

# Smith MS Band Spring Trip Friday and Saturday, May 18-19, 2018

## HOTEL INFO

Quality Inn and Suites  
3202 E. Surfside Blvd.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78402  
361-883-7456

## CURRENT ITINERARY (changes may occur)

There are two "Band Commandments" that we will live by for this trip: "Get Over It" and "Make It Work." We will adapt to any changes that must be made.

### MAY 18

7:30 AM Students arrive at school.  
Meet chaperone for luggage inspection.  
Place luggage on and under bus.  
Use Restroom.  
Load buses.  
8:00 Depart for Corpus Christi.  
11:30ish Stop for lunch  
3:00 PM Arrive and check-in to hotel.  
4:30 Load buses.  
5:00 Arrive at Funtrackers.  
Eat dinner and play!  
Ingleside JH students will join us.  
8:00 Depart for Hotel  
8:30 Swim at Hotel (if available)  
Hang out in common areas  
9:30 Back to rooms  
10:00 Light's out!

### MAY 19

7:30 AM Wake-up; shower!  
Get dressed (shorts and band shirt)  
8:00 Breakfast  
Pack  
9:00 Load equipment on the bus  
Depart for Performance  
10:00 Performance with Leon Taylor JH Band (Ingleside ISD)  
11:30 Lunch with LTJH Band  
12:30 PM Depart  
1:00 Explore USS Lexington  
4:00 Depart for Smith MS  
We will stop somewhere for dinner.  
You will need at least \$10.  
11:00 Arrive at SMS

## GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

### Trip Rules

- All CISD, SMS and SMS Band Rules apply at all times.
- Stay in a group of at least 4 SMS students at all times; no exceptions!
- Adhere to school appropriate dress code at all times.
- This is drama-free trip, we will all get along with each other.
- Do not question the instructions or information given to you by a director or chaperone.
- Do not engage in PDA (public displays of affection).
- Do not visit rooms of the opposite gender for any reason.
- Do not open hotel door or leave room after light's out.
- Do not disturb other hotel guests. Do not do anything illegal.
- Be respectful of chaperones, directors, guests and each other.

### Prohibited Items

- Illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, tobacco products)
- Weapons
- Medications not listed on the medical form and not held by a Band Director
- Items that create a mess (Water guns, silly string, etc.)

- Energy drinks (Monster, 4-hour energy, Red Bull, etc.)
- Pop-top soda; all drinks must have a screw-top lid.

### Problems/Consequences

#### Illness or Injury:

- Notify a chaperone, lifeguard, or other emergency personnel.
- Find adult help; they will find a director.

#### Minor Offenses (handled by chaperones):

- Not in a group of 4 or more SMS students (spend the rest of the day with a chaperone). Wait for each other at the restroom or concessions.
- Disrespect to chaperone/director (lost time at activity)
- Failure to be dressed appropriately (must change clothes; may lose time at an activity)

#### Major Offenses (handled by a director or administrator):

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| • Leaving room after curfew     | • Leaving approved areas             |
| • In room of opposite gender    | • Disrespect to chaperones/directors |
| • Disruptive behavior/horseplay | • Dress Code Violation               |

#### Severe Offenses (possible police involvement; could be sent home at parents' expense):

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| • Theft                   | • Weapons         |
| • Destruction of Property | • Sexual Behavior |
| • Alcohol/Tobacco/Drugs   | • Fighting        |

### Medication and Medical Form

**The medical form and medication is due to the school nurses no later than Monday, May 14.** Medication must be listed on the updated medical form in order to be administered, with doctor's signature. Please make sure you complete both sides of the form. If your child takes medication, please be specific. Please list allergies and treatments.

In order to administer ANY medication (over-the-counter or prescription), the following **MUST** be completed:

- Medication must be listed on the medical form with dosage.
- The medical form must be signed by a physician.
- The medication must be in the original packaging with your child's name clearly on it.
- No expired medication will be accepted.

**Only the medication listed on the medical form and given to the nurse by May 14 is allowed on the trip. Students may not carry any medication on them.**

For your consideration: Some medications that are taken once a day may be easier taken before your child comes to school on Friday and when they arrive back home on Saturday. This will prevent you from having to send medication and get a doctor's signature.

