



Somerset - Berkley Regional High School "Blue Raider" Marching Band



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Dear Somerset - Berkley Regional High School "Blue Raider" Marching Band Students and Parents,

We have finally solidified our plans for our trip to the USSBA National Marching Band Championships to be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2011** at **J. Birney Crum Stadium** in **Allentown, Pennsylvania**. We have received approval from the principal, superintendent and the school committee. Therefore, the arrangements have been booked with Suburban Tours and here are the details:

Summarized PRELIMINARY Itinerary Highlights

1. We will leave SBRHS on **Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 by 6:30 a.m.** and arrive back on **Saturday, Nov. 12 late in the evening** (*details will be forthcoming when USSBA puts out the schedule*)
2. **Saturday Schedule:** Bring breakfast on the bus (stop on route as well), (*independent lunch*), then go to a restaurant for an included dinner (*Old Country Buffet*) and arrive at Hotel for check-in (evening run-through in the hotel parking lot).
3. **Saturday Schedule:** Included breakfast at Hotel, USSBA Competition & Awards Ceremony (*independent lunch*), rest stop (*independent dinner*) on the way home.

Payment Schedule

1. **Payment 1 is due on Friday, September 23rd:** Students = \$100
Adults = \$120
2. **Payment 2 is due on Tuesday, October 11th:** *Students = \$155
*Adults in Double Room = \$150
*Adults in Single Room = \$195

* Price is subject to change due to the total number of participants taking part in the trip. If the number goes below 32 per bus, there will be a service charge based on the number of empty seats below 32. Presently we have 45 students. We need at least 19 parents / guardians / family members to attend the trip to avoid those additional costs. Gas prices in October can change the price as well. Final totals will be announced prior to the Final Payment date.

3. **Money in student accounts can be used by filling out a Somerset Friends of Music Credit Slip** which requires both a student and parent signature

Additional Information

1. Sign-ups for Student Rooms will be posted in the band room later this week, once signed-up; that's who your with...Choose Wisely!!! Students must sign –up for a room by **Friday, September 16th** or you will be assigned a room!
2. Students should bring a breakfast/snack on Friday Morning and money with them for (2) lunches and (1) dinner that is not included in the package. I usually suggest \$10 per lunch and \$15 per dinner.
3. Cell phones and other electronic devices are allowed, but are the individual's responsibility. Please be sure to keep track of your things and do not leave them out and in the open.

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