



# University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Marching Mocs

*Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence 1923-2023*

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Marching Mocs will celebrate a century of performances and service to our university in 2023. A part of that celebration will include the 2023-2024 Marching Mocs' performance in the 2024 New Year's Day Parade in London, England. We are honored with the invitation to participate in this prestigious parade and look forward to the opportunity to represent our university, city, state, and country on the streets of London, England on January 1, 2024. Our band will leave on December 27, 2023 and return on January 3, 2024.

The student's portion of the trip is still being negotiated. We are in the process of obtaining donations from both within and outside our university. It is hoped that a significant portion of the individual student cost will be covered. The TOTAL individual cost of the trip is \$4,000.00. This price includes airfare, 6 nights hotel accommodation in a first-class hotel, most meals while in London, as well as round trip transfers from the London airport to the hotel. The package also includes a half day tour of London's historic West End and City via luxury coach with a professional guide; a half day visit to the Tower of London and Crown Jewels; a panoramic boat trip on the River Thames; a tour of Windsor and Windsor Castle; a tour of Oxford and the University of Oxford.

There will also be plenty of room on our trip for any family members of current members or any alumni of the band who would like to travel with us. Participants in the family and alumni group will have the same excursions as the band members and will receive priority booking for tickets for the grandstand to watch the parade.

Much more information will be available as we work to finalize this amazing "once in a lifetime" trip for our students. Each traveler will be set up with a payment portal for the trip and you will make your payments directly to the travel company via the website. The initial deposit of \$200.00 will be due from all travelers on or before March 1, 2023. There will be payments of \$200.00 due on the first day of the month for the following 5 months (April, May, June, July and August) for a total of \$1,200.00 by August 1. By this date, we should have all total costs determined and the balance will be due no later than November 1, 2023.

This trip is open to all members of the 2023 Marching Mocs, their family members and any alumni of the UTC Bands. Please feel free to email Professor Coleman with any questions you may have at [randall-coleman@utc.edu](mailto:randall-coleman@utc.edu). As we have more information about any reduction of the total costs we will share them with those registered for the trip as soon as possible.