

2023

Billinghurst Performing Arts

Music in the Parks Festival Tour May 19-20, 2023

COMMUNICATION:

You must communicate with Ms. Neidhold, Mr. Myer, or Mr. Petersen about payments for this trip. A PARENT CONTRACT is included in this packet. You must return the PARENT CONTRACT and the student's BEHAVIOR CONTRACT or it will be assumed your student will not be participating in the trip. Please know that a significant amount of time is spent planning and implementing this experience for your child. Your communication with your child's teacher is critical in making sure we are planning appropriately. This trip is not required and is not for a grade.

Payments are due according to the schedule. If you are not able to follow the payment schedule in this handout, please indicate your needed payment schedule on the PARENT CONTRACT. Parents MUST communicate about payments for this tour, either through checks, cash, email or written notes about payments. Students will NOT be allowed to participate in the tour if there is no communication.

This is a wonderful and enriching opportunity for Billinghurst Performing Arts students. We sincerely hope to take all students on the 2023 tour.

Purpose:

This trip will provide students the opportunity to perform in a competitive festival. Judges' comments will encourage the ensembles and individual members to improve technically and musically. The following day spent in 6-Flags theme park will reward the students for intense and productive work.

This is the eleventh year for this tour and all trips have been phenomenal successes. The student's behavior has been exemplary and their performances at the festival were wonderful.

Participating Orchestras:

Golden Strings
Advanced Orchestra

Participating Bands:

Jazz Band
Advanced Band

Participating Choir:

Concert Choir

Dates:

May 19	Leave at lunch
May 20	Return between 11 p.m. and midnight depending on traffic
May 23	Band Concert at Billinghurst
May 24	Orchestra Concert at Billinghurst
May 25	Choir Concert at Billinghurst

Festival:

Music in the Parks

www.musicintheparks.com

Hotel:

To be assigned by tour coordinator: a hotel near the Music in the Parks (Vallejo) festival with indoor hallways and an outdoor pool. Two security guards will roam the hallways at night. Students will be assigned four to a room. Chaperones will be assigned rooms separate from students, two adults to a room.

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Meals:

Friday night pizza party included at the hotel. Saturday breakfast provided by hotel, lunch included in tour package. Parents should expect to provide a sack lunch for the bus on Friday (no items with nuts or peanuts) and money for a fast-food dinner on Saturday as well as snacks throughout the two days.

Chaperones: *Please see Chaperone sign-up sheet at the end of this packet.*

According to WCSD, over-night trips must have one chaperone to every eight students. If you are interested in chaperoning, please fill out the Chaperone Information Form at the end of this packet.

Each volunteer must register with the WCSD Volunteer Office. Overnight trip chaperones must be fingerprinted and the wait time for approval is a minimum of 6 weeks. *Please plan ahead.* You must start the chaperone volunteer process by seeing Debra Chronister dchronister@washoeschools.net, in the Billingshurst office.

The first 18 parents to return the Chaperone Information Form **to Ms. Neidhold** will be on the list for the trip. Any remaining parents will be on a waiting list. Priority will be for 6 band, 6 orchestra, and 6 choir chaperones.

Behavior Expectations:

All students and parents will be required to sign a Behavior contract.

Bus Company: Amador Stage Lines

Tour T-Shirt: All participating students will receive a tour t-shirt to be worn on Saturday at 6-Flags.

Cost and Payments:

January 31	\$100
March 1	\$100
April 3	\$100
May 1	\$ 60

Individual groups have arrangements to decrease the cost of the trip based on fundraising within that ensemble. The May payment will be reduced based on fundraising profits.

Students must be on time with payments by April 15th to be included in the trip.
After April 15th, students will be dropped from the roster and all funds will be returned minus a \$25 cancellation fee charged by the tour company.
Lump sum payments must be made by April 15th.

Fundraising:

Each ensemble has its own fundraising possibilities. Please contact the teacher directly about fundraising.

Music in the Parks Tour 2023 Behavior Contract

Return to Ms. Neidhold, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Myers by January 31st

Student Name_____ (please print)

The purpose of this contract is to insure a successful and enjoyable trip for all students.

Participation in the Music in the Parks (Vallejo) performance and tour is dependent on satisfactory behavior during the 2022-23 school-year. Student's behavior in class and in school will have bearing on tour participation. Students receiving Citizenship grades lower than a B in their respective Orchestra, Band or Choir class or students who are suspended or expelled during the school year may be eliminated from the tour at the teacher's discretion.

Students are expected to act with mature behavior on the tour. The students of the Billingshurst music ensembles will be polite to other groups performing at the festival, follow all of the bus drivers' instructions, keep noise levels down in the hotel and act with good citizenship to Billingshurst students and any other people encountered on the trip.

No alcohol, drugs, illegal substances or weapons of any kind. No fighting.

Students will be at all announced meeting places on time and obey the hotel curfew.

