



GW BAND TRIP 2009 VERY IMPORTANT POINTS!!

PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILD. Initials, where indicated, and signatures are required on one copy to be returned to the Band Director by April 24.

FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

If your child will be bringing any **prescription or over-the-counter medications** (even Tylenol or Advil), please accompany your child into the GW band room prior to departure on Friday morning, May 15, and give the medications to the school nurse on site. All medications are to be sealed in a "Ziploc" style bag and clearly labeled with your child's name and dosing instructions.

Because we have approximately 130 students participating in this competition, it is essential that all students comply fully with the ***GWMS Band Code of Conduct***. **If, for any reason, a student's behavior is unacceptable at the discretion of the band directors, parents/guardians will be contacted by phone and will be expected to drive to Williamsburg to pick up their child, regardless of the hour.**

If you plan to pick up your child from Busch Gardens on Saturday, May 16, and/or your child will NOT be riding the bus back to Alexandria, **the parent/guardian must notify the band director in advance** so that arrangements can be made to deliver your child into your custody.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- *George Washington Inn*, Williamsburg: 1-800-804-6835
- Busch Gardens Williamsburg: 757-253-3350
- Educational Programs Network (Music in the Parks) 1-888-323-0974
- Debora Schomer, GWMS nurse: cell 703-402-9280
- Teri Webster, parent chaperone and trip coordinator: cell 703-582-5600

If you would like to Chaperone, please email Teri at idesignco@aoll.com

WHAT TO BRING:

Band Items:

- Instrument (name tag, provided prior to departure)
- Instrument accessories (cleaning items, oil, slide grease, reeds, etc.)
- Music folder

Full uniform:

Concert Band: *Gentlemen:* white dress shirt, black trousers, black socks, black shoes, dark tie.

Ladies: white blouse that buttons to collar, black skirt (at or below the knee) or black slacks, black hose or tights, black shoes.

Symphonic Band: white dress shirt that buttons to collar, black socks, black shoes, garment bag with GW band uniform.

Hotel Items & Clothing:

- Students are to adhere to the GWMS dress code. **Students will not be allowed on the bus wearing pajamas.**
- Luggage, one medium sized piece (name tag provided prior to departure)
- **Appropriate** sleepwear for Friday night.
- **Appropriate** swimwear & beach towel (or large bath towel).
- Clothes for Busch Gardens on Saturday.
- Personal items/toiletries (toothbrush, soap, hairdryer, deodorant, etc.)
- Any required medications **to be given to school nurse prior to departure.**

Park Items:

- Wristwatch
- Sunblock
- Comfortable shoes
- GWMS Band tee-shirt (to be given out on-site)
- Camera (preferably small and disposable)
- Lightweight jacket in case of cool weather
- Money: Friday pre performance stop at the Virginia Center Commons Mall in Glen Allen for snack/lunch, Saturday dinner/snacks and souvenirs at Busch Gardens. \$25-\$50 recommended.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Boombox – VCR or DVD player – Xbox/PS2-3 – Personal listening devices including iPods and mini iPods – multiple CDs/DVDs – stuffed animals – more than one medium sized piece of luggage – anything that violates ACPS policy (pocketknives, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, etc.). **Excessive candy/sweets & caffeine drinks will be confiscated by the band director.**



April 13, 2009

Dear Band Parents and Students,

We are beginning our final preparations for the Music in the Park Festival, our annual Spring Band Trip to be held at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA. This year, the GW Concert and Symphonic Bands (approximately 130 students) will be competing on May 15-16. The trip package includes:

- ♪ Round trip transportation aboard three deluxe, video equipped motor coaches.
- ♪ Boxed dinners at the Friday competition.
- ♪ Accommodations for one night at the *George Washington Inn*, Williamsburg, quadruple occupancy.
- ♪ Full use of the indoor pool at the *George Washington Inn*, post performance on Friday.
- ♪ In-room pizza delivery and beverage, Friday night.
- ♪ Full buffet breakfast, Saturday morning.
- ♪ GWMS Band tee-shirts.
- ♪ Music in the Parks festival fees.
- ♪ Admission to Busch Gardens, Saturday.

Your personal invoice indicating the deposit paid + personal proceeds from the two *Band Booster* fundraisers, and any balance due is detailed on a following enclosure. Please submit any payment due to GWMS Band Boosters, no later than April 24, 2009.

11 chaperones (2 band directors, 8 parents, and Debora Schoemer, the GWMS nurse) will accompany the students on the trip. If you have any questions about the materials in this package, or any questions about the trip, please contact the band directors at 703-706-4545 or via e-mail at caey.olney@acps.k12.va.us or rseracin@acps.k12.va.us.

Thank you for your continued support of our band program. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable trip!

