

TRIP PROPOSAL
For Approval

Polk County High School Band Camp
Trip to
Camp Wabak
Marietta, South Carolina
July 29-August 2, 2024

40 band students
2 teachers
6 chaperones

Submitted to:
Ms. Michelle Bean, Principal
&
Polk County School Board of Education

Submitted by:
Kimberley Benson

April 30, 2024

TRIP OVERVIEW:

One of the stipulations of our \$25,000 grant from the Polk County community Foundation is that we must attend an “away” camp. Many of our students have never had the opportunity to attend a summer camp and the foundation members feel like this is a very important experience for our students to have.

Away Camp is held at Camp WaBak, which is a Girl Scout Camp in Marietta, South Carolina. The Cadets have the entire camp to ourselves, and students are always chaperoned by band staff and parents. There is a pool, a large lodge with wi-fi so students can check in with their parents each day, hiking trails, and of course a large field for our marching band activities.

Female students stay in air-conditioned cabins that house up to 10 students for the week. Male students are housed in a large air-conditioned bunkhouse in a separate area of the camp. Male chaperones stay in the bunk house in a separate bedroom area, and female chaperones stay in a cabin in the girls’ cabin area. All chaperones are thoroughly vetted by the county background check system.

We serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day of camp, and snacks are available throughout the day. In addition to chaperones, parent volunteers come to the camp daily to assist with meal preparation and cleanup and we also have a nurse or paramedic on staff.

Students will be supervised by Kimberley Benson, PCHS Band Director and Christopher Wilson, PCMS Band Director. In addition, we will have one overnight chaperone per 5 students, in accordance with the PCS Board policies.

STUDENT and CHAPERONE COST:

Expenses:

All expenses associated with band camp are covered by the unrestricted grant we were awarded by the Polk County Community Foundation. Any additional expenses are covered by the Polk County Friends of the Band.

FUNDRAISING:

No fundraising will be required for this trip.

LODGING:

Camp Wabak
36 Camp Wabak Road
Marietta, SC 29661

TRANSPORTATION:

Students will ride on a PCS Activity Bus

CHAPERONES:

Kimberley Benson, Band Director, PCHS
Christopher Wilson, Band Director, PCMS
Brittany Stein-Tafoya
Jonathan Benson
Lori Nichols
Tim Nichols
Devin Williams
Crystal Denton

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS:

Each traveler is restricted to one medium piece of luggage to go under the bus and one overnight/book bag to take on the bus.

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM:

It is the responsibility of the student and parents to provide any updated information in reference to student health/medical situations. If any changes have occurred since filling out the form in August, please note changes on the attached form (initialed by the parent), and return to Mrs. Benson

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

Our child, _____, has permission to travel to the Camp Wabak, Marietta, SC from July 29-August 2, 2024

We have received a copy of the trip proposal and the Behavior Guidelines/Expectations.

- We expect our child to adhere to all items mentioned in the Behavior Guidelines/Expectations, as well as any information contained in the Polk County High School Student Handbook.
- We realize that these guidelines, rules and regulations are put in place in order to make traveling a safe experience.
- We will hold our child responsible for any infraction of the rules and regulations that result in any harm to personal self, school or hotel property.
- We understand that there is no cost to the students other than lunch/dinner money for Friday and lunch money for Saturday.
- We understand that students who cannot attend the entire All-District event forfeit their opportunity to attend.

Parent/Guardian Signatures _____

Date _____

Date _____

Please return this sheet to Mrs. Benson by July 23, 2024