

Happy February Everyone!

This email is going out to all who have registered for or have shown interest in the trip.

There are a few announcements about the Michigan "Tribute to Don Wilcox" trip, in July, that I need to pass along to everyone. These announcements are vitally important, and I encourage everyone to read everything!

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT - After some lengthy discussions with the Wilcox family, John Hendricks and myself, we must make a one-day date change for the trip. This is being done to accommodate Mr. Wilcox's schedule. This date change is a small one, but we wanted to let everyone know as soon as new arrangements had been confirmed. The trip has shifted by one day and will now be Wednesday July 10-Sunday, July 14. Below is the overview for the trip:

Wednesday - July 10 - Rehearsal in Morgantown. For those who need accommodations for a night in Morgantown, we have worked out a special price at the Holiday Inn - University Area. This hotel is behind Ruby Memorial/Stadium area and a short distance to the CAC.

Thursday - July 11 - Travel day to Detroit, Michigan. Dinner and OVERNIGHT IN DETROIT

Friday - July 12 - Morning tour in Detroit and then travel to Northport, Michigan (lunch included). In the evening, group dinner at the high school, dress rehearsal in the auditorium and then the tribute concert. OVERNIGHT IN TRAVERSE CITY

Saturday - July 13 - Fun Day on Mackinac Island. OVERNIGHT IN TRAVERSE CITY

Sunday - July 14 - Travel day back to Morgantown (lunch included)

While we hope everyone who has already registered can accommodate the date shift, those who cannot will receive a full refund.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT - The program has now changed to be just a concert band performance. Almost everyone who registered was interested in performing in both a concert band and marching band. However, our instrumentation and participation numbers are more along the lines of a concert band. We still plan on doing pre-game music, however. We will be playing a pre-game medley for concert band that was arranged by Mr. Wilcox.

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT - Several people have shown an interest in meeting us in Northport for the concert. For those of you who would like to do this, I need you to reach

out to me via email with your intentions. There IS a cost for this type of participation - \$70 per person. This covers a performance shirt, facilities/instrument rentals in Northport and dinner before the dress rehearsal. We are asking everyone to eat dinner together before the concert as we prepare for this special evening. Once you have reached out to me via email, I will send you an invoice for payment. This invoice can be paid online.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT - While we have a nice group registered, we do need more participants. I ask that you consider participating in this event and honoring Mr. Wilcox. Especially needed are woodwinds and concert band percussionists, however, no one will be turned away from this important (and historic) event. Given this, we have extended the registration deadline to March 16, 2024.

Thank you for your patience and understanding on all of this. Let's Go Mountaineers!!

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