

McCleskey Middle School Music Department 2017-2018 Dollywood Trip Payment Schedule

September 15	\$50 Non-refundable DEPOSIT
October 2	\$50 payment
November 1	\$50 payment
December 1	\$50 payment
April 16	balance (approximately \$20)*

* The \$220 trip cost is estimated based on 70 students/chaperons attending. If additional funds are required, families will be advised in writing. The final payment will be based on the number of trip participants. Students and chaperons will also need a small amount of money (approximately \$5 in one-dollar bills) for meal/hotel gratuities.

—Trip must be paid in full by April 16.

—Make all checks payable to McCleskey Middle School.

—Put all payments in a school safe; label payment envelopes
“Dollywood Spring Trip.”

Trip Costs

Students—\$220.00 (may be adjusted slightly based on final invoice)

- * Roundtrip bus transportation on chartered bus (Harmon Brothers Charter Service)
- * Participation in Dollywood performance
- * Thursday afternoon/all day Friday park admission
- * All meals for the trip
- * One nights in hotel, quad occupancy
- * Two McCleskey Band/Orchestra/Chorus T-shirts for wear in the park
- * Private security hired by the McCleskey Middle School Music Department

Chaperons—\$220.00 (may be adjusted slightly based on final invoice)

- * Roundtrip bus transportation on chartered bus
- * Participation in Dollywood performance
- * Thursday afternoon/all day Friday park admission
- * All meals for the trip
- * One night in hotel, double occupancy (single rooms *may* be available for an increased fee)
- * Two McCleskey Band/Orchestra/Chorus T-shirts for wear in the park
- * Private security hired by the McCleskey Middle School Music Department

Note: The final trip price may be adjusted based on the number of students and chaperons attending. Trip prices are based on preliminary estimations before park information for the 2017 season is released and may need to be adjusted slightly as costs are finalized.

Trip refund schedule:

December 1: All but \$50 deposit is refundable
March 1: 50% of full trip cost is refundable
April 16: Entire trip cost is non-refundable

This field trip will be finalized by October 2. Each performing group (band, orchestra, and chorus) must have at least 16 students signed up for the trip in order for that group to participate. Students may only be added after October 2 if there is room on the buses.



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SPRING TRIP INTENT FORM

Please return this form, along with a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 on or before September 15, 2017. Make checks payable to "McCleskey Middle School". Please put checks in the white money envelope and deposit into the school safe. Label all envelopes "Dollywood Spring Trip."

NO REFUNDS of paid fees will be made after April 16, 2018.

My child _____ has my permission to participate in the McCleskey Middle School Music Department trip to Dollywood Theme Park and Pigeon Forge, TN, on May 10-11, 2018. We have read the sample itinerary and the page titled "Considerations for you and your student BEFORE we leave on the trip."

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



If you are interested in serving as a chaperon for the trip, please send in a \$50.00 deposit and fill out the information below. Only parents or legal guardians will be approved to chaperon.

Name of Parent or Guardian

Cell Phone Number

Daytime Phone Number

Evening Phone Number

Chaperon Adult T-shirt size

Considerations for you and your student BEFORE we leave on the trip:

- * Behavior at school and in the band/orchestra/chorus room is taken into consideration by the directors and the school administrators. WE ASK THAT ALL STUDENTS USE GOOD JUDGEMENT BEFORE AND DURING THE TRIP SO THAT FUTURE CLASSES WILL HAVE THIS SAME OPPORTUNITY.
 - If any student is assigned OSS (out-of-school suspension) during the dates of the trip, he/she will not be allowed to participate.
 - If any student shows a pattern of documented misbehavior and/or ISS (in-school-suspension) or OSS, he/she may lose his/her privilege to attend the trip.
 - Students losing the privilege to attend will receive refunds based on the “trip refund schedule” published in this packet.
- * Attendance at ALL required concerts and functions is expected in order to attend the trip. Please post band/orchestra/chorus functions on your family calendar now.
- * Although we try to keep the costs as low as possible, increased transportation prices can make paying for the trip difficult. Consider working out a plan with your student so that they can help raise some of the money—babysitting, yard work for friends in the neighborhood, etc. We will not have a fundraiser specifically for this trip.
- * Students are not required to go on this trip, but it is a REWARD for three years in band, orchestra, or chorus. If they do not attend, they will not be penalized. The concert selections will be performed on our spring concerts, so every bit of rehearsal time utilizes every student. Don’t let your student convince you that we are “only working on Dollywood music in class.”
- * A FULL REFUND (except for the deposit) can be expected if you have to withdraw from the trip before December 1. Students who withdraw from the trip after that date (and through February 28) will receive a 50% refund. After February 28, many of the costs of the trips will have already been paid to the applicable companies (buses, restaurants, hotel, etc.); refunds from March 1-April 15 will be based on which costs have already been paid to those companies. No refunds are offered after April 16. The deposit is non-refundable unless we decide for some reason that the entire group will not be going.