

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS



GREAT EAST FESTIVAL PACKET



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Dear Band Parent/Guardian:

The Riverside Middle School Bands have once again been accepted to participate in the Great East Festival on Friday, May 14, 2010.

The day will begin with the Music Festival: a dignified and refined performance at a school (to be announced) in Agawam, Massachusetts. The adjudicators will critique each group's performances on tape and will present a rating plaque as the group exits the performance site. Participating groups will then proceed to the theme park (Six Flags, New England) where they will enjoy the fun and excitement for the remainder of the day.

The cost perspective is as follows:

Student cost -----\$75.00 (Includes t-shirt for park.) **Chaperone cost ----- \$35.00** (See page 5.)

The Great East Festival cost includes all expenses except food.

The payment schedule for students is as follows:

1st payment ----- \$40.00 (\$35.00 w/discount – See page 6.) - **Due Monday, February 8, 2010**
2nd payment ----- \$35.00 (\$30.00 w/discount – See page 6.) - **Due Monday, April 5, 2010**

Parents selected as chaperones (See page 5.) must pay in full no later than **Monday, April 5, 2010**.

Please make all checks payable to Riverside Middle School. All checks must be placed in a sealed envelope with name, telephone number and dollar amount on the outside. **ALL DEADLINES are FINAL, and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS. It will be assumed that if the payment deadline is not met, the student is not attending. There will be NO REFUNDS for any deposits.**

Sincerely,

Robin Murphy
Director of Bands

Sandra Forand
Principal

The Directors and/or Principals reserve the right to refuse any student from participating in this trip at any time. It must be understood that any money paid toward this trip is NON-REFUNDABLE, and if a student is removed from the trip for any reason, NO MONEY WILL BE RETURNED.

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FIELD TRIP VERIFICATION - MEDICAL INFORMATION - POLICY VERIFICATION

This information sheet is to be completed and returned to your Ms. Murphy as soon as possible so that your son/daughter may participate in band activities away from home.

STUDENT T-SHIRT SIZE (check one): ___ YOUTH S ___ YOUTH M ___ YOUTH L
 ___ ADULT S ___ ADULT M ___ ADULT L ___ ADULT XL

PLEASE PRINT:

STUDENT NAME: _____ PARENT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Alternate Name, Address, and Telephone Number in case parents cannot be contacted in case of emergency:

ALTERNATE NAME: _____ RELATION: _____

ALTERNATE'S MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Please give insurance carrier or other accident information, which may be needed in the event of an accident. Please include company name and policy identification number.

MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPANY NAME: _____

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____

IN THE EVENT I CANNOT BE REACHED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, I GIVE THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AND CHAPERONES COLLECTIVELY, THE AUTHORITY TO:

_____ Authorize treatment by a hospital and/or physician for my child both for emergency or a life- threatening situation.

_____ Upon my child's request, administer aspirin/Tylenol for minor headache pain, which would be distributed by the Music Director or Chaperone.

_____ I give permission for my child to participate in any music-related activity, including trips such as Exchange Concerts, Parades, Music Festivals, etc.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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CHAPERONE INFORMATION

Due to the many logistics involved and length of this trip, Ms. Murphy is in need of about 12-15 parent chaperones. Parent chaperones will have responsibilities ranging from student head counts, distribution of concert folders, managing instruments and percussion equipment, handing out park tickets, and various other duties.

Because of the popularity of this trip, there are usually more parents who volunteer to chaperone than are necessary. Unfortunately, Ms. Murphy can not use everyone who volunteers. Parents who are not selected will be placed on a waiting list.

Any questions regarding parent chaperone policies should be directed to Ms. Murphy NOT a Music Parent Association Executive Board member.

Parents interested in being Chaperones should read the following.

1. Executive Board Members of the Music Parents Association receive first priority in the selection of chaperones for this trip.
2. Chaperones must have legal guardianship of a child attending this trip, and they must be at least 21 years of age. (i.e. older siblings can NOT serve as chaperones)
3. If you are interested in being a chaperone, **DO NOT** send parent money at this time. **You will be notified by phone whether or not you are selected as a chaperone.**
4. If selected, you will need to send payment of \$35.00 no later than Monday, April 5, 2010.
5. **Once payment is made, there will be NO REFUNDS for any reason.**
6. **Only parent chaperones may ride the bus with the students.** All other parents interested in going must supply their own transportation to and from the festival. Parents going on their own will also need to buy their own park ticket at the gate.

ALL parents are asked to complete the following:

_____ I am interested in being a chaperone for the Band/Chorus trip to Six Flags, New England.

_____ I am NOT interested in being a chaperone for the Band/Chorus trip to Six Flags, New England. However, I will be providing **my own** transportation to and from the festival.

_____ I am unable to attend the trip.

PLEASE PRINT:

Your Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

CHAPERONE T-SHIRT SIZE (check one): _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL



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Dear Band Parent/Guardian:

As you know, the Band and Chorus held a fundraiser in September to raise money for the Music Parents Association to help the Band and Chorus programs and to help defray the cost of the spring trip. Those students who sold enough merchandise to produce a total of \$50.00 or more will receive a \$10.00 discount on the price of the students' trip to the Great East Festival at Six Flags, New England.

By sending you this note, we felt we could at least inform you of what was being planned prior to the deadline for the first payment. If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser discounts and how it relates to the spring trip, please contact me, Teresa Feola, Music Parents Association President at 474-9416. Questions regarding the trip itself should be directed to Ms. Murphy at Riverside Middle School, 433-6240 or rmsbandz@cox.net.

