



Dear WMS Band Students,

On October 25, 2022, a letter was given to the students to outline the classroom and performance expectations of music students who were to be invited to perform at the Busch Gardens Music Showcase Festivals..

This was the criteria:

1. Class participation must be consistent and productive, including sitting in correct posture at all times, displaying excellence in rehearsal energy, maintaining consistent high time on task, and bringing all materials to class every day.
2. Payments must be made on time.
3. Students must attend the rehearsal on April 26.

We have 50 slots available to fill. We are offering these invitations based on our need to produce a balanced sound in our ensemble.

You have fulfilled the criteria set, and we would like to invite you to participate in the Busch Gardens Music Showcase Festival. If you choose to accept, please remember that you must continue to fulfill the set criteria. If you violate any of the criteria, then you will not be allowed to participate. **Refunds Can NOT Be Given** due to the music department making payments to the various companies organizing our trip.

Please read the packet of information about the trip and return the Agreement Form and payment to the WMS Band Department by February 24. If you need an individualized payment plan, please contact Mrs. Slade (cslade@wcpss.net or 919-365-1667, ext. 25330).

This letter and information is posted on the WMS Band Website, www.wmswolvesband.com, as well as a PayPal Option to make payment.

Congratulations!

Cat Slade, Director of Bands

Agreement Form

If student can participate, please complete the information in the section below.

For the student: I have read the Music Showcase Festival information and agree to follow all criteria in order to participate on the April 29, 2023 trip.

_____ Student Signature _____ Print Name

Shirt Size (Check One): _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ 2X-Large

For the parent: I have read the Busch Gardens Music Showcase Festival information and agree to allow my child participate on the April 29, 2023 trip.

_____ Parent Signature _____ Print Name

If student cannot participate, please complete the information in the section below.

For the parent: My child _____ will not be able participate in the Busch Gardens Music Showcase Festival on April 29, 2023.

_____ Parent Signature _____ Print Name

Busch Gardens Music in the Parks Information

This letter is intended to provide all the information you will need regarding your child's participation in the Busch Gardens Music Showcase Festival Trip planned for the 7th and 8th grade band students.

WHAT: Busch Gardens Music Showcase Festival for band - a day of performance at the festival to receive a rating and to receive objective comments from the adjudicators in order to help us to grow and improve as performers.

WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 2023. We will meet at Wendell Middle School early in the morning, travel to the performance site (a High School TBD) where the band will perform. All students must ride the charter bus to to the High School where we will perform. We will warm up and perform for 2 judges. Then, we will load the buses and head to Busch Gardens. After the awards ceremony, we will load buses around 8:30 P.M. and return to Wendell, tired and sleepy from our busy, fun day! Students wishing to leave with their families please see the section "Leaving the Park with the Family."

REQUIREMENT: Because this trip is competition-based, it is important that the students be well-prepared musically. Students who do not have their music thoroughly learned by Spring Break will not be allowed to go on the trip. Also, students must abide by the criteria set on the invitation letter.

HOW: By Charter bus

COST: \$83.00 (Includes ticket admission for the park, fee for the festival, performance T-shirt, and a seat on the charter bus - does not include food or games)

MAKING PAYMENTS: The deposit of \$43 is due by February 24 and the remaining balance of \$40 is due March 30. If you need an individualized payment plan, please communicate with Mrs. Slade through email (cslade@wcpss.net), phone call (919-365-1667, ext. 25330), or Talking Points text. Please bring the payment to the band room before school.

1. Pay by credit/debit card, exact cash, money order, or cashiers check made out to WMS Band Boosters. Please no personal checks. A link to make credit card payment has been posted under "Pay a Band Fee" on www.wmswolvesband.com.
2. Put your child's name in the memo blank of your check.
3. Put your payment in an envelope with your child's name written across the front of the envelope.
4. Include the Agreement Form.

If your child is absent from school on payment day, please make arrangements to get the payment to school by 8:15 A.M. some other way.

Leaving the Park with the Family: In the event that a family would like to leave and take their child with them, please contact Mrs. Slade by April 22 to make the appropriate arrangements. Once performance is complete, students will remove belongings off of charter bus, leave with their families, and stay with their families during the rest of the day.

CHAPERONES

We will need 9 chaperones for 50 students. Chaperones will pay for the ticket and the uniform T-shirt (\$45.00). Chaperones may ride the bus or drive behind the charter bus. We will honor requests to be chaperones on a first-come-first served basis.

CHAPERONE DUTIES:

Chaperones must be at least 21 years old, and only 1 chaperone will be selected per family. We will break the students down into small groups of 6-8.

The chaperone will be responsible for those 6-8 students the entire day:

1. ***on the way to the performance site and Busch Gardens,***
2. ***in the park during the day,***
3. ***and on the way home from Busch Gardens.***

If there are any discipline problems, the chaperones will call Mrs. Slade to remove that child from the group. We do not want you to have to worry with discipline. We will handle that. There will be one brief meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the band room to discuss chaperone responsibilities and to answer any questions that you have.

Please sign the Chaperone Form and provide a separate payment of \$45.00 to let us know of your interest in chaperoning. Chaperones may begin submitting their application and payment immediately. In the event that the chaperone list becomes full before we receive your payment, we will return your money to you. *If you commit to being a chaperone on this trip, we expect that you will be participating on the trip on May 26, 2023. Please do not commit to be a chaperone if you are not sure that you will be available.*

Chaperones will need to complete the WCPSS Volunteer Registration. This can be done at any WCPSS school. I can also assistance you in completing your registration. It takes 2-6 weeks for registration to be processed. If you have completed registration once during this school year for Wendell Middle, you do not need to re-do it.

Thank you for your willingness to help us! We cannot go on this trip without your support!

Cat Slade, Band Director

Chaperone Form

I would like to serve as chaperone on the Busch Gardens Music in the Parks Trip on Saturday, April 29, 2023. I understand that I will be responsible for about 6-8 students to and from Busch Gardens and during the day while we are at the park. Payment is \$45.00 in exact cash, check made payable to *WMS Band Boosters*, or donation through PayPal.

Check the options that you would like: _____ Ride the bus _____ Drive car

Have you completed the WCPSS volunteer registration? _____ Yes, about when _____
_____ I will make arrangements to do it by May 1.

Shirt Size (Check One): _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ 2X-Large
If you would like additional shirts, you can provide an additional \$11 per shirt. Just write the number of shirts in the blank and include payment with this order.

Parent Signature

Print Name

Student Name

Parent Contact Number