



April 12, 2010

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 Symphonic and Jazz Bands (approximately 75 students) will be competing on May 14-15. The trip package includes:

- ♪ Round trip transportation aboard two 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 23, 2010.

8 chaperones (1 band director, 6 parents, and Deborah Schoemer, the GWMS nurse) will accompany the students on the trip. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Deborah Lockett at [debo@tindell.net](mailto:debo@tindell.net) or (703) 683-7608. If you have any questions about the materials in this package, or any questions about the trip, please contact Mr. Seracino at 703-706-4545 or via e-mail at [rseracin@acps.k12.va.us](mailto: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. Rick Seracino, Band Director

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>

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **GWMS 2010 Spring Band Trip**

### **Student Balance Sheet**

Student proceeds from the Spring and Fall Fundraisers are applied to the trip.

<b>Fundraiser 1</b>	<b>Fundraiser 2</b>	<b>Trip Deposit</b>	<b>Balance due</b>

Please submit a payment for the balance of

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to the GWMS Band Boosters no later than April 23, 2010, checks made out to **GWMS Band Boosters**.

If you have any questions about the trip contact the band director, Mr. Seracino, at 703-706-4545 or via email at [rseracin@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:rseracin@acps.k12.va.us) , or the student balance sheet, please contact Deborah Lockett at [debo@tindell.net](mailto:debo@tindell.net).



## **GW BAND TRIP 2010 VERY IMPORTANT POINTS!!**

**PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILD.**

### **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 14, 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 you child's name and dosing instructions.

Because we have approximately 75 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.**

All students participating in the trip are required to ride the bus to and from Williamsburg. Parents may NOT pick up their children from Busch Gardens.

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

- *George Washington Inn, Williamsburg:* 1-757-220-1410
- Busch Gardens Williamsburg: 800-343-7946
- Educational Programs Network (Music in the Parks) 1-888-323-0974
- Deborah Schoemer, GWMS nurse: cell 703-402-9280
- Deborah Lockett, parent chaperone and trip coordinator: cell 703-862-3210

### **CHAPERONES:**

If you would like to Chaperone, please email Deborah at [debo@tindell.net](mailto:debo@tindell.net)

## **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:*

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

**Jazz Band:** black collared Jazz band shirt, black dress pants or black jeans, 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 – 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.**

You may bring personal listening devices (iPods, etc) at your own risk. The band is not responsible for loss of any items.



# 2010 Spring Trip Busch Gardens, Williamsburg May 14 & 15

## ITINERARY

### DAY ONE: Friday, May 14, 2010

**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 two 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 Rochumbeau Dr. , Williamsburg, 757-220-4050)

**4:50 p.m.** Symphonic Band warm-up.

**5:15 p.m.** Symphonic Band plays.

**6:00 p.m.** Depart for Berkeley Middle School. (Jazz band eats box meal en route.)

**6:30 p.m.** Jazz Band warm-up. Symphonic Band eats box meal.

**6:55 p.m.** Jazz Band plays.

**7:30 p.m.** Depart for hotel

**8:00 p.m.** Arrive at the hotel; check into rooms and get settled.

**8:30-10:00 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 15, 2010**

**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 Director/Chaperones at the Mist Bridge into Ireland.

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

**5:00 p.m.** Awards Ceremony at the Royal Palace Theater

**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.**

**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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Ellen Bradley, Band Trip Coordinator  
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Rick Seracino, Band Director  
GWMS Band Room 703-706-4545  
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Deborah Schoemer, GWMS Nurse  
Cell 703-402-9380

George Washington Inn & Conference Ctr.  
500 Merrimac Trail  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
757-220-1410

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

Berkeley Middle School  
1118 Ironbound Road  
Williamsburg, VA 23188  
757-229-8051

**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>**

January 19, 2010

Dear Band Parents and Students:

We are beginning our preparations for the annual Spring Band Trip. This year, the GWMS Symphonic and Jazz Bands (approximately 75 students) will be competing in the Music in the Parks Festival at Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, Virginia on May 14-15th. The actual per student cost will be approximately \$200 which will be offset by each student's fundraising balance; the final cost for each student will depend on the success of each individual student's fundraising. Future opportunities to offset the cost will be available through the annual Spring fundraisers. The total cost will include round-trip transportation aboard deluxe motor coaches, accommodations for one night, selected meals, GWMS Band t-shirts, festival fees, and admission to Busch Gardens. Based on the fall popcorn fundraiser and any amounts left over from last year's fundraising activity, your current account balance is:

Student:                      Account Balance:

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

\$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE 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 #3)

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 14th. 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 #2) 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 your non-refundable \$50.00 check payable to *GWMS Band Boosters*, to the band directors in advance of January 29th. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact me at 703-706-4545 or via email at [rseracin@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:rseracin@acps.k12.va.us). (For questions about your account balance, please contact Deborah Lockett at (703) 862-3210 or [debo@tindell.net](mailto:debo@tindell.net).)

We were looking forward to a successful and enjoyable trip!

Mr. Rick Seracino, Band Director

Enclosures:

- #1 Permission Slip
- #2 GWMS Band Code of Conduct
- #3 ACPS Health Form

GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PERMISSION SLIP  
MUSIC IN THE PARKS FESTIVAL  
BUSCH GARDENS, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA  
MAY 14-15, 2010

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

**Symphonic Band    Jazz Band**  
(circle one or both)

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 14-15, 2010. 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 nonrefundable 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 14-15, 2010

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.

Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or drugs.

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.

Refrain from foul language and comments. This is a reflection on you, your family, and George Washington Middle School.

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.

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.

Be at the right place, at the right time, for all band activities, with the proper equipment, attire and attitude.

# ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## EMERGENCY CARE INFORMATION

SCHOOL YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student resides with: father—mother—both—guardian (circle one)

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name (last) _____ (first) _____ male/female _____
Date of Birth _____ School _____ Grade _____ Native language _____
Mother's name _____ address _____
Home phone _____ work phone _____ cell phone _____
Father's name _____ address _____
Home phone _____ work phone _____ cell phone _____
Guardian's name(s) _____ address _____
Home phone _____ work phone _____ cell phone _____

This student has health insurance  YES  NO Name of health insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Primary Health Care Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Alternate persons who may make emergency decisions and/or pick up your child from school:</b>
Name _____ phone numbers _____
Name _____ phone numbers _____

<b>If there are no medical and/or health conditions that affect your child's school day, please sign and return this form to the school.</b>
Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

<b>If there are medical and/or health conditions that affect your child's school day, please complete the following information:</b>
Allergies (food) _____ (medications) _____ (bees/insects) _____ Seasonal Allergies _____
Has Epi-Pen _____ Other allergy/medications (please list) _____
_____ Asthma _____ Albuterol inhaler _____ Blood disorder _____
_____ Cancer: type _____ _____ Physical disability _____
_____ Diabetes: _____ insulin injections _____ insulin pump _____ Seizures (medicines) _____
_____ Hearing problems _____ hearing aids _____ Vision problems: _____ glasses _____ contacts _____
_____ Heart problems _____ Other health concerns: _____
How often does your child see a doctor for any of these conditions? _____
Are there any medications needed during the school day? _____ If yes, then please obtain the Medication Authorization forms from the school nurse. All students needing medication at school will need completed Medication Authorization forms on file in the school nurses' office.
Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ 04/08