

## **Clothing/Packing Suggestions:**

REMEMBER: Whatever you bring, you will carry.

The weather will be cooler, even though it is spring. Do not rely on being able to wear shorts all the time, though you might be able to some of the time. You will need a jacket or light coat of some sort in case it is cooler, as well as some long pants. The majority of the time we will dress casually, with the exception of the option to dress up for the Grand Ole Opry Show.

Casual means “modest.” We are representing our school and state. Make us look good.

You will be there for only 2+ days, plus travel. You do not need an entire wardrobe. Please do not bring the “mother of all suitcases.” Think travel sizes for bathroom items, makeup, etc.. Think “*practical.*” Having your band/choir shirts on hand would be a good idea also, for the clinic.

For all sightseeing activities and general travel, have comfortable shoes like tennis shoes. You will walk good distances.

Wear something comfortable for the bus trips. 7-8 hours is a long time to be on the buses and we won't be stopping to change. Once the buses are loaded, suitcases will be inaccessible until we reach our destination.

Place your important stuff in your carry-on bag, which cannot be larger than an average size backpack or bookbag. For money and your photo ID, we would strongly suggest keeping this *on your person at all times, even on the bus.*

Pillows and blankets for the bus – good idea!

Large items like coolers, large speakers or game consoles – bad idea!

Keeping track of time and being on time always – VERY good idea! (in fact, it's required)

**Band Students:** Your instruments are your responsibility. Everyone will help carry extra items like music, extra percussion if there is any, etc.. Only flutes and clarinets will keep their instruments inside the buses. All others will be stored underneath the buses.

## **MONEY:**

You will need some cash as some places may not take cards. Most will. There are a few meals that you will be responsible for on your own, most of which will be fast food (I'd recommend at least \$50 in cash).

Debit cards - accepted most places