



Hastings High School Marching Band

Performance Tour of Colorado

July 2 – 8, 2026

Proposed Itinerary

Day One – Thursday, July 2, 2026

Depart Depart Hastings High School this evening to begin your journey to Denver, Colorado. (Approximate drive time is 13 ½ hours without stops, 910 miles).

Day Two – Friday, July 3, 2026

Elitch Gardens Located in the heart of Denver and celebrating 127 years of fun, Elitch Gardens is Colorado's only world-class combination theme and water park. From thrilling roller coasters to an amazing water park, there's thrills for all.

YMCA camp Welcome to Estes Park. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in.

Dinner Included

YMCA Activities Free time to enjoy the many activities that the YMCA offers, such as mini golf, wall climbing, zipline, hiking, game room, swimming pools, etc.

Day Three – Saturday, July 4, 2026

Breakfast Included

♪ 2026 Park Hill Parade

March in Denver's 2026 Park Hill Parade. The parade steps off at 130pm in one of Denver's oldest, most historic and diverse neighborhoods. The parade includes floats, marching bands, costumed performers and tons of red, white and blue fun.

Free time Enjoy free time browsing through the shops in Estes Park

Dinner Included

Fireworks Watch the fireworks in Estes Park reflecting off of the lake.

Day Four – Sunday, July 5, 2026

Breakfast	Included
Colorado State Capitol	Travel to Denver and tour the state capitol of Colorado and spend time shopping on the 16 th Street Mall.
Lunch	A sack lunch will be provided by the YMCA camp to enjoy after the parade and before you begin your Whitewater rafting adventure.
Whitewater rafting	Take a whitewater rafting trip on Colorado's Poudre River. Steep granite canyon walls, beautiful wildflowers and the occasional encounter with gentle river wildlife will leave you wanting more.
Dinner	On your own

Day Five – Monday, July 6, 2026

Breakfast	Included
Check out	Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check out logistics.
Depart	Board motorcoaches this morning and begin your journey to Colorado Springs (3 hours and 22 minutes – 126 miles).
Air Force Academy	Enjoy a self-guided tour of the Air Force Academy starting with a 14-minute movie highlighting the academy experience. You will learn about Academy history, cadet life and then tour the famous Air Force Academy chapel.
Lunch	A sack lunch will be provided by the YMCA camp to enjoy at the Garden of the Gods.
Garden of the Gods	Garden of the Gods Park is the crown jewel of the Colorado Springs park system. It is considered one of the most awe- inspiring parks in the country and is a cross section of natural and human history.
Dinner	Dave and Busters buffet including a \$20 Power Card for Video Game play.
Hotel	Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check-in.

Day Six –Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Breakfast	Included
Check out	Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check out logistics.
Royal Gorge Bridge	No other bridge in history has been more associated with being the “World’s Highest” than the Royal Gorge bridge, located in the state of Colorado. Constructed in 1929, the bridge was the highest suspension bridge in the world for nearly 75 years with a roadway 955 feet above the Arkansas River. Enjoy the thrill of the walking across the bridge and riding the aerial gondola.
Depart	Board the motorcoaches and continue your journey back to Minnesota. (Approximate drive time is 14 ¼ hours without stops, 915 miles.) You will be traveling through the night to arrive tomorrow morning.

Day Seven –Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Arrival	Arrive at Hastings High School early this morning.
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This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. Performance venues may be subject to availability and/or acceptance.