

## School Board Approves 2009 band trip to Gatlinburg

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FRENCH LICK, Indiana - Members of the Springs Valley School Board gave their unanimous approval to a marching band trip to Gatlinburg, TN, beginning May 7, 2009.

Band Director Luke Aylsworth made the request. He explained that the band last participated in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in 2002, and that it was a very fun and educational trip. In addition to the band competition, the students also got to sightsee and enjoy themselves.

Students will miss one day of school for the four-day, three-night trip.

Board member Janna Foxx asked what plans have been made for chaperones.



Photo Courtesy of Trevor Apple

### A KEEN EYE...

Chi and Kyle watch the drum major during a football game in the fall.

Aylsworth explained that band personnel and volunteer parents will be chaperoning, and that he expects 15-20 chaperones for the approximately 80 band students.

Aylsworth stressed that the trip will cost the school nothing, since the \$200-per-student cost will be entirely funded by the students and band boosters. Charter buses will also be used.

Board president Todd Marshall asked if there would be help available for students who couldn't come up with the \$200 cost.

Aylsworth replied that there will be two student fundraisers before the trip. In the past, Aylsworth said, some students raised more than \$200, which allowed them to have some spending money to take on the trip.



### **Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade "Tradition of Excellence"**

**State Champion:** 1977

**State Runner-Up:** 1978 1992 2007

**State Finals Appearances:**

1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1988 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 2006 2007