Mr. Casey Olney & Mr. Rick Seracino, Band Directors

Enclosures:

- ♪ Personal invoice
- ♪ "Very Important Points"
- _ Schedule

Information about the *George Washington Middle School Band* and the *Music in the Parks* Spring Band Trip to Williamsburg can be found on the **GWMS Band Booster** email site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GWMSBandboosters>

GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
PERMISSION SLIP
MUSIC IN THE PARKS FESTIVAL
BUSCH GARDENS, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
MAY 15-16, 2009

Student's Name _____

Address/City/Zip Code _____

Grade Level _____

Concert Band Symphonic Band Jazz Band
(circle one)

I hereby give permission for, _____ to participate
(Student's Name)

in the band trip to Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, Virginia, for the Music in the Parks Festival band competition on May 15-16, 2009. I have discussed the **GWMS Band Code of Conduct** with my child, and we understand and agree with these conduct requirements. I am enclosing a deposit for \$50.00 to secure my child's reservation, and the required Health Form.

Student's signature

Parent/guardian signature

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes): S M L XL XXL XXXL (circle one)

GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
CODE OF CONDUCT
MUSIC IN THE PARKS FESTIVAL
BUSCH GARDENS, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
MAY 15-16, 2009

1. Conduct yourself in a manner that brings credit to you, your family, your school and your community, so that you are a positive reflection on George Washington Middle School.
2. Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or drugs.
3. Be loyal, honest, courteous and sportsmanlike in all dealings with the Directors, band members, and chaperones. Disrespect of any staff member, parent volunteer, or fellow student will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action.
4. Refrain from foul language and comments. This is a reflection on you, your family, and George Washington Middle School.
5. Adult chaperones are available to assist you. They should receive your complete attention, cooperation, and respect. Watch, listen, and cooperate with adult and student leaders during band functions.
6. Special care should be taken to see that all personal and school property is properly cared for. Pack instruments carefully for travel. Place identification tags on all personal items, and make sure all instruments cases are labeled properly. Take care that nothing is damaged, lost, or misplaced. You will be held responsible for damaged, lost, or misplaced school property in your care.
7. Be at the right place, at the right time, for all band activities, with the proper equipment, attire and attitude.

January 12, 2009

Dear Band Parents and Students:

We are beginning our preparations for the annual Spring Band Trip. This year, the GWMS Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands (approximately 140 students) will be competing in the Music in the Parks Festival at Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, Virginia on May 15-16th. The final cost for each student for this trip will depend on the success of each individual student's fundraising. Opportunities to offset the cost will be through the annual Spring fundraisers. The total cost will include round-trip transportation aboard three deluxe motor coaches, accommodations for one night, selected meals, GWMS Band t-shirts, festival fees, and admission to Busch Gardens.

At this point, we are asking for the following if your student plans to attend the trip:

- ❑ \$50.00 deposit to secure your child's reservation
- ❑ Permission Slip to be signed by parent/guardian and student. (Enclosure #1)
- ❑ Health Form – *Required by ACPS for all participants* (Enclosure #2)

It is very important to fill out the Health Form completely. To ensure the safety of all participants, all student medications (including over-the-counter medications) must be given to the designated chaperone on the morning of departure from school on May 15th. The chaperone will be responsible for ensuring medications are taken on schedule, and in the proper amount. The only exception is inhalers, which students are permitted to keep in their possession. If there are any privacy concerns about the information contained on your child's Health Form, please place it in a sealed envelope before delivering to school. The only individuals with access to information on these forms are the band directors and one assigned chaperone (the School Nurse generally): all are required to comply with Federal health information privacy regulations.

More detailed information will be forthcoming as we finalize our plans.

Please read the GWMS Band Code of Conduct (Enclosure #3) and discuss it with your child. Fill in and sign the Permission Slip, parent/guardian and student signatures are required. Return the signed Permission Slip and completed Health Form with you \$50.00 check payable to *GWMS Band Boosters*, to the band directors in advance of February 2nd. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact us at 703-706-4545 or via email casey.olney@acps.k12.va.us or rseracin@acps.k12.va.us.

We were looking forward to a successful and enjoyable trip!

Mr. Casey Olney, Band Director
Mr. Rick Seracino, Band Director

Enclosures:

#1 Permission Slip
#2 ACPS Health Form

#3 GWMS Band Code of Conduct



2009 Spring Trip Busch Gardens, Williamsburg May 15 & 16

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DAY ONE: Friday, May 15, 2009

8:30 a.m. Students meet in the Band Room for trip briefing, label and pack instruments and uniforms for loading on motorcoaches.

9:30 a.m. Motorcoaches arrive ready for loading. Students are grouped by grade level on three deluxe motorcoaches.

10:30 a.m. Depart from GWMS aboard a deluxe, restroom-equipped motorcoach.

12:00 p.m. En route, enjoy lunch at individual expense in the food court at the Virginia Center Commons Mall. (VA Center Commons Mall: 10102 Brook Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23059; (804) 266-9000; from 95 S – exit 86B onto Route 1, Brook Rd., Glen Allen, VA.)

1:00 p.m. Depart lunch stop for Williamsburg.

2:30 p.m. Arrive at the *George Washington Inn & Conference Center* located at 500 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23158 and **check in** (800-804-6835). Change into band uniforms.

