

# **Branson Itinerary Student Version**

## **Saturday May 2, 2026**

### **5:10 AM Jenks Middle School is open at the front oval doors.**

You should be wearing your maroon Jenks 8<sup>th</sup> grade band t-shirt and school-length shorts or pants. You will wear this while we are running around the park, and on the drive home. Do not change from the t-shirt or cover it up.

You will need your instrument, contest music, and warm-up book. Flutes, clarinets, and oboes may be stored in the overhead compartment of the bus. All other instruments must be stored underneath. You should keep music with you inside the bus. Percussion, the festival will provide three timpani, concert bass drum, and xylophone. You will need to bring all other auxiliary percussion and mallets.

You will need to bring breakfast on the bus with you. You may also want to bring a couple of small snacks as well.

Your lunch and dinner will be provided. You will only need money for souvenirs.

### **5:30 AM Students and chaperones meet in the band room for last minute instructions.**

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

The first two hours will be quiet (sleep) time on the bus. Then, we will watch only PG or G rated movies on the bus. Feel free to bring these DVD movies on the bus to watch on the main screen, however it may or may not be approved by the director. (A word to the wise: Most older PG movies made prior to the PG-13 rating will not be chosen, unless it is well-approved on parental movie websites.) Any movies watched on a personal device must also abide by the PG or G ratings rule.

You are allowed to bring electronic devices on the bus, however you **MUST** have headphones or earbuds.

You may bring a pillow or a blanket. You may **NOT** share pillows or blankets.

“Couples”: the basic rule is that you must prove that you are behaving appropriately on the bus. Many couples will sit across the aisle from each other to prevent any confusion. Handholding and the occasional “side hug” are all right, but nothing else. Again, bring your own pillow. Your friend is not your pillow. Also, no students are allowed to share blankets. If you want to use a blanket, bring your own.

We will be asking for your cell numbers so that we can reach you in the park if needed. If you do not bring a cell phone, then you must give us the number of a friend that you will be walking around with in the park. All messages between adults and students will be in group chats.

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

Mrs. Cryer will check-into the festival. All students will quickly unload equipment. 5<sup>th</sup> Hour students will go inside the auditorium with instruments on lap to listen to Broken Arrow Centennial Advanced Band. Be a quiet and respectful audience. The judges are watching you! This is not a time for loudly cheering, etc. The appropriate response for an instrumental music concert is non-verbal clapping.

### **9:40 AM 6<sup>th</sup> Hour Band Warm-up/ BA Centennial Advanced Band performs on stage.**

### **10:00 AM 6<sup>th</sup> Hour Performs/ 5<sup>th</sup> hour respectfully listens**

Immediately following, 5<sup>th</sup> Hour will transition to the Warm-up area. 6<sup>th</sup> Hour will sit in the audience with instruments on lap to watch BA Centennial Intermediate Band. Again, be a respectful audience.

### **10:20 5<sup>th</sup> Hour Band Warm-up/ BA Centennial Intermediate Band performs on stage.**

### **10:40 AM 5<sup>th</sup> Hour Performs/ 6<sup>th</sup> hour respectfully listens**

After the final performance, all students put away instruments. Then, all students gather to take a group photo outside of the high school. Mrs. Cryer will be checking-out of the festival. It usually takes awhile to do this, so be patient. ☺

### **11:20ish AM Depart for Silver Dollar City**

Be aware: Branson is always crazy busy on this day. It likely will take an hour to get to SDC. That is normal and built into the schedule.

Directors will pass out tickets to you on the buses to enter the park and for lunch. Make sure you have the phone numbers of both of your chaperones in your phone. You must use the buddy system in the park, and remember, one member of your group must have a cell phone.

### **12:20ish PM Arrive at Silver Dollar City**

Students will be assigned to a chaperone. Students will meet up with chaperones prior to entering the park. Chaperones and students must enter as a group into the park. We will all walk to the gazebo together, which is the meeting place for our departure. After finding the gazebo, students and chaperones may separate.

Enjoy your time in the park. Remember that you are representing your school. Be respectful and responsible.

You must use the buddy system in the park. Again, one person in the group must have a cell phone. If you have a problem, please call a chaperone using the cell phone numbers that will be provided to you.

You will eat lunch in the park. Do not lose the lunch ticket that is given to you!

### **6:00 PM Meet at the Gazebo**

Do not be late! Use the restroom PRIOR to 6 PM—Not at the time we are meeting. You will meet with your assigned chaperone. Once all chaperones have their students accounted for, we will depart from the park to the buses.

### **6:30 PMish Depart from Silver Dollar City**

Take roll again and depart. Students will be instructed to call parents at the time that we depart. According to Google Maps, Silver Dollar City is approximately 3 hours and 50 minutes from Jenks Middle School. We will also ask students to call parents when we are near Tulsa so that we can give a better estimate for pick-up.

Students/chaperones will be provided with a dinner of a Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips, applesauce, cookies, and water for the ride home.

### **10:30 PMish Arrive at Jenks Middle School**