

BAND TRIP INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

- Student is eligible at this time? (See page 3.)
- Fees have been paid?
- Student is attending May 6 contest?
- Student is attending June 4 Hurricane Harbor?
- Permission Form IS on file? (If no, see back page.)

THIS PACKET IS TO GO HOME TODAY.

SHOW IT TO YOUR PARENTS AND READ CAREFULLY.

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Please return this portion within the next two class days.

Student Name: _____ Parent signature: _____

TO: PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF THE DAN F. LONG MS BANDS
 FROM: MR. BLACK/MRS. PARKS
 SUBJECT: SIX FLAGS/Beach Within Reach BAND COMPETITION

The Beach Within Reach Music Festival will be held on Thursday, May 6 in conjunction with a trip to Hurricane Harbor on Friday, June 4. The concert and symphonic bands will perform during the day on Thursday at Richland High School (5501 Haltom Road, Haltom City), eat, return to school, and then proceed to Hurricane Harbor on June 4. Below is the tentative schedule for the two days:

THURSDAY – MAY 6

6:10am – Load equipment on buses. (Be dressed in uniform----**NO ID's**).
Percussion-be sure to double check list.

6:25am – Buses depart for contest.

7:30am – Arrive Richland High School.

CONCERT BAND

7:30am – Unload/lineup.

8:00am – Enter warm-up.

8:30am – Performance.

9:00am – Watch symphonic;

SYMPHONIC BAND

7:45am – Unload.

8:30am – Enter warm-up

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9:00am – Performance.

BOTH GROUPS

9:20am – Concert band group photo; symphonic band group photo

10:00am – Change clothes

10:30am – Depart for Crystal's Pizza, Irving.

11:15am – Arrive Crystal's Pizza. All-you-can-eat buffet (\$5), game area.

1:30pm – Depart for Dan F. Long.

2:30pm – Arrive Dan F. Long, unload equipment inside school; be seated in band hall.

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FRIDAY – JUNE 4

8:50am – Report to Band Hall.

9:00am – Load buses and depart for Hurricane Harbor.

(Pickup all trash. Be neat! Trash bags available.)

10:15am Arrive Hurricane Harbor. **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING ON THE BUSES!**

Pass out tickets, Season Passes. Review schedule.

Have fun. Remember to eat sensibly. Drink plenty of water.

(Eat lunch on your own. Be sure to eat.)

6:00pm Meet around main entrance. (Park closes at 6:00pm!)

6:30pm Buses depart for Dan F. Long.

7:30pm Arrive Dan F. Long (north parking lot).

IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- \$5 for lunch at Crystal's (May 6); Lunch at Hurricane Harbone (June 4)
- Bring money for food and snacks/drinks,...
- Turn in Season Pass (if you have one) before Tuesday (6/4) to Mr. Black or Mrs. Parks.
- If you are not riding home on the bus on one of the days, turn in a note at least two days prior.

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GENERAL INFORMATION/PLEASE READ AND MARK CAREFULLY.

1. THE CONTEST:

The Beach Within Reach is open to the public (no admission fee). It will be held at Richland High School (Birdville ISD). The school is located at 5201 Holiday Ln, Fort Worth, TX ~~(see attached map)~~. (Directions will be available prior to the contest.)
<http://schools.birdvilleschools.net/rhs/site/default.asp>

2. ELIGIBILITY:

In order to attend any part of this trip, students must pass all THIRD nine weeks report card grades OR pass all classes on Progress Report 4A IF failing a class on the report card. (A grade of 70 or higher is passing except in advanced courses (pre-AP classes, geometry, algebra, and interdisciplinary seminar) in which 60 or higher is passing.

Please note that UIL and Beach Within Reach are two separate contests. UIL was in early April. The bands will perform the same music at each contest. There is no sightreading at Beach Within Reach.

The THIRD nine weeks ended on Friday, April 2. Students who receive a failing grade according to No Pass/No Play guidelines on the THIRD nine weeks report card may REGAIN eligibility if they have all passing grades on PROGRESS REPORT 4A ending Friday, Apr. 16 (sent home on Thursday, April 22). Students who fail BOTH the third nine week report card **AND** progress report 4A are not allowed to participate at the contest . This is a state law and the school has no authority to vary from it.

