



Spur Junior High Band Greater Southwest Music Festival

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Hello Junior High School Band Parents!

Your children have been a blessing this semester and have put in great amounts of work! As some of your children may have told you, the Spur Junior High School Bands will compete in this year's **Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo, Texas on May 6th**. This contest will involve the JH Band at Spur ISD performing in the Amarillo Civic center for a panel of three judges. The band will perform three selections and then be given a score by the judges. This is a great opportunity to prepare students for UIL competition in the coming years, as well as a chance to perform for an audience. Following the contest we will bring the students to Wonderland amusement park to spend the afternoon having fun. Wonderland has grouped an All-You-Can-Eat dinner with the park admission.

Schedule

8:30 AM	Come to Band Hall for Warm-Up and Run through of Contest Music
9 AM	Load Equipment
10:30 AM	Leave for Amarillo Civic Center (Pit Stop in Plainview) (Sack Lunches provided on Bus, you may bring your own lunch)
1:30 PM	Arrive in Amarillo Civic Center – Unload and Head to Warm-Up Area
2:20 PM	JH School Band Performs Awesome Concert
3:30 PM	Load Equipment – Change Clothes – Wait for Scores
4 PM	Arrive at Wonderland Amusement Park, Separate into groups and have fun! (Eat at Park)
8 PM	Depart Wonderland Park
11:30 PM	Arrive in Spur

Dress Code

Dress is very important for musical performances. Though we would preferably want all the students to look the same, we want to make it as easy as possible on all families. Student clothing will need to be professional (“Sunday Best”) and must follow the Spur ISD dress code. Clothing to the contest **MAY NOT INCLUDE: Jeans, T-Shirts, Shorts, Short Skirts, Tank-Tops, Athletic Shoes, or Flip-Flops**. Guys will need to wear: Slacks, Brown or Black Shoes, Belt, Collared Shirt (Tucked In). If there is an issue with clothing, please let me know as soon as possible so that clothing may be obtained. Students will be allowed to change before going to Wonderland; however dress to the Amusement Park must still follow Spur ISD Dress Code.

Cost

Students will need to pay \$15 for the cost of Wonderland. This will need to be paid by May 4th to Mrs. Billberry the School Nurse (Band Booster President). Students will need to bring any extra money with them the day of the contest if they wish to purchase tickets for a few of the large rides or for any snacks. A meal is provided in the \$15 charge for Wonderland. If there is a problem paying this fee, please let me know as soon as possible. **All students will be given a chance to go regardless of whether they can pay or not.**

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Parental Consent Form

Each student will need to have a Parental Consent Form signed by their parent before they are able to attend this contest. (Consent form is included in this letter.) Please have your student return these forms to me as soon as possible.

Not All Students May Attend

I would love for every student to attend this competition and trip but it is a Texas State rule that students may not compete if they are not passing. If a student is failing any class, they will not be permitted to go. Also, Band takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Those students choosing not to participate in rehearsal during class will not only lose points in their participation grade but also will lose the opportunity to go to this competition. This will be very few students but I must not allow those few who hinder others' hard work. This has nothing to do with talent, but everything to do with attitude and participation. These types of trips are a privilege for the students and should be viewed as such. Students deemed not-trustworthy will not be able to attend.

Any questions, comments, or suggestions? Please feel free to contact me! Email is preferable and probably the best way to get a hold of me but you may also call the school or my mobile phone.



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