4:00 p.m. Depart the hotel for *Bruton High School*. (Bruton HS: 185 East Rochambeau Dr., Williamsburg, 757-220-4050)

4:25 p.m. Concert Band warm-up. Symphonic Band eats box meal.

4:50 p.m. Concert Band plays.

5:15 p.m. Symphonic Band warm-up. Concert Band eats box meal.

5:40 p.m. Symphonic Band plays.

7:00 p.m. Depart for hotel

7:30 p.m. Arrive at the hotel; check into rooms and get settled.

8:00-10:00 p.m. Pool time. Bring your own towel. THERE IS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY; GROUP MEMBERS SWIM AT THEIR OWN RISK; GWMS CHAPERONES WILL BE SUPERVISING THE POOL.

Students will be either in the pool area or in their rooms. There is no wandering around the hotel or outside of the building.

10:00 p.m. Students return to rooms. Pizza delivery.

10:30 p.m. Room check and lock down. Students must be in their assigned rooms at this time.

11:00 p.m. Lights out, TV off. **There is a noise ordinance in Williamsburg!**

DAY TWO: Saturday, May 16, 2009

7:00 a.m. Wake up. Clean room, pack, wait to be called to breakfast.

8:00 a.m. Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel. Students will be sent to breakfast in groups of 20-30 for seating reasons.

9:30 a.m. Check out from the hotel and board motorcoaches. Students will be dismissed from their respective rooms after an acceptable room inspection by a chaperone.

Students must wear their GWMS band tee-shirts on Saturday to *Busch Gardens*.

10:00 a.m. Arrive at *Busch Gardens*. Enjoy the park! Meals throughout the day are available from a variety of moderately priced eateries and are at individual expense.

1:00 p.m. Check in with the Band Directors at the Mist Bridge into Ireland.

4:15 p.m. Check in with the Band Directors/Chaperones outside the Royal Palace Theatre for the *Music in the Parks* competition results.

4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

5:30 p.m. Last chance for shopping/eating.

6:30 p.m. Board motorcoaches for the return trip. **Students MUST return to GWMS on the motorcoach unless a parent/guardian has notified a Band Director in advance of alternative transport back to Alexandria.**

9:30 p.m. Arrive at *George Washington Middle School*, Alexandria. Arrival time is approximate and depends on weather and traffic.

CONTACT INFO:

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Casey Olney, Band Director
Rick Seracino, Band Director
GWMS Band Room 703-706-4545
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Debra Schomer, GWMS Nurse
Cell 703-402-9380

George Washington Inn & Conference Ctr.
500 Merrimac Trail
Williamsburg, VA 23158
800-804-6835

Music in the Parks
888-323-0974

Virginia Center Commons Mall
10102 Brook Rd.
Glen Allen, VA 23059
804-266-9000

Bruton High School
185 East Rochumbeau Dr.
Williamsburg, VA 23188
757-220-4050

Info on the Spring Band Trip is available on the GWMS Band Boosters email.

If you have not already joined, please visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GWMSBandboosters>

EMERGENCY CARE INFORMATION

In case of an emergency, the school staff will contact 911.
Every attempt will be made to contact a parent/guardian or a designated emergency contact.

STUDENT NAME	School:	Bus #:
Last	ID #:	Grade Level:
First	Date of Birth:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Middle	Social Security #:	Teacher/Counselor:
		Language Spoken at Home:

Student resides with FATHER MOTHER BOTH LEGAL GUARDIAN

FATHER	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Last _____	_____	Home (____) _____
First _____	_____	Work (____) _____
Middle _____	_____	Car/Pager (____) _____
MOTHER	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Last _____	_____	Home (____) _____
First _____	_____	Work (____) _____
Middle _____	_____	Car/Pager (____) _____
LEGAL GUARDIAN	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Last _____	_____	Home (____) _____
First _____	_____	Work (____) _____
Middle _____	_____	Car/Pager (____) _____

LIST 2 PERSONS WE SHOULD CALL IN AN EMERGENCY IF THE PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN CANNOT BE REACHED.

Name	Relationship	Telephone
1. _____	_____	1. (____) _____
2. _____	_____	2. (____) _____

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP MY CHILD:

1. _____

2. _____

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (Complete if applicable)

Name of Provider: _____ (____) _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name of Health Insurance Company	School Health Insurance Purchased? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Name of Student's Physician
Policy/Group/Employee Number	HMO Number, if applicable	Physician's Telephone Number (____) _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Check any current health condition that may require attention during the school day.

<input type="checkbox"/> Allergies (be specific)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia
<input type="checkbox"/> Foods _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical disability (be specific) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicines _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory (be specific) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bee sting/insect _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Vision Problems (be specific) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Glasses <input type="checkbox"/> Contacts
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> ADD, ADHD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (be specific) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing problems <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing aid(s)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Problems (be specific)	_____

List all medications and dosages your child receives on a continual basis:

Obtain medication forms from school for any medication required during the school day.

The school has my permission, in an emergency when I (or my physician) cannot be contacted, to take my child to the emergency of the nearest hospital and its medical staff have my authorization to provide treatment which a physician deems necessary for the well-being of my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date