3. PERMISSION FORMS: (Available at www.dflband.com/travelwavier.pdf.)

A Permission Form is already on file. If, however, the box on the cover of this packet is NOT marked, a new Permission Form needs to be completed. The new form will be attached to the back of this packet. Any student without a form on file will not be able to set foot on the bus.

4a. STUDENT CONDUCT: OBEY THE SPONSORS

Sponsors are to be obeyed without question. If you feel there is a disagreement with a sponsor, you will have to wait until an appropriate time to discuss it. (Just remember: do first, ask questions later.)

4b. STUDENT CONDUCT: STEALING

On a serious note, each parent needs to address the temptation of SHOP-LIFTING/STEALING. Many years ago this was not addressed. During this time, there were two instances of shoplifting by seventh graders at Six Flags. This is now addressed with the students and there have been no other problems.

Some issues to point out: stealing is wrong; the student may be arrested; the student may be prosecuted; the student will receive some form of punishment from the school (i.e., no future field trips while attending Dan F. Long...even if it's a different subject or different school year, and suspension or expulsion,...), the student will be immediately removed from the park and not allowed to re-enter; the student will have to be picked-up by parents from the park immediately; the offense is very damaging on the reputation of the student, student's family, school, band and community.

Theme parks have many undercover security officers. They are dressed in shorts, jeans, T-shirts,...; they look like anyone else, but they do not look like security officers (although there are also uniformed officers).

4c. STUDENT CONDUCT: BUSES

We will be taking Eagle charter buses. Sit in the seats. Do not sit on the armrests or the back of the seats. There will be no loud talking or yelling. (Talk with those next to you, not across the bus.) There is to be no talking on a bus when it is in a parking lot. There is to be no talking on the way to the contest (it's too early for you to get on somebody's nerves...take a nap).

Information on bus seating will be announced. If you do not sign-up for a bus, the directors will assign you to one. Students may not trade buses. Students may bring snacks on the bus, so long as the buses are kept clean. Use a trash bag for any trash.

4d. STUDENT CONDUCT: DRESS

Hurricane Harbor is a water park and appropriate swimwear is advised. Life jackets are available at the park for those who desire one. If you want help finding one, ask a director or park employee. (These are generally located around the main pool area.)

Sunscreen will be important especially if you are fair skinned. It is recommended to bring sunscreen. There will be some available with the directors if you forget.

4e. STUDENT CONDUCT: OBSERVING OTHER BANDS

The students may observe one or two other bands while at the contest. The judges will be in a position to watch the audience and will receive either a very positive impression or a very negative impression concerning a group's self-discipline. Talking during a performance is very offensive. Parents of disruptive students will be called to come pick-up their son/daughter.

Be a polite audience. Never yell or whistle. Applause should be appropriate. Do not leave or enter an auditorium while a group is performing; leave only after a group has completed their entire program.

4f. STUDENT CONDUCT: GROUPS

Hurricane Harbor is open to the public on June 4 but tends to be mostly middle school aged students. Since the majority of the park patrons are middle school students, it is not necessary to remain in groups through-out the day.

5. SETUP CREW FOR THE CONTEST

The setup crew for both bands will be the percussion sections if one is not provided. All percussion setup Concert, then all percussion help setup Symphonic. After a group finishes, be sure to check and double check the equipment so nothing gets left.

6. GROUP PICTURE AT CONTEST

The following is **not** confirmed information but normal.

Following the concert performance, the group will go to a photography area. Jolesch Photography of Des Moines, Iowa (www.jolesch.com) will take photos using two different cameras to insure quality. Order forms will be provided following the photo. The order form is a simple two-part envelope. The top portion is filled out and returned to the photographer after the picture is taken. The remainder of the envelope is taken home and used to mail in the payment. NO MONEY IS COLLECTED AT THE EVENT.

Group pictures are \$18.00 for a standard-size. Frames, lamination and posters are also offered. Participants send payment within seven days from the event to avoid COD charges (usually \$7). A reminder postcard is mailed to everyone who turned in an order to the photographer. Parents have the option to review or cancel the order. All pre-paid orders are shipