

# MARTIN GT MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS

Dear chorus families,

We have confirmed the date and costs of our spring trip to Williamsburg for the Music in the Parks Festival!

As stated on the chorus calendar, the trip will take place on **Saturday, May 16**. We plan to meet at MMS at **6:45am** to load the buses so that we can depart by **7:00am**. We will perform at a high school in the Williamsburg area in a concert festival at **10:40am**. After the performance, students will have a chance to change clothes at the school before we leave for Busch Gardens. We will then spend the remainder of the day in the theme park, leaving at around **7:30pm** for a **10:30pm** arrival at MMS.

The transportation expense, as well as the festival fee (which includes admission to the theme park and registration for the festival), is all inclusive in the registration fee. **Each student should turn in a \$40 deposit (online pay portal), sign the Contract online and turn in the WCPSS field trip form by Monday, February 10th.** The initial deposit is non-refundable per admin policy. The complete price per student will amount to \$120, due in full by March 10th. Please understand that once we near the trip date, Music in the Parks Festivals will be unable to refund our money. If this fee would prevent a student from being able to participate due to financial circumstances, please contact Ms. Thomas immediately so that we can seek assistance for that child to go. (Likewise, if you are in a position to make a donation to assist other students, we will happily accept!)

## CHAPERONES:

If you are interested in being a chaperone on this trip, please email me as soon as possible ([awthomas@wcpss.net](mailto:awthomas@wcpss.net)). ***Parent chaperones that plan on attending should include a separate deposit of \$40 per parent on Feb 10th. Chaperones that plan to assist with this event must be registered as a parent volunteer with the Wake County Public School System.*** If you are not currently registered, contact the main office at MMS for details. The process takes about two weeks, so be sure this is taken care of as soon as possible. We must have at least 9 parent chaperones to take this trip! Parents riding the charter bus will pay a total of \$100 (including the initial deposit). ***It is possible (and encouraged!) for a parent to chaperone and drive their own vehicle to Virginia. Those parents would pay the \$40 deposit only, meet us in Virginia at Lafayette HS, then follow us to the park afterwards to be assigned a group.*** The groups will be small (5 students per chaperone) and be organized by “thrill riders” and “non-thrill riders” whenever possible. ☺ Finally, if you are a Busch Gardens Season Pass holder and can chaperone, there is no fee.

We are looking forward to a great day!

Allison W. Thomas