



Spur High School Band

Spring Trip Information (2011)

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope the school year has been well for you, and that the upcoming Christmas season is joyful and relaxing. This past month has been a busy one for the Spur High School Band as we closed out marching season and have begun preparation for our Christmas Concert (more on that later). The big news is that the Band Boosters and Spur ISD administration have approved a Spring Band Trip for the High School Band. It has been many years since the band has been on a trip of this nature and it is long overdue.

DETAILS

Date: May 13th -15th 2011
Where: Arlington, Tx
Who: All High School Band Members (8th – 12th Grade)
Competition: Music Across Texas Festival

This is an optional trip for each band member, no student is required to go.

COST

The out of pocket cost per student will be \$100. (The Band Boosters will fundraise the other half.) The \$100 will be divided into payments payable to Spur Band Boosters. All payments may be made to Marcella Bilberry, the Band Director will not handle any of the payments for the trip. The following is an outline of the payment schedule.

Payment #	Due By	Amount
1	December 14 th 2010	\$20
2	January 11 th 2011	\$15
3	February 15 th 2011	\$15
4	March 10 th 2011	\$20
5	April 7 th 2011	\$15
6	May 4 th 2011	\$15

IMPORTANT: If you are unable to make any or all of these payments. Please contact Marcella Bilberry for assistance from the Band Boosters. Do not assume because you cannot pay that your child may not go! Assistance is limited, but available.

TRIP

Though nothing is set for sure as of yet, the plan for the trip will include hotel, all meals, Six Flags Ticket, Medieval Times Ticket, Dallas Cowboy Stadium Ticket, and transportation. The Band will perform in a theatre inside the Six Flags Theme Park the morning of May 14th.

GRADES AND BEHAVIOR

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. **STUDENTS MUST BE PASSING ALL CLASSES TO GO ON THIS TRIP!** 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/trip. 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 at the discretion of the Band Director. **Behavior and grade consideration begins now! Students will not be allowed to continually fail classes and then pass just before the trip, nor will they be allowed to act up in band or any other class and then decide just before the trip to act appropriate. Band students are held to higher standards both on grades and behavior, so consideration for this trip begins now.**

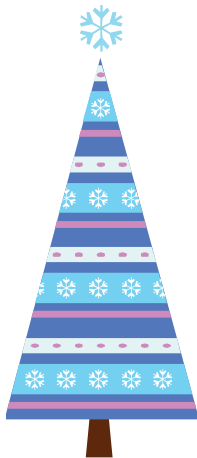
REFUNDS

Refunds for students who lose the privilege or for students who decide not to go on the trip will be given a full refund up till the April 7th payment. After that refunds WILL NOT be given due to the fact that we will pre pay everything and it is likely that the money for your child's spot is already paid. **After April 7th there will be NO refunds available, this includes if a student does not pass his/her classes, is not allowed to go due to behavior reasons, or decides not to participate in this trip.**

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. As usual, this letter and other trip information may be found on the Spur Band Website. www.spurband.weebly.com



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Spur ISD Christmas Concert Featuring Music of All Ages

Monday December 6th
Band Booster Meal 5:30-7PM
Spur ISD Cafeteria
Children \$3
Adult (6th Grade and Up) \$5

Christmas Concert 7PM
HS Gymnasium



HS Band Parents are asked to bring the following to assist with the meal.

Last Name of Student:
A-J Hamburger Meat
K-R Spaghetti Noodles and Garlic Bread
S-Z Bag of Salad