

Branson Itinerary Chaperone Version

Saturday May 2, 2026

5:10 AM Jenks Middle School open at the front oval doors

5:30 AM Chaperones and students in the band room to get instructions

5:50 AM Load buses, take roll, and depart

- I will dismiss you early so that you can get your seat on the buses first. Please do not all sit together. Spread around so that we can keep an eye on the students.
- The first row of bus seats (both left and right side) needs to be reserved for band directors and supplies.
- Please assist students in loading the buses. Large instruments will be loaded underneath the bus. Flutes, clarinets, oboes, and music will be stored in the overhead compartments.
- You may correct minor student behavior, however please tell the director on the bus if there is a major behavior issue or if you are uncomfortable with correcting the minor student behavior. The director will then correct and discipline.
 - Rules for couples: Hand-holding and side hugs are acceptable. Students may not share blankets or pillows. They may not treat their friend as a pillow. If you are unsure of something, ask a director.
- Help to gather trash from students using the trash bags provided. Students are allowed to bring snacks on this trip, and the trash is usually plentiful!
- You will have students from your bus assigned to you. Take a moment to meet these students while on the bus ride.

9:25 AM Arrive at Hollister High School (2112 State Hwy BB, Hollister, MO 65672)

- Mrs. Cryer will check-into the festival. Please begin the next steps without her.
- Band will unload equipment. Assist students in unloading large equipment. Students will take instruments out of case and return cases to the bus.
- After 5th Hour has instruments, please guide them to sit together in the auditorium. Their instruments will be in their laps. Tubas may be placed in the aisle. Percussion will be with Mr. Bruce. Broken Arrow Centennial Advanced Band will be performing at 9:40 AM. 5th Hour students will watch them respectfully, then watch Jenks 6th Hour performs at 10:00 AM. (Respectful audiences are quiet and only clap at the end of performances—no cheering like at a football game. 😊)
- Mrs. Cryer will only need one parent for help with the warm-up area with 6th Hour. That person will stay with her and help with any last-minute needs.

9:40 AM 6th Hour Band Warm-up

10:00 AM 6th Hour Band Perform

- Immediately afterwards, 6th Hour will sit in the audience and respectfully watch BA Centennial Intermediate Band perform at 10:20 with instruments on lap. The 5th Hour band will follow Mrs. Cryer to the Warm-up area.

10:20 AM 5th Hour Warm-up

- Again, Mrs. Cryer will only need one parent to help with last minute needs.

10:40 AM 5th Hour Performs

- After the performance, Mrs. Cryer will be checking out of the festival. This is usually a slow process, so please help with the next steps without her.
- All students should put away instruments. Assist students in putting away large instruments under the bus. After the instruments are loaded, please take a group photo in front of the high school. This is the first time we've performed at Hollister HS, so we'll all have to scout out a good place for a photo. It's also possible that we'll have to do section photos instead.
- Once the picture is complete, load the buses again. Mrs. Cryer should be finished by that time (fingers crossed).

11:20ish AM Depart for Silver Dollar City

- Branson is usually busy this day, so we've budgeted an hour to get to SDC.
- When it looks like we are getting close to the park, assist directors in passing out park tickets and meal tickets. Do not wait until we get to the park to pass these out, as SDC will want us to unload quickly. Bus drivers will get a meal ticket but NOT a park ticket. Their CDL will get them in the park for free.

12:20ish PM Arrive at Silver Dollar City

- Any time that we enter or exit the park, you must make sure that your assigned students are walking with you. We will always enter and exit the park as a full group. We will walk to the gazebo as a group first so that students can see the evening meeting place.
- You do not have to stay with your assigned students while we are at the amusement park. Please keep your cell phone on and ringer volume up while at the park so that I may call you if assistance of some sort is needed.
- Enjoy Silver Dollar City!

6:00 PM Meet at the Gazebo

- You will meet with your assigned students. Once all students are accounted for, you will walk out of the park with them. Silver Dollar City has a policy where the group as an entirety must be present before they call for our buses to pick us up.

6:30ish PM Depart from Silver Dollar City

- Remind the students to call their parents when we are pulling out of the parking lot. This should help give parents an idea of when to pick up their child. (It takes 3 hours and 50 minutes according to Google Maps)
- Assist the directors in passing out the Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and other meal “goodies”. There should be enough sandwiches for the students to have one and the adults to have two. Please don’t forget to give the bus drivers a meal as well. If there’s extra food, feel free to let students have more.
- After dinner, assist with the trash pick-up.
- When we get to be about 20 minutes away, have students call parents again.
- Do another trash pick-up before we depart the buses.

10:30ish PM Arrive at Jenks Middle School

- Mrs. Cryer will be unlocking the school and band room during this time. Please do the next steps without her.
- Please assist students in unloading large equipment. They may take instruments home or back to the band room.
- Please walk through the bus aisles to ensure everything has been taken.
- Trash needs to be taken to the dumpsters, not placed in the trashcans in front of the middle school. (If anyone is willing to drive your pickup to the curb to load trash and take to dumpsters, that would be greatly appreciated!)

THANK YOU for chaperoning!!! We really appreciate you!