

Dear Orchestra Families, March 2023

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about our 2024 trip! We will be headed to Tennessee over Memorial Day weekend of 2024. All students enrolled in an orchestra class at Athens high school in fall of 2023 are eligible to go on this trip. We will be traveling with the Athens Choirs as well. This will be a great chance for our students to travel with their friends in choir. Our trip will be three full days and five nights, May 23-27 (including travel both ways by bus). We will spend time in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, both Dollywood and Dollywood's Splash Country waterpark, East Tennessee State University, the Titanic Museum, and much more.

In this packet, you have an updated itinerary, inclusions, as well as the activities in which the students will get to participate. There is also a payment "how-to" guide and information on signing up. Part of the trip signup is to either accept or decline the trip insurance. We highly recommend you carefully read the trip insurance information. We will also need chaperones; it is a goal of AOPA's to provide financial assistance to chaperones for this trip.

You can sign up and start making payments as early as today with the information in this packet. Part of the reason why we prepare and plan these trips in advance is to be able to fundraise both individually and as an orchestra. Our fundraising plan for next year is forthcoming, but there will be many opportunities for students to fundraise towards this trip.

Trips are a great addition to our program, which many other music programs do not get to experience. We take one trip every two years and there is no exception to that rule. Many Athens Orchestra graduates say that the orchestra trips are one of the highlights of their high school orchestra experience regardless of the destination. This is a wonderful experience in which we hope that many students participate. If you are in a financial situation that does not allow you to afford the trip for your child, please reach out to AOPA for possible assistance. AthensOrchestra@gmail.com.

Sincerely Yours,

Ryan Quinn



TROY ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR and ORCHESTRA
ADRIENNE COVIAN and RYAN QUINN – TRIP DIRECTORS
DESTINATIONS: PIGEON FORGE, TN and GATLINBURG, TN
TRAVEL DATES: MAY 23 – 27, 2024

SUGGESTED ITINERARY AS OF MARCH 10, 2023

Bob Rogers Travel Emergency Number – 800.373.1423 TBD, Tour Director Brian Rogers, Sales Consultant Marybeth Coyne, Travel Consultant National Trails Motorcoach Company

THURSDAY, MAY 23 o MEALS INCLUDED

7:00 PM Coaches arrive for loading

8:00 PM Leave TROY ATHENS HS via two (2) privately chartered 56 – PASSENGER motorcoaches

4333 John R Road Troy, MI 48085 Phone: 248-823-2900

-10 hours drive time with 2 hours added for breakfast and rest stops (580 miles).

-Dinner to be eaten prior to departure or on the motorcoaches.

FRIDAY, MAY 24 2 MEALS INCLUDED: L,D

-Breakfast "on your own" en-route to Pigeon Forge.

8:00 AM Arrive at the GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Sugarlands Visitor Center 1420 Little River Road Gatlinburg, TN

YOUR PROFESSIONAL BRT TOUR AND TRAVEL DIRECTOR WILL MEET YOU HERE

-Enjoy some time at the visitor center and time to watch the film.

9:00 AM Begin a **GUIDED TOUR** of the park with local park rangers

- Newfound Gap
- Cades Cove
- Clingmans Dome
- Mingus Mill
- Appalachian Trail

-BOXED MEALS provided for lunch while touring the park.

1:00 PM Arrive back at the Sugarlands Visitor Center to drop off park rangers and restroom break



1:30	PM	Board coaches and transfer to DOLLYWOOD'S SPLASH COUNTRY WATERPARK
		2700 Dollywood Parks Boulevard
		Pigeon Forge, TN
2:00	PM	Arrive at DOLLYWOOD'S SPLASH COUNTRY WATERPARK
		-From the excitement of giant water slides to the serenity of a poolside retreat,
		Dollywood's Splash Country offers 35 acres of summertime fun for all ages.
6:30	PM	Board coaches and transfer to the hotel
7:00	PM	Arrive at the HAMPTON INN ON THE PARKWAY for check-in
		2025 Parkway
		Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
		Phone: 865-428-1600
8:00	PM	Dinner at HARD ROCK CAFE
		2050 Parkway (across the street)
9:30	PM	Arrive back at the hotel for the evening

