



# Autrey Mill Middle School Band

## Southern Star / Six Flags

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Dear AMMS Band Parents,

January 11, 2023

We are so excited that your child is a member of our award-winning music department! We strive each year to offer a variety of musical experiences to showcase our amazing music students and provide them with an array of performance opportunities with this year proving to be no different.

We are pleased to announce that the Autrey Mill Middle School Band has been approved to attend the **Southern Star Music Festival**, a music performance festival in Atlanta, GA. The **Six Flags Trip will occur Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** and will include an adjudicated music performance (much like LGPE) at the Riverside Epicenter Auditorium near Six Flags as well as TWO tickets to Six Flags and a meal voucher. After the performance we will spend the remainder of the day enjoying ourselves in the Six Flags theme park. At the end of the day, we will attend an awards ceremony held in the park. We have an expected ratio of 12 students per adult.

### The student cost of the trip is:

- **\$85.00 per person (2 tickets, meal voucher, transportation, festival participation)**
- **\$60.00 for Season Pass Holders (meal voucher, transportation, festival participation).**
- **\$40.00 for students to attend the performance only (transportation, festival participation).** *Students MUST ride the bus to the performance with the group and then will have to have a parent pick him/her up from the performance venue.*

While we hope that all students will be able to attend and benefit from this activity, attendance is not required and in no way affects the student's instruction or evaluation. We do reserve the right to cancel this field trip if sufficient money is not available to cover all costs, instrumentation needs are insufficient, or if not enough students/chaperones are available.

Parent chaperones are invited to go with us, and we will need many chaperones for this trip to assist with student groups to keep groups small. Costs for chaperones will be covered. In addition, chaperones will be required to complete the volunteer process by Fulton County to be a chaperone. Students and chaperones will meet at AMMS and ride the bus to and from the event. This is an ALL-Day event.

Schedule is included. **The performance will be held at Paul Duke Stem High School located at 5850 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Norcross, GA 30071. Performances are open to the public and we invite parents to attend.**

Performance Attire will include our formal uniform consisting of white band polo, black pants, black socks, and black shoes. Students should bring a change of casual clothing for the park which must include their spirit wear t-shirts.

Sunscreen, hats, and additional money for the park may be brought. FYI: Six Flags no longer accepts cash. Cards only. There are cash exchange machines in the park in which you can put cash onto a card to use while in the park.

### ***Discipline***

Any student who does not demonstrate appropriate school behavior or receives a suspension (ISS or OSS) prior to the trip because of an office referral may be ineligible to attend the trip at the discretion of directors and administration. This begins immediately.

### **Student Behavior Agreement: *By attending this trip students and parents agree to the following agreement.***

*I will abide by all school rules and policies while on this field trip. Although I am away from home, I understand that while in Six Flags I will be representing my school, music program, community, and parents. Furthermore, I understand that if I disobey school rules, I may be subject to appropriate consequences as outlined by the law or found in the Fulton County Code of Conduct which may also include being sent home early from the trip at my parent's expense.*

# WHAT DO I DO NOW?

**STEP 1: Decide if your student and YOU can go!**

**STEP 2: Make Payment – No later than Friday, January 20, 2023**

**(Use [ammsband.org](https://ammsband.org) website and go to EVENTS – Look for Southern Star/Six Flags section)**

Please make payments using the **OSP link for Band Donation** (You can type in the specific amount & put package type in the comments). Double check to see that you have entered the correct payment amount for the package you need - Full Package (\$85), Student w/ Season Pass (\$60), or Festival Participant ONLY (\$40).

**STEP 3: Permission Form – No later than January 20, 2023** <https://forms.office.com/r/WUNH4pydLj>

Please fill out digital permission form linked above. Please use student's given name. The completed Permission is **DUE: No later than Friday, January 20, 2023**

**STEP 4: Return the attached summary form with your student to Mrs. Wilson no later than Friday, January 20, 2023.**

<b>Southern Star Music Festival</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band		
Saturday, March 25, 2023		
7:00AM		<b>Student drop off at AMMS. Gather instruments and load equipment.</b>
7:15AM		<b>Depart AMMS for Paul Duke Stem School performance venue.</b>
7:45AM		<b>Mrs. Wilson checks in at performance site. Students unload, assemble instruments, and get music with chaperones. Cases will remain on bus. All other items will remain on bus.</b>
8:00AM		<b>Prepare to go into warm-up. Restroom / water / uniform check</b>
8:25AM		<b>Warm-up. Chaperones may go to the auditorium to watch performance.</b>
8:55AM		<b>Performance on stage at Paul Duke Stem School / Clinic</b>
9:15AM		<b>Students will pack up equipment and load equipment on buses.</b>
9:45AM		<b>Be audience members to watch AMMS Orchestra performance.</b>
10:00AM		<b>Group photo, change into casual clothes, then return to the auditorium.</b>
10:50AM		<b>Be audience members to watch AMMS Chorus performance.</b>
11:00AM		<b>Load buses and head to Six Flags (approx. 5 minute drive)</b>
12:00PM		<b>Arrive and unload at Six Flags. Students go with chaperone groups. Chaperones will distribute tickets and meal vouchers. Chaperones remain with group throughout the day and determine times for lunch &amp; dinner breaks.</b>
12:30PM –6:35PM		<b>Groups have fun in the park!</b>
6:35PM		<b>Groups CHECK-IN at Axis Arena and move to seats.</b>
6:45PM		<b>ALL Groups meet at Axis Arena for Southern Star awards ceremony.</b>
7:00PM		<b>Award Ceremony begins in the Axis Arena</b>
8:00PM		<b>Head directly to buses after awards ceremony ends. Depart for AMMS</b>
8:45-9:00PM		<b>Parents meet at AMMS to pick up students. Equipment unloaded and put away upon arrival.</b>
<b>*Times are approximate/flexible and may change depending on traffic, venue changes, etc.</b>		

We are excited about the opportunity to have our ensembles perform in this festival and we hope everyone can share in this musical experience together.

Thank you for sharing your students and their musical talents with us!!!

Musically yours,

Wendy Wilson  
Band Director



# Southern Star/Six Flags Trip Permission Summary Form

Music Department Performance Trip

March 25, 2023

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**\*PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MRS. WILSON  
AFTER ONLINE PAYMENT & PERMISSION FORM ARE COMPLETE –  
No Later Than Friday, January 20, 2023**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be attending the Southern Star/Six Flags trip on March 25, 2023. I am aware of the dates, time, travel, and expectations for this trip and give my permission for my child to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please do NOT turn in until the following has been completed. Thank you!

Please initial and/or mark ALL that apply:

\_\_\_ I have filled out the permission form online with insurance/medical details.

\_\_\_ I have made my online payment for the trip. Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

Which option(s) did you pay for?

\_\_\_ \$85.00 (Student – Full Package)

\_\_\_ \$60.00 (Student – I am a Season Pass Holder)

\_\_\_ \$40.00 (Student – I can ONLY attend the performance.)

\_\_\_ NO PAYMENT REQUIRED (Chaperone)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: 8<sup>th</sup>

Name of Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone:

- Are you a season pass holder for Six Flags?

YES NO

- Have you completed the Fulton County Volunteer Process and been approved?

YES NO

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) WILL NOT  
be attending the Southern Star/Six Flags trip on March 25, 2023.