Cell phones and personal music devices, such as iPads, are allowed. Students will not carry any electronic device into the performance venue. Students and parents acknowledge that Billingshurst Middle School, the charter bus company, chaperones and teachers are not responsible for any personal belongings.

The Billingshurst dress code will be enforced on the trip. On Saturday, May 20th students will wear the Billingshurst Tour T-shirt in 6-Flags. Students may not alter the Billingshurst Tour T-shirt including cutting and shortening the shirt. Students may wear hats at the park. All clothing must be decent and civilized with no foul language or alcohol/cigarette advertisements or clothing that might be associated with gang activity. Shorts will be school dress code. The teachers reserve the right to ask a student to change their clothes if deemed inappropriate.

Parents understand if a student breaks this Behavior Contract during the trip, they (the parents) will, at their own expense, come pick up their child and return them home separately from the tour group. (Students, this means if you do not have appropriate behavior on the trip, or Ms. Neidhold, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Myers will call your parents to come get you in middle of the trip. You will return home with your parents.)

Parents understand that if a student is suspended or expelled from Billingshurst they will jeopardize their right to attend the trip and any funds paid to date.

I agree to abide by all of the Behavior Expectations:

Student_____

Parent_____

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Student Name _____

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PARENT CONTRACT

NOTE: If you do not return this contract and the BEHAVIOR CONTRACT, it will be assumed that your son or daughter will not participate in the 2023 trip.

I have read the information in this Music in the Parks (Vallejo) and plan to have my son or daughter participate in this opportunity.

Please check one:

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I plan to follow the payment plan listed below:

January 31	\$100
March 1	\$100
April 3	\$100
May 1	\$ 60

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I plan to pay a lump sum payment of \$360 by this date_____.
(***MUST be on or before April 15, 2023.***)

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I need a separate payment plan. Here are the dates and amounts I will be able to pay. All payments must be complete by May 1, 2023. I understand that if these dates and amounts change that I will contact Ms. Neidhold, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Myers to let them know about the change either by note or email.

See other side



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I understand the deadline is:

April 15th

- Deadline for notice to participate with on-time payments. After this date student spots will be filled as available due to cancellations.
- 100% Refund if withdrawn before April 15th minus \$25 cancellation fee.
- No refunds after April 15th

These dates are applicable even if the Behavior Contract has been violated.

PERMISSION SLIPS

Washoe County School District has a specific permission form for trips, especially overnight trips. By signing this contract, you are acknowledging that students must return a separate permission slip (given to the students in April/May) for this trip. The WCSD Permission Form is in addition to the Behavior Contract. Students will not be allowed to participate in the trip, regardless of payment, if both the permission slip and the Behavior Contracts are not returned.

Make check out to: Billingshurst Middle School

Please return to your music teacher by January 31st.

If you would like to mail your check, please address it to:

Ms. Neidhold, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Myers
Performing Arts Department
Billingshurst Middle School
6685 Chesterfield Lane
Reno, Nevada 89523

Checks and payments must be given to your child's music teacher for bookkeeping purposes. There may be cases where credit cards may be used but must be paid in the office plus a 3% processing fee. The receipt of payment needs to be given to the appropriate music teacher.

I have read the Music in the Parks Festival Information Packet and understand all of the terms and conditions.

Print Name_____

Signature_____ Date_____

Chaperone Intent Form - Please return to Ms. Neidhold.

Parent Name _____ Student Name _____

Here is some information about chaperoning:

- * Only parents and relatives (older than 21) of Billingshurst Orchestra, Band & Choir students may chaperone.
- * Chaperones do not pay.
- * Paying for your spot on the trip is very expensive. We must pay for your spot in April. If you cancel after that date, we will bill you for your spot. ***Ask Nichole and Vern if this is too severe.
- * The first 18 parents to return this form will be included on the trip. Priority is for 6 band, 6 orchestra, and 6 choir parents. Additional parents will be placed on a waiting list. Parents will be notified by March 1st if they are not included on the trip.
- * You must be available for the entire trip.
- * Chaperones will receive a detailed itinerary before the trip.
- * Chaperones are housed two to a room.
- * Because this is an overnight trip, chaperones must be fingerprinted with the WCSD in order to participate. Fingerprinting takes 6-weeks to clear and must be cleared before the trip.
- * Chaperoning is easy because we have great kids.

IMPORTANT:

You must begin the volunteer process with Debra Chronister dchronister@washoeschools.net, in the Billingshurst office. All chaperones must contact Debra Chronister, even if you are a WCSD employee. (WCSD employees must fill out the volunteer form but generally do not need to be re-fingerprinted.) The volunteer office changes their procedures every year. Please be flexible.

***Please know that busy parents sometimes forget to communicate with Ms. Neidhold. Make sure you turn in this form and reply to all emails send out by Ms. Neidhold. There have been a few close cases of leaving chaperones off the list because they did not return emails. cneidhold@washoeschools.net

Email address: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

WCSD Employee? Yes _____

No _____