



Autrey Mill Middle School Band

Dear AMMS Band Parents,

February 20, 2022

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 26th** 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 (\$60.00 for Season Pass Holders). 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 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. **The cost for chaperones is \$40.00 per person.** 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.

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. We have been informed that there are machines in the park in which you can put cash onto a card to use while in the park.

WHAT TO DO NOW?

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

STEP 2: *Make Payment – No later than Monday, February 28, 2022*

OSP Links on AMMS Website

Please make payments using the OSP links for Band – Southern Star. Double check to see that you have selected the correct link either for Student – Full Package, Student w/ Season Pass, or Chaperone.

STEP 3: *Permission Form – No later than Monday, February 28, 2022* <https://forms.office.com/r/WUNH4pydLj>

Please fill out permission form linked above. Please use student's given name. The completed Permission or Opt Out form is **DUE: No later than Monday, February 28, 2022**

STEP 4: *Return the attached form with your student to Mrs. Wilson no later than Monday, February 28, 2022.*

Southern Star Music Festival

7th & 8th Grade Band
Saturday, March 26, 2022

6:00AM	Student drop off at AMMS. Gather instruments and load equipment.
6:30AM	Depart AMMS for Riverside Epicenter performance venue.
7:30AM	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.
7:45AM	Prepare to go into warm-up. Restroom / water / uniform check
8:00AM	Warm-up. Chaperones may go to the auditorium to watch performance.
8:20AM	Performance on stage at Riverside Epicenter
8:45AM	Students will pack up equipment and load equipment on buses. Change into casual clothing.
9:35AM	Load buses and head to Six Flags (approx. 5 minute drive)
9:45AM	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 & dinner breaks.
9:45AM – 6:45PM	Groups have fun in the park!
6:45PM	ALL Groups meet at Axis Arena for Southern Star awards ceremony.
7:00PM	Award Ceremony begins in the Axis Arena
8:00PM	Head directly to buses after awards ceremony ends. Depart for AMMS
9:00PM	Parents meet at AMMS to pick up students. Equipment unloaded and put away upon arrival.
*Times are approximate/flexible and may change depending on traffic, venue changes, etc.	

Covid Statement:

ALL students and adults will be expected to follow the current COVID protocols in place for buses, Fulton County Schools, and venues in which we visit. This may include masks, temperature checks and screening questionnaires prior to departure or at venues on the day of the trip. If your student does not pass the med check your student will not be allowed to travel. Masks may be required in certain locations based upon FCS Policies and the Policies of the Venues we will be attending.

Discipline

Any student who does not demonstrate appropriate school behavior or receives a suspension (ISS or OSS) prior to the trip as a result 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.

We are excited about the opportunity to have our ensembles perform in this festival and we hope everyone is able to 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 Form

Music Department Performance Trip

March 26, 2022

***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MRS. WILSON AFTER ONLINE
PAYMENT & PERMISSION FORM ARE COMPLETE –
No Later Than Monday, February 28, 2022**

My child _____ (7th Grade / 8th Grade) will be attending the Southern Star/Six Flags trip on March 26, 2022. 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.

____ 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 (Chaperone)

Student Name: _____ **Instrument:** _____

Grade: 7th OR 8th

Name of Chaperone: _____

My child _____ (7th Grade / 8th Grade) WILL NOT
be attending the Southern Star/Six Flags trip on March 26, 2022.