

**Robinson Band & Orchestra 2009 Spring Trip – Gatlinburg!**  
**Departing Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 am & returning Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ approx 6:30 pm.**  
**Final Instructions for Parents & Students**

1. **Students**, take your shower and pack your travel items **Wednesday evening**, to include breakfast foods, sack lunch, drinks, luggage, carry-on bag, uniform, instrument, etc. Before you pack, log on to [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) for zip code 37738 and click on the 10-day forecast! Dress accordingly for Thursday, and pack accordingly for Friday through Sunday. Be sure to have **sturdy walking shoes** for the Great Smoky Mountain tour and hike on Saturday in the morning, (weather permitting) and Dollywood Amusement Park in the afternoon. When packing, be optimistic ~ bring sunscreen! And keep in mind that it is not fun to be wet or cold...
2. **Report time** for all students is Thursday at 5 am. **YES, 5 AM!** Set as many alarms as you need to ensure that you get out of bed. Be on time! **Chaperones**, please report no later than **4:45 am** in preparation for student arrivals.
3. **Parents, please do not enter the back parking lot with your vehicle.** Use the access road when dropping off students; buses will need access to the parking lot and plenty of room to maneuver when they arrive, and there will be hundreds of students on site. **Chaperones**, please park in the parking lot nearest to the trailers.
4. **Students** should leave all luggage, including carry-on items, uniform bag, and coolers on the sidewalk closest to the school. **Do not load any luggage or personal items either on or under the bus upon arrival.** You will be instructed when it is time to begin the loading process.
5. **Uniform check!** Please triple check that all concert uniform items are with you, to include: **boys**, jacket / pants / cummerbund / bow tie / tuxedo shirt / black socks / black shoes, and **girls**, concert dress / hose / black shoes. **Important:** Please pack shoes in luggage; **NOT** in or hanging from the uniform bag!
6. **Medications** may be dropped off on either Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> or Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:45 to 8:15 pm in the staff lunch room in the Robinson music wing. There will be signs and/or persons posted to direct you to this location. **Important:** due to the extremely early report time for this trip, **NO MEDICATIONS OR FORMS will be accepted on Thursday morning.** Meds **must** be dropped off at the above appointed times.
7. **Backpacks or small carry-ons** should be used to hold all required items for the bus ride to Gatlinburg. Students will not have access to the belly of the buses until hotel check-in on Thursday evening, (except for the retrieval and storage of instruments before and after the rotating rehearsals at the University of Tennessee). Recommended carry-on items include: contact lenses & supplies, sunglasses, cameras, pillow, blanket, and DVDs rated PG-13 or cleaner. Students are encouraged to share a **small cooler** between “bus buddies” for food & beverage items. Please coordinate with your seatmate for storage of breakfast, lunch, and beverages.
8. **The weather in Gatlinburg** this time of year is typically 70 during the day and 40 at night. That can vary **GREATLY** in the spring time, especially in the mountains. **Again, [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) for the forecast!!!**
9. **Students will need cash for the following:** Sunday lunch at Valley View Mall in Roanoke, plus extra for souvenirs, incidentals, vending machines, etc. All other meals and admissions are included in the trip fee. Recommended amount is certainly no more than \$20 per day; use your best judgment.
10. **If you have any questions regarding any of the above**, please feel free to contact the trip coordinator, Pat McMahan, at 703-426-2974 or [rbopovp@aol.com](mailto:rbopovp@aol.com). All messages and e-mails will be promptly returned.

**Let's go to Gatlinburg!**