The Music Department of Riverside Middle School recognizes the difficulties sometimes created with participation in activities that involve financial obligations. We do not want any child to be denied participation in the trip to the Great East Festival at Six Flags due to financial difficulties. If financial difficulties arise, the Music Parents Association will be happy to work with you to schedule payments that may better suit your family's needs. If a family has difficulty in meeting the trip fee requirements, a written request for financial aid may be submitted to Ms. Murphy. All requests will be reviewed anonymously by the Music Parents Association Executive Board.

In order to qualify for financial assistance, the following guidelines will be considered:

1. The student qualifies for Federal assistance at Riverside Middle School.
2. **The student has raised (through fundraisers) or paid up to 50% of the trip fee.**
3. The parent/guardian has confirmed loss of job or major family disruption.
4. Student maintains at least a "C" average in all classes at Riverside Middle School.

Please follow the guidelines below to apply for financial assistance.

1. List parent/guardian(s) name, address and telephone number.
2. List student's name, grade and instrument.
3. Give a brief explanation of need for assistance.
4. Parent/Guardian *may* be asked to complete a financial aid application (acquired from Ms. Murphy).

Sincerely,
 Teresa Feola
 Music Parents Association Band President

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SIX FLAGS, NEW ENGLAND TRIP
GREAT EAST FESTIVAL - FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010

- ARRIVE AT RIVERSIDE MIDDLESCHOOL.....7:00 A.M.
ALL Students must arrive to school IN UNIFORM!!!
- LEAVE RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL.....7:30 A.M.
- ARRIVE AT PERFORMING VENUE.....9:30 A.M.
- VIKING BAND PERFORMANCE..... 10:35 A.M.*
- CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE.....11:35 A.M.*
- LEAVE FOR SIX FLAGS, NEW ENGLAND.....12:15 P.M.
Students will change out of uniform on bus upon arrival to the park. - Boys on one bus; girls on another, of course!!!
- CHECK-IN WITH CHAPERONE.....4:00 P.M.
Students MUST check in personally with chaperone at the Carousel.
- LEAVE SIX FLAGS, NEW ENGLAND.....6:30 P.M.
DO NOT be wet from water rides... make sure you have time to dry off before you decide to go on a water ride!!! Bus drivers do not allow wet students on the bus!
- RETURN TO RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL.....8:30 P.M.**
Parents, PLEASE BE ON TIME when picking up your child! (Why not be early?)

*Performance times are approximate and subject to change at any time.
**ALLOW 20-30 MINUTES IN CASE OF HEAVY TRAFFIC.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Riverside Middle School (401) 433-6230
Ms. Murphy (401) 369-1572 (cell.)

Please use discretion w/Ms. Murphy's phone number.
It should be for EMERGENCIES ONLY!

WHAT TO BRING ON THE TRIP:

STUDENTS:

- ❑ BAND INSTRUMENT - to be stored under the bus... make sure it is in a hard case!!!
- ❑ BAND FOLDERS - to be handed to each student's chaperone when boarding the bus.
- ❑ UNIFORM - **(MUST BE WORN TO SCHOOL)**
 - Concert Band - White Shirt, Black Shoes, Socks, & Pants, Red Jacket & Bow Tie
 - Viking Band - White Shirt, Black Shoes, Socks, Pants and Red Bow Tie
- ❑ EXTRA CLOTHES - It is advisable to have two sets of clothes. There are water rides, and if the students are wet, they will not be allowed back on the bus. If they have two sets of clothes, they can change out of the wet ones before getting back on the bus. **(BRING WARM CLOTHES IN CASE OF COLD OR INCLEMENT WEATHER. WE GO TO THE PARK RAIN OR SHINE!!!)**
- ❑ WRIST WATCH - students will need to know when it is time to check-in with their chaperones, and they need to know when it is time to meet the buses for departure.
- ❑ HEALTHY SNACKS for the bus ride - performing on a full stomach is much better!!!
- ❑ BAGGED LUNCH (Food at the park is VERY expensive. Also, we will not get to the park until after 1 P.M. The students will want to have had lunch before arriving to the park.)
- ❑ CD PLAYERS, IPODS, GAME BOYS, VIDEOS, (nothing rated above PG-13), ETC. for entertainment on the bus.
- ❑ SPENDING MONEY for the park

ADULTS FOLLOWING THE BUS: (separate list for chaperones)

- ❑ EXTRA CLOTHES **(BRING WARM CLOTHES IN CASE OF COLD OR INCLEMENT WEATHER. WE GO TO THE PARK RAIN OR SHINE!!!)**
- ❑ DRIVING DIRECTIONS AND MAP (ask Ms. Murphy for this) - The buses drive extremely fast. You will want to have this in case you lose sight of the buses on the way.
- ❑ WRIST WATCH
- ❑ SNACKS
- ❑ BAGGED LUNCH (Food at the park is VERY expensive. Also, we will not get to the park until after 1 P.M. You will want to have had lunch before arriving to the park.)
- ❑ SPENDING MONEY for the park (for yourself, and extra for when your child comes begging you for more.)
- ❑ PATIENCE, ENTHUSIASM, AND UNDERSTANDING.

IMPORTANT:

If any student is not going on the bus on the way home because they are riding back with a parent, that student MUST have a written note. Notes must be given to the child's director AT LEAST one week before the trip.

Students are in charge of telling his/her chaperone they will not be riding the bus home!!!