

The Bands of Union Grove
120 East Lake Road
McDonough, GA 30252
(678) 583-8502
Stan Kramer, Director
skramer@henry.k12.ga.us
www.ughsband.org



Dear UGHS Band members and parents:

I am excited to announce the possibility of a performance opportunity and band trip for members of the UGHS Band in April 2017. The band has the opportunity to travel to and perform in Washington D.C. ALL UGHS Band students are eligible for the trip including colorguard members. In order to participate, a student must be in good standing with the band: financially, behavior, attendance, grades etc.

Some basic information regarding the trip is listed below. There is also a trip interest form attached. The feedback gathered from the forms will help to determine whether we will move forward with finalizing and organizing the trip. In order for the trip to occur, we will need for at least 35-40 students to participate, and the group of participating students must form a viable ensemble that can meet the performance requirements of the trip. The trip will also require approval by the board of education.

The dates of the trip as of right now are April 20-23, 2017. We will leave on the night of Thursday, April 20 and drive overnight. The return trip will be Sunday night April 23 with an approximate arrival time back to UGHS of 2:00a.m. Monday morning. The approximate cost of the trip will be \$575.00 per trip participant. The exact cost cannot be determined until the total number of participants is finalized, but this number should be a reasonable estimation.

The trip fees include the following:

- ♪ Deluxe motor coach transportation
- ♪ Two nights hotel accommodations outside of Washington DC
- ♪ One-day ticket to Busch Gardens Williamsburg or Kings Dominion Theme park
- ♪ Admission to evening activity-National Symphony Orchestra/Broadway or Musical
- ♪ Escorted sightseeing with step-on guides (as noted in itinerary)
- ♪ Visit to Arlington Cemetery with guides
- ♪ Visit to National Mall of Museums including Air and Space Museum, Museum of Natural History, Museum of Modern Art, etc.
- ♪ Monuments by Moonlight: Trolley Tour
- ♪ Two Breakfasts at the hotel
- ♪ Three lunches (may include cash allotments)
- ♪ One restaurant/sit down dinner (Hard Rock Café or similar included)
- ♪ One dinner and show at Medieval Times

I realize that for some families raising the funds for the trip will be a challenge. This is especially true when multiple children are members of the band or if a parent is selected to chaperone. In order to help offset the cost of the trip for students and parents, we will offer fundraising opportunities every 4-6 weeks. We will begin the fundraising efforts for the trip with the Rock-A-Thon on the night of November 11 overnight to the morning of November 12. It is important that each student/family participates in each of the fundraising opportunities. The Rock-A-Thon and other fundraisers are open to ALL UGHS Band students with the proceeds going to help offset trip costs, marching band fees, other costs associated with participation in the UGHS Band and the operation of the band.

Once again, I am excited about this opportunity for the students in our band program and hope that many will be able to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Kramer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Stan Kramer, Director
Union Grove High School Band

UGHS Band Spring Trip Interest Form

Please return this form to the band room by Friday, October 21, 2016. The feedback from this form is important and will help determine the possibility of taking the trip.

_____ My child _____ would like to participate on the spring trip.

_____ My child _____ will not participate on the spring trip.