Mr. Hiller will handle all medication. Students must make arrangements with him to take medicine.

**Parents must pick-up all medication when they pick up their child on Saturday night.**

If medical attention is needed, we will take your child to the nearest hospital and contact you. Medical personnel will be charged with making appropriate decisions for the safety and wellness of your child.

## BEFORE THE TRIP

### Luggage Information

Students will be allowed their instrument, one piece of luggage (under the bus), one carry-on item to take on the bus, and a pillow and/or blanket. Anything you pack in your luggage will stay under the bus; you cannot access this until we arrive at the hotel (Friday) or arrive back at SMS (Saturday).

**All luggage, carry-on items, instruments, etc. will be inspected by a chaperone prior to loading the bus.**

Instruments: Students are responsible for making sure their instrument is loaded on the bus before departure. Flute, oboe, and clarinet will be stored in the overhead compartment above the seat. All other instruments will be stored in the cargo bay under the bus.

### Attire (packing list)

Friday arrival	School appropriate t-shirt, jeans or appropriate length shorts, footwear. You will wear this until after dinner.
Friday hotel (swimming; if available)	Swimwear Girls' <u>Swimwear</u> : One-piece. If wearing a two-piece, you must have a shirt.
Friday evening	Pajamas/appropriate sleepwear
Saturday	Band t-shirt, shorts, footwear (You will wear this all day) You may want to pack sunglasses and sunscreen as we will be outside most of the day.

### Toiletries

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap/Shampoo
- Hair products
- Make-up (keep it simple)
- Brush/Comb

### Items for the Bus

- Movies (label the case and disc with your name); G/PG rating; Bring to Mr. Hiller by Wednesday
- Pillow/blanket (cannot be shared)
- Sweater, sweatshirt, hoodie (charter buses can get cold)
- Carry-on (camera, portable gaming device, books, snacks)

### Other Items

- Glasses and/or contacts with cleaning solution
- Medication:
  - Must be given to the Nurse no later than Monday, May 14.
- Spending Money for snacks and souvenirs (please note, all meals are covered except Saturday's dinner)
- Sunscreen

### Meals

<b>Meal</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Breakfast	Before you arrive	Hotel lobby
Lunch	Jason's Deli at a Park	Meal with Leon Taylor JH Band
Dinner	Pizza buffet @ Funtrackers	You need at least \$10

## SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS

### Arrival Expectations

Students will meet their chaperone with their luggage to have it inspected for inappropriate items and then load all items on the bus. Once luggage is loaded on the bus, students are not permitted to bring new items on the bus. They will then use the restroom and board the bus.

### Charter Bus Expectations

Students are allowed one small carry-on item on the bus (i.e. backpack). Students will have pre-assigned seats. They are expected to remain in that seat and keep their area clean. Directors will select all movies shown. "Gender Assigned" seating will be enforced when traveling in the dark.

- The bus is our home while we are on the road, KEEP IT CLEAN!
- Stay in your assigned seat.
- Keep your voice at a moderate speaking level.
- Your music is your music – use headphones.
- Do not bother the bus driver, they are busy safely taking us where we need to go – be polite.
- Ask a chaperone if you would like to adjust the volume or the air conditioner - be polite.
- Be respectful of the other passengers and only use the restroom in emergencies.
- Only twist-cap drinks will be allowed on the bus, no pop-top soda cans.
- If you bring it on the bus, you take it off the bus!
- No band love on the bus!
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- Charter buses can be cold - blankets may not be shared.
- Only "MY" movies - movies are chosen by the adult in charge; If you are not going to watch the movie, respect those that are.
- Do not play in, or with the restrooms.
- Be on time - tardy people get off last.
- No horseplay!

### Hotel Check-In

Students will meet their chaperones for keys and check into their room. Students and the chaperone will inspect the room. Students may stay in their room or visit the lobby until our departure. Be mindful of other guests at the hotel. These expectations apply to any time we are in the hotel:

- Let your chaperone know of any problems with your room upon check-in.
- Do not leave the hotel for any reason.
- If you want to socialize with the opposite gender, do so in the common areas of the hotel, not rooms.
- No boys in girls' rooms; no girls in boys' rooms.
- Socialize with SMS students and chaperones only.
- We highly advise against bringing gaming systems as we will have limited "wake" time in the hotel; bring at your own risk.
- Do not purchase pay-per-view movies.
- Do not use your room phone for any reason.