PRIVATE NIGHTTIME HOTEL SECURITY (2 GUARDS) FROM 11:00 PM - 6:00 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 25

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7:30	AM	BREAKFAST at the hotel
		-Make sure all instruments and equipment are loaded on the motorcoaches.
9:00	AM	Board coaches and transfer to EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY – SEVIERVILLE
		2025 Red Bank Road
		Sevierville, TN
9:30	AM	Arrive at EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY – SEVIERVILLE
		-Begin unloading all instruments and equipment for the morning clinics.
10:00	AM	The TROY ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CLINIC begins
10:00	AM	The TROY ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CLINIC begins
11:30	AM	The clinics end and begin loading the motorcoaches
12:00	PM	Board coaches and transfer to THE ISLAND IN PIGEON FORGE
		131 The Island Drive
12:30	PM	Arrive at THE ISLAND IN PIGEON FORGE

-The Island in Pigeon Forge is a 23-acre entertainment destination. As one of the newest, most unique shopping, dining, and entertainment complexes in Pigeon Forge, The Island offers fun for all ages and occasions, whether you're on a family vacation or on a field trip. The Island is home to Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville restaurant, the Margaritaville Island Hotel, Paula Deen's Family Kitchen, and many more must-see attractions in Pigeon Forge. Showcased by The Great Smoky Mountain Wheel, a 200-foot-high observation wheel, and a multi-million dollar show fountain programed to perform to light and sound, The Island in Pigeon Forge is a must-stop on your next trip to East Tennessee!

-Enjoy the **UNLIMITED RIDES WRISTBAND** with a one-time admission to **THE ISLAND ROPES COURSE & QUICK JUMP**



		-Included Rides are: The Flying Horse Carousel, Happy Swing, Lil Ribbits, Funny Cars, Twist N			
		Shout, The Great Smoky Mountain Wheel, Thunderdome, Spinning Parrots Coaster, Sky Tykes,			
		and Reverse Time.			
		-20.00 VISA CARD provided <u>towards</u> lunch use at The Island			
5:30	PM	Everyone meet back up			
5:45	PM	Board coaches and transfer to the TITANIC MUSEUM			
		2134 Parkway			
6:15	PM	Arrive at the TITANIC MUSEUM			
7:45	PM	Walk to the HATFIELD AND MCCOY DINNER FEUD			
		119 Music Road			
8:00	PM	Arrive at HATFIELD AND MCCOY DINNER FEUD			
8:30	PM	The HATFIELD AND MCCOY DINNER FEUD dinner show begins			
		-Feudin' Feastin' Family Fun that's the theme of the best show in town, The Hatfield & McCoy			
		Dinner Show! Become part of the longest running feud in history and help them Hatfield's and			
		McCoy's try to settle their differences mountain-style. Whether you're city-folk or country			
		cuzins, you'll love the singing and dancing, jaw dropping stunts, and side-splitting comedy.			
		There's something here for everybody! And the country cookin' whooee it's good!			
10:45	PM	Board coaches and transfer to the hotel			
11:00	PM	Arrive back at the hotel for the evening			
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PRIVATE NIGHTTIME HOTEL SECURITY (2 GUARDS) FROM 11:00 PM - 6:00 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 26

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7:30	AM	BREAKFAST at the hotel
		-Hotel check-out and load all luggage on the motorcoaches.
9:00	AM	Board coaches and transfer to DOLLYWOOD
		2700 Dollywood Parks Boulevard
		Pigeon Forge, TN
9:30	AM	Arrive at DOLLYWOOD (park hours 10:00 am – 8:00 pm)
		-Recognized as one of the world's best theme parks and is known for its award-winning shows
		and rides.
		-\$40.00 VISA CARD provided towards lunch and dinner use inside the park.
9:00	PM	Board coaches and transfer back home
		-10 hours drive time with 2 hours added for meal and rest stops (570 miles).

MONDAY, MAY 27 1 MEAL INCLUDED: B

-\$15.00 VISA CARD provided <u>towards</u> breakfast use en-route back home.

9:00 AM ARRIVE AT TROY ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL



BRT PAYMENTS

We are excited your group is traveling with us! Below is some information regarding registering and paying for your trip.

Group Name	Troy Athens High School Choir & Orchestra	Destination	Pigeon Forge & Gatlinburg, TN
Group Leader Adrienne Covian & Ryan Quinn		Trip Dates	May 23-27, 2024

All package costs are based on projected participation and occupancy, and are subject to change.

Participant Type	Trip Price & Occupancy		
Student	\$1,099.00 (all students in quad occupancy)		
	Double	Single	
Chaperone	\$1,259.00	\$1,499.00	
Registration Link	https://bobrogerstravel.grcoll.co/go/troyathens9389		

Payment Details	Due Date	Amount Due
Registration Deadline	May 5, 2023	
Deposit + Insurance Premium (if selected)	May 12, 2023	\$100.00 + Insurance Premium (if selected) per traveler
Payment #2	July 14, 2023	\$200.00 per traveler
Payment #3	September 15, 2023	\$200.00 per traveler
Payment #4	November 17, 2023	\$200.00 per traveler
Payment #5	January 26, 2024	\$200.00 per traveler
Payment #6	April 5, 2024	Remaining Balance

Travelers are expected to be up-to-date with payments according to the schedule above in order to maintain a spot on the trip.



CANCELLATION POLICY

All money and fees paid to Bob Rogers Travel prior to cancellation are non-refundable. No refunds or credits will be issued for a canceled traveler without the additional purchase of travel protection. All cancellations must be confirmed via email by Bob Rogers Travel. No refunds or credits will be issued for a cancelled participant without the purchase of travel protection.



BRT PAYMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

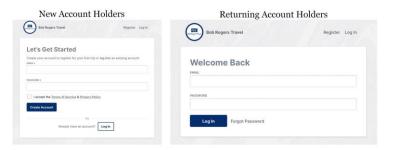
Option 1 (Registration Link)

Follow the registration link on page 1 and click "Register for this Trip"



Option 2 (Trip Code)

- www.brtpayments.com to begin the registration process.
- Click 'Register' and create an account by entering your email address and desired password, accept the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy by clicking the checkbox and click 'Create Account"
- If you are a returning user, select 'Log In' in the right-hand corner and enter your email and password to access your existing account. You'll be prompted to select an existing trip or enter a new trip code (found in the top right corner of these instructions).



STEP 2: To reserve your spot you must:

- Complete all of the required information by clicking "Add Missing Info" (including personal info, medical info, package type, insurance selection, BRT Terms and Conditions and emergency contact
- Save a form of payment

(either a credit/debit card or bank information).

A partial registration, or a registration without saving a form of payment does not reserve your spot.

STEP 3: Return to pay your deposit on or before the deposit due date (you can also pay at the same time as registration).

- All future notifications will come via email. (Check junk/spam folder if emails are not received.)
- If you need to register additional travelers, please login using your email and password, then click on the trip that you'd like to register additional passengers for and select "Add More Passengers".



BRT PAYMENTS

Information About Trip Protection Options

All payments made to Bob Rogers Travel are non-refundable without the purchase of additional trip protection, which is available during the registration process.

Bob Rogers Travel highly recommends you purchase the "Enhanced" plan, as it includes a Cancel For Any **Reason provision.** This allows you to cancel for any reason and receive a 75% refund. **Covered Cancellation Reasons**

Standard Protection	Enhanced Protection
Only covered reasons as outlined in the Plan Document available at: https://bit.ly/3fijei7	Any reason up until 48 hours prior to departure, including: Poor Grades Disciplinary Issues Moving to a new school Scared to travel COVID-19 Concerns Illness of a non-traveling friend or family member

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> Thank you for choosing Bob Rogers Travel! Questions? Email: travelersupport@bobrogerstravel.com We look forward to helping you create lasting memories!

