



**HARBOUR POINTE MUSIC BOOSTERS PRESENTS :**  
**INFORMATION PACKET 1 FOR 2010-11 SILVERWOOD TRIP**

October 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce our acceptance into “Music in the Parks” in Idaho, near the Silverwood Amusement Park! Our performances for band, choir and orchestra will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Our trip will be from after school on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> with a return home on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are proud that our music program will be representing our community and trust all taking part will work hard this year to do so!

At this time, all students should be turning in the order forms for their uniform shoes and gloves and ordering pants through Land’s End in preparation for this trip and our other performances throughout the year.

Included in this packet is the following:

- Proposed itinerary and cost(s) for our trip
- Student Information Forms – Due by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Question and answer sheet with the most common questions asked about our trip
- Chaperone Requirements and Chaperone application – DUE by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Financial Assistance application – DUE by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Please feel free to ask questions not answered by this packet of information. All questions and concerns will be taken seriously and kept confidential. Please know that Mr. Moody and Ms. Small have already talked to the kids about the fact that they will be treating them like their own kids and will be very protective of them. They would not consider doing a trip like this if they did not think it would be well organized and safe! The band, choir and orchestra will have many a long heart to heart talk about this before the trip.

It is also important to understand that we need a strong percentage of people to back this trip. If, after receiving the STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS we do not continue to have a solid 80% planning to go, we will not be able to. It is also important for parents and students to know that this trip is NOT a graded activity and no student will be graded down or made to feel bad for not going.

We also want to explain how our fundraising procedures work. In order to follow the bylaws of our organization, all fundraising activities will offset the entire group cost of the trip. This means that money raised through our ONE FUNDRAISER (the auction) – will help ALL students' overall cost. It will be important for everyone to get involved in our auction this year. Please ask if you don't know how! We will be offering financial aid to students who are in financial need (up to half the cost of the trip) and this information will be kept confidential.

Please read everything in this packet carefully and send back information requested in a timely fashion! We have deposit deadlines and need to stay to our schedule in order to make this work for the kids.

We are excited and looking forward to seeing this all come together!

Cordially,

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2010-11 Travel Co-chairs - Harbour Pointe Music Boosters

**All forms and deposits should be mailed to:**

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MOST COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT SILVERWOOD MUSIC BOOSTERS TRIP

1. **TRIP ITINERARY?** May 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Friday after school until Sunday late afternoon)

Day 1 Friday :

- Leave HPMS on chartered buses approx. 3:30 pm – have “boxed dinner” on bus and arrive at hotel – Holiday Inn Express, Hayden, Idaho.

Day 2 Saturday:

- Breakfast provided at hotel (will go down in shifts)
- Band and Choir/Orchestra groups will head to venue for performances (in local area) on buses
- After performances all groups will head to Silverwood for the rest of the afternoon (voucher for lunch provided) with awards ceremony at Silverwood at 5 pm
- 6pm load buses back to hotel
- 7 pm pizza and soda buffet dinner
- 8 pm to 1 am “some serious fun” at the Raptor Reef Indoor Water Park and Triple Play Family Fun Center (bumper boats, putt putt golf, laser tag, arcade games, climbing wall and more) which is attached to our hotel!

Day 3 Sunday

- Sleep in a bit.... Leave around 11’ish on buses after brunch at hotel
- Lunch/Dinner @ Ellensburg (need to bring \$\$ for fast food dinner)
- Arrive back at HPMS in late afternoon.

2. **Cost of trip?**

An estimate at the start is \$300 per student. *Last year’s trip cost was \$230 but all meals were extra, a trip to a movie one night was extra. The addition of the “Saturday night event” listed above is included in this cost.* The “real” cost will be determined once we have everyone signed up to see how much each student will pay and WILL NOT exceed this \$300 estimate. The hope is that our Dinner Auction will make enough to reduce the cost per student but we will not know that until after our Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> event.

3. **What will we do for students unable to afford to go?**

We will make every effort to help those students who wish to go. The majority of the fundraising done will go toward reducing the cost of the trip for all students. Some of the funds will also go toward partial financial assistance for students who could not otherwise go. (See financial assistance application)

4. **When is our money due?**

There will be 3 payment dates – each for \$100. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. The last payment may be less depending on auction receipts.

5. **Why can’t we get a refund?**

All payments are non-refundable because reservations have been made and payments made. In addition, the cost of the trip is determined by the number of students that are going. The entire group shares group expenses such as chaperones, busses and the Saturday evening fun event. If a student drops out, the cost of the trip would change for the rest of the group. If you have an “extreme emergency” – please notify Mr. Moody or Ms. Small and we will discuss limited options.

6. **Is there limited space and/or requirements to go on this trip?**

Yes – there are more music students enrolled in our program than spaces at our hotel. Spaces will be given out on a “first pay/first spot given” basis. If your payment and/or financial assistance form is not received in a timely manner, your student will be at risk of not getting to go on this trip. In addition, our music directors will indicate that, due to behavioral concerns a student may not be allowed to attend our trip. No questions will be asked – the directors will have final say in this. A grade of “C” or above is needed to attend our trip. Keep in mind the “no refund” policy will stay intact in the case of a student misbehaving prior to our leaving for Silverwood even after he/she has made payment toward the trip.

7. **What kind of supervision will my student have on this trip?**

We will be bringing with us a combination of teachers (from HPMS) and parents (who will apply – see application form attached) at a 10:1 ratio. Students will have a strict schedule to maintain throughout the weekend and even within the park/ family fun area will have specific meeting times with their group/chaperone to assure safety. Kids will never be alone with a chaperone and will be asked to stay with two or more “buddies” at all times.

8. **What responsibilities will chaperones have on this trip?**

See attached chaperone application form and requirements.

9. **Why do we pay for the chaperones travel expenses?**

Acting as a chaperone is a full time job and we expect our chaperones to supervise our students throughout the trip – 24/7.

10. **Can I come on the trip, stay in same hotel, bring family members?**

Unfortunately, we have filled the hotel completely (with one other group) so if you want to come and enjoy the weekend – you will have to stay at another hotel in the area. You may pay for your own entries into Silverwood and join us for the day. The Saturday night event is for our students staying at the hotel only.

11. **When do the students perform?** They perform on Saturday morning at venues to be decided approx. a week prior to the event. We will not know the exact time of each performance until we are notified.

12. **Will we be able to spend time with our student at Silverwood?** Yes – there is lots of free time at Silverwood, however, your student will have REQUIRED check in times with his/her chaperone that they need to take part in to assure safety. If the chaperone asks, please be sure to carry photo ID with you to show. They will ask if they have any

question about who the student in their care is hanging with at the park. Please do not be offended if they ask for it – they are looking out for your student!

13. **What if my student needs to take medication while on the trip?**

We will have a medical chaperone who will be carrying all medication for students with him/her as middle school kids are not allowed to carry any medications on their person, except for epi-pens or albuterol inhalers. You will receive a medication form that you will need to fill out and bring to a meeting right before we leave with the students' medication for the medical chaperone to bring on the trip with them. The medication will need to be in original container.

14. **Will there be a wing or floor set aside for our students and chaperones or will they be dispersed throughout the hotel?**

We have booked half of this hotel and chaperones will stay within the immediate vicinity of their group. Girls and boys will NOT be allowed in each other's rooms – there will be plenty of free time for visiting in public places! 😊

15. **Why do we have to order t-shirts for the students and chaperones?**

The students and chaperones will be given 2 or 3 t-shirts – brightly colored with a HPMS logo. The t-shirts are a different bright color and are used for easy group identification when we are traveling. This is a great way to identify HP students and we will expect that all students will wear their specified shirt on each day requested. The cost of these t-shirts IS INCLUDED in the cost of this trip.

16. **Who is responsible for the instruments and uniforms during the trip?**

EACH STUDENT is responsible to prepare, pack and bring his or her own uniform and instrument (for band and orchestra.) Mr. Moody and Ms. Small will be instructing the students on proper care, packing and traveling with instruments. Students with large instruments will receive assistance from chaperones. Students are also required to prepare, pack and bring their own uniforms. If a student forgets any piece or part of their uniform, they are out of luck.

17. **I have other questions – who do I ask?** Mr. Moody ([Moodysi@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:Moodysi@mukilteo.wednet.edu)) and Ms. Small ([smallvj@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:smallvj@mukilteo.wednet.edu)) as well as our travel chairs can answer other questions as they come up. Email is the best way to communicate but a note sent to school with your student is also an option. See our emails on the face page of this packet.