### Funtrackers

We will have approximately 3 hours at Funtrackers. There will be an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet. Please only take food you can eat; this may only be available for a portion of the time we are there. Your game card will be for unlimited go-karts and arcade games that do not give tickets. If you want to do more attractions or gaming, bring extra money to load on the card.

Be mindful of our departure time. We will not wait for people to “cash in” for prizes.

### Hotel Expectations

When we arrive at the hotel after dinner, you will have some time to hang out and (possibly) go to the pool. Expectations are:

- You may stay in your room.
- You may hang out in common areas of the hotel (lobby, pool); not in hallways.
- You may go to vending machines or ice machines.
- If swimming, there will be no horseplay. If an adult tells you to do something, do it.
- Do nothing that would bring negative attention to you or the Band.
- You may not leave the hotel.

At 9:30, you need to return to your room. Chaperones will come by your room around 9:45 to make sure you have all final details and that everyone is safe in their room. Some students may choose to shower before bed.

For our safety and security, we have hired guards to watch our rooms while we sleep. They will also monitor students for appropriate behavior and report any issues immediately to a band director.

Expectations after chaperone visits your rooms:

- Stay in your room with the door closed and locked after lights out.
- After lights out, it is expected that you go to sleep. Noise will not be tolerated.
- Rooms will be taped shut – if you open your door, we will know.
- Do not open your door in the morning until your chaperone has come by your room.
- Upon checkout, leave your room in better condition than you found it.

There is no acceptable reason for leaving your room after light's out. In case of an emergency, call your chaperone. **DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR** for anyone other than an SMS Director or Chaperone.

### In the Morning

Chaperones will come by your room for wake-up and to remove the tape from your room. You will have approximately 1.5-hours for everyone to shower, dress, pack, and eat breakfast.

Breakfast will be in the hotel lobby. You may come to breakfast before showering/changing as long as you are dressed appropriately.

Everyone should do the following in the morning:

- Get ready for the day. Shower (if you did not before bed)!
- Eat breakfast.
- Dress for the band concert. We will all wear band shirts and shorts or pants. Sandals/flip flops are ok; keep in mind we will be waling a lot later this day.
- Pack your remaining items.
- Clean your room and wait for your chaperone to inspect it.

- Load your luggage (whatever you put underneath the bus will not be accessible again until we get back to Smith.
- Make sure you have your instrument and band binder.

### Concert

- Follow all directives from directors and chaperones.
- Do not play unless instructed to do so.
- Be a good audience when you are listening to other bands.
- Play well!

### Lunch

- We will enjoy a lunch with the fellowship of the Leon Taylor JH Band.
- Be kind and thankful to their parents.
- Clean up after yourself.

### USS Lexington

We will have a few hours to explore this historic ship. Please be mindful of all instructions. You are free to explore in a group.

Before we enter, make sure you listen for all instructions. It would be wise to put on sunscreen and have a watch or cell phone that can tell time.

You **MUST** stay in a group of 4 or more SMS Band kids at all times. You can have less if you are with a chaperone.

Leave valuable items on the bus.

### Dinner

We will stop somewhere on the way home. We will find a location that has multiple fast food options. You need to bring at least \$10 for dinner.

### Bus Ride Home

- Before departing, we will switch to gender assigned seating.
- If necessary, we will make a stop to use the restroom between New Braunfels and Cleburne.
- When we are 30 minutes from SMS, chaperones will instruct you to call home. **CALL HOME!**

### Expectations Upon Arrival at SMS

- If your parent is not in the parking lot, **CALL HOME!**
- Clean your area! Do not exit the bus until you have gathered everything you brought onto the bus. Throw away all trash.
- Thank the bus driver and chaperones!
- Return your instrument to the band hall.
- Percussionists are responsible for taking any percussion equipment back to the band hall.