Tennessee 100-111 Total People



Touring from **5/23/2024** through **5/27/2024**

TOUR PROPOSAL

TOUR FEATURES

MOTOR COACH

- 2 56 passenger motor coach(es)
- Gratuities for your motor coach driver(s)

HOTEL

- 2 Nights' accommodations at Hampton Inn and Suites On The Parkway- Pigeon Forge
- Breakfast at hotel
- Hotel Room for the Motor Coach Driver(s)
- All Students will pay Quad Occupancy Price (Quad Occupancy must be maximized)

SECURITY

2 Dedicated overnight chaperone(s)

MEALS

- Visa Gift Card(s) per Itinerary
- 1 Boxed Meal
- · Group Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe
- Admission to the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show

ATTRACTIONS

- · Admission to the Titanic Museum
- Excursion to the Great Smoky Mountains
- Guided driving tour of the Great Smokey Mountains
- Admission to The Island with an Unlimited Rides Pass & Ropes Course

THEATER/ATTRACTION TICKETS

 Dollywood and Dollywood's Splash Country Two Day Two Park ticket

CLINIC

- Honorarium for Choir Clinic
- · Honorarium for Orchestra Clinic

ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS

- 2 Complimentary Director Package(s) (based on single occupancy)
- BRT Luggage Tags
- BRT Safety Lanyard provided for every participant

- · All Gratuities throughout the Tour
- BRT Payments Online Payment System
- BRT Drawstring bag for every participant
- BRT Video Souvenir & Tracking/Messaging App
- 1 Onsite Company Tour Director(s)

Contact Brian Rogers at (800) 373-1423 ext. 228 or brian@bobrogerstravel.com



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TOUR PROPOSAL

TOUR PRICING

	Paying
	Participants
	100-111 total
Occupancy	people
Quad	\$1,099
Triple	\$1,179
Double	\$1,259
Single	\$1,499

Non-inclusions/Options

- Meals stated at student cost
- TripMate offers a specially priced Enhanced Trip Protection which includes a CFAR*
 (Cancel For Any Reason) feature for BRT travelers. *CFAR coverage covers 75% of the
 nonrefundable trip cost. Trip cancellation must be made with BRT 2 days or more prior to
 scheduled departure. Traveler must "opt in" to this plan within 20 days of initial deposit to be
 eligible for CFAR coverage. This benefit is not available for residents in New York.

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- National Tour Association (NTA)
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- American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)
- · Members of 25 State Music Associations
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- · Producer of the Thanksgiving Parade of Bands

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Financial Protection and Insurance

When you travel with BRT your investment is protected

- Professional liability insurance
 Optional Trip Cancellation Insurance
 - Consumer Protection Plan

GroupCollect Plan Comparison

Plan	Rate
Standard (F560S)	4.55% of Trip Cost
Enhanced (F560E)	7.02% of Trip Cost



Benefits	Maximum Benefit Amount	Standard Plan F560S	Enhanced Plan F560E
Cancel For Any Reason	75% of Non-Refundable Trip Cost		✓
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	\checkmark	✓
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost	√	✓
Missed Connection	\$500	√	✓
Travel Delay	\$750 (Up to \$150 Per Day)	✓	✓
Medical Expense/Emergency Accident & Medical Expense Emergency Medical Evacuation, Medical Repatriation, and Return of Remains	\$20,000 \$100,000	V	✓
Non-Medical Emergency Evacuation	\$25,000	√	✓
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,500	√	✓
Baggage Delay	\$300	√	√

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Cancel For Any Reason (F560E Only): If You cancel Your Trip for any reason not otherwise covered by this Plan, benefits will be paid for 75% of the Prepaid, forfeited, non-refundable Payments or Deposits You paid for Your Trip provided: a) Your payment for this Plan is received within 20 days of the date Your initial Payment or Deposit for Your Trip is received; and b) You cancel Your Trip two (2) days or more before Your Scheduled Departure Date.

Trip Cancellation: May protect the unused, non-refundable prepaid Payments or Deposits for the Travel Arrangements You purchased for Your Trip in the event You have to cancel due to a covered reason.

Trip Interruption: May provide You with a reimbursement for the unused nonrefundable land or water Travel Arrangements for Your Trip, plus the additional airfare cost to return home, if Your Trip is interrupted for a covered reason.

Missed Connection: May provide You with a reimbursement for the unused land or water Travel Arrangements, plus the additional transportation costs to join Your trip, if You miss Your Trip departure because Your arrival at the Trip destination is delayed for 3 hours or more for a covered reason.

Travel Delay: May assist with additional expenses incurred when You are delayed 8 hours or more due to a covered reason. In the event of a covered delay, You can be reimbursed for additional expenses for hotels, meals, and local transportation.

Medical Expense/Emergency Evacuation: May provide Medical Expense benefits for a covered Sickness or covered Injury incurred while on Your Trip. Under certain circumstances detailed in the Plan, the Plan can pay for the transportation expenses incurred to evacuate You to the nearest qualified hospital and/or to return you home.

Non-Medical Emergency Evacuation: Can cover reasonable expenses incurred for Your transportation to the nearest place of safety, or to Your primary place of residence, if a formal recommendation in the form of a Travel Advisory or Travel Warning from the U.S. State Department is issued for You to leave a country You are visiting on Your Trip due to: a Natural Disaster; civil, military or political unrest; or Your being expelled or declared a persona non-grata by a country You are visiting on Your Trip.

Baggage & Personal Effects: May provide reimbursement when Your Baggage or personal belongings are damaged, lost or stolen during Your Trip.

Baggage Delay: May provide reimbursement for the purchase of reasonable additional clothing and personal articles purchased by You if Your Baggage is delayed 12 hours or more during your Trip.

*See back for full exclusions & limitations.





*General Exclusions

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; 4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; 7. participating in skydiving or parachuting except parasailing, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, extreme skiing, skiing outside marked trails or heli-skiing, any race, speed contests, spelunking or caving, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 120 feet (40 meters) or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Plan. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 14. any amount paid or payable under any Worker's Compensation, Disability Benefit or similar law; 15. a loss or damage caused by detention, confiscation or destruction by customs; 16. Elective Treatment and Procedures; 17. medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; 18. failure of any tour operator, Common Carrier, or other travel supplier, person or agency to provide the bargained-for travel arrangements for reasons other than Bankruptcy or Default; 19. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Plan is in effect for You; 20. a loss that results from a Sickness, Injury, disease or other condition, event or circumstance which occurs at a time when the Plan is not in effect for You; or 21. an assessment from a Legally Qualified Physician advising You in writing that You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You are not Medically Fit to Travel, as defined in the Plan, at the time of purchase of Coverage for a Trip.

*Additional Limitations and Exclusions Specific to Baggage and Personal Effects: Benefits are not payable for any loss caused by or resulting from: a) breakage of brittle or fragile articles; b) wear and tear or gradual deterioration; c) confiscation or appropriation by order of any government or custom's rule; d) theft or pilferage while left in any unlocked vehicle e) property illegally acquired, kept, stored or transported; f) Your negligent acts or omissions; g) Your property shipped as freight or shipped prior to the Scheduled Departure Date; h) or electrical current, including electric arcing that damages or destroys electrical devices or appliances.

*Non-Medical Emergency Evacuation Exclusions: We do not cover: 1) loss or expense recoverable under any other insurance or through an employer; 2) loss or expense arising from or attributable to: (a) fraudulent or criminal acts committed or attempted by You; (b) alleged violation of the laws of the country You are visiting, unless We determine such allegations to be fraudulent, or (c) failure to maintain required documents or visas; 3) loss or expense arising from or attributable to: (a) debt, insolvency, business or commercial failure (b) the repossession of any property; or (c) Your non-compliance with a contract, license or permit; 4) loss or expense arising from or due to liability assumed by You under any contract.

Excess Insurance: The insurance provided by the this Plan shall be in excess of all other valid and collectible insurance or indemnity.