School Band. I agree to follow all rules and policies, and will follow instructions given by the director, chaperones, and other adult sponsors throughout the duration of the trip.

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and understand the rules and expectations of the performance trip for the Colbert Heights High School Band. I understand the terms and conditions of my student's continued participation in this event.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2024 Pigeon Forge Trip Swimming Permission Form*

On this band trip, we will be staying at a hotel that has a temperature-controlled pool. There MAY be ONE night when we arrive at the hotel before the pool closes. If your student wishes to swim in the hotel pool, they must follow these guidelines:

- Only age-appropriate swimsuits are to be worn in the pool. If it is questionable, it probably is not appropriate. Swim trunks for gentlemen. One or two piece swimsuits for ladies that cover the rear and bust.
- Follow all hotel pool rules at all times.
- A chaperone is to be present at all times while a student(s) is in the pool area.
- Student must be competent swimmer.
- Follow pool service hours.

I have read and agree to follow the rules and guidelines listed above, and any other pool rules that may be stated later.

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and understand that my student is to follow the rules and guidelines listed above. I understand that failure to adhere to these rules and guidelines may lead to my student's participation on this trip being compromised. By signing below, you are also stating that your student is a competent swimmer and has your permission to swim in the hotel pool if the opportunity arises.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2024 Pigeon Forge Trip Medical Consent Form*

Participant Name:	Date of Birth:
Parent/Guardian:	Parent/Guardian Phone:
Home Address:	
Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Number:

CONSENT:

(Responsibility Clause/Medical Permit)

I hereby give _____ (name of student) permission to participate in the 2024 CHHS Band Pigeon Forge Trip. I understand that Colbert Heights High School and every person involved in this trip is not to be held liable for any death, injury, damage, delay or irregularity that may occur on this tour. If my child needs to take medications while on this tour, I give permission for him/her to do so through the proper means. I understand that medications must be carried in the original (labeled) container and that prescription medications must be listed on this form. All medications are to be administered by the band director and/or designated parent/guardian if present. If there is an emergency, I give consent for a qualified physician to perform the necessary procedures. I understand the staff will make every effort to contact me before any action is taken. I authorize the physician to hospitalize and use other medications as deemed necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date:

Relationship to Student:

Participant's Signature & Date:

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

Currently Prescribed Medications	Dosage/Frequency
Medical Conditions	
Dietary Needs	Allergies
Physician Name	Physician Number
Health Insurance Company	Policy Number

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2024 Pigeon Forge Trip Chaperone Guidelines and Agreement Form

Thank you for your interest in serving as a chaperone for the band, understand it is a tough job. As an adult, typically the parent of a student on the trip, your role is to help get the kids safely and happily through the rigors of their action-packed itineraries. You are an extension of trip leadership and a liaison to the students. Chaperone responsibilities are substantial. It will be a rapid, non-stop series of constant duties, day and night, throughout the trip. Although we are always striving to make trips safe, enjoyable, educational and memorable events for our students, no chaperone should view a band trip as a vacation.

The Director will have high expectations of you, and your number one reason for being on a trip is to support the leaders and kids.

The four most important things to remember about being a good chaperone are:

- **Energy** – You will be present for every part of the trip. It's up to you to make sure that your students show up for breakfast, get on the bus, and to ensure they are ready for the next activity. You are 'mom or dad' away from home. You need to be able to keep up with it all with a smile on your face.
- **Positive Mental Attitude** – The mood of the group will be influenced by your attitude. If you're in a great mood, they will feed off your energy. If you're tired or frustrated, the kids will feel that and it will influence how they perceive their trip.
- **Flexibility** – It is so important to be able to calmly handle the changes that WILL come up on a trip, and to be mindful of expectations. The Director will do everything in their power to make things run smoothly, but changes will happen and every chaperone needs to be able to roll with it.
- **Good Leadership** – Even though today's kids are so independent, they still look to adults on the trip for guidance, especially when they are out of their comfort zones. There are times when they get excited or upset, and having a calm, mature voice of reason is crucial. The Director relies on the chaperones to respect and support the decisions that have been made, and the itineraries that have developed.

The Band Director will be in charge of the entire group during any trip. It is expected all chaperones will respect the decisions and authority of the Band Director.

CHAPERONE DUTIES AND RULES WILL INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

1. Responsible for their group of students throughout planning and execution of the trip.
2. Required to attend all band functions during the trip.
3. Responsible for getting their assigned group to breakfast on time.
4. Responsible for assuring students have all required items needed for the day's events.
5. Assist with bus loading and attendance.
6. Assist with equipment loading, unloading, and handling as needed.
7. Assist with snack and meal preparations, serving and clean-up.
8. Chaperones will always be available to provide TLC when needed!
9. NO CHAPERONE WILL ISSUE DISCIPLINE TO A STUDENT.
10. Report all problems to the Band Director.
11. All policies and procedures of the Dublin Unified School District will be applicable on all band trips: NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WILL BE TOLERATED BY ANY CHAPERONE.

Print Name (First and Last):

Signature

Date:

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2024 Pigeon Forge Driving Separately Form

This form is to be completed by any chaperone who is requesting to drive separately **to and from Pigeon Forge, FL** as a part of the Colbert Heights High School Band trip May 8-12, 2024.

Name of Driver (First and Last):	
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Name of other chaperone passenger(s) (if applicable):	
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Name of Student in Band (First and Last):	
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In the section below, please describe the vehicle you are planning to drive to Pigeon Forge. This information will enable the band director and other chaperones to identify you in the caravan.

Vehicle Make:		Vehicle Model:	
Vehicle Year:		Vehicle Color:	

Vehicle License Plate #:	
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By signing below, you confirm the following statements:

- I am a legally licensed driver with an up-to-date registration and driver's license.
- I assume the responsibility of keeping up with the group throughout the journey to and from Pigeon Forge, FL. The charter buses included in this trip will not make any unnecessary stops or detours in order to wait or catch up to individuals driving separately.
- I understand that Colbert Heights High School and Best in Class Tours are not liable for any accidents, mis-navigations, or other extraordinary circumstances that may affect your journey to and from Pigeon Forge, FL.
- I agree to ride with the rest of the group on the Charter buses while traveling to different destinations in Pigeon Forge, FL after parking my vehicle at the Rosen Hotel in accordance with the trip itinerary.
- I agree to stay with the group and abide by your chaperoning responsibilities. You will not travel to any unauthorized places during the trip (May 8 5:30PM- May 12 9:00AM).

Print Name (First and Last):

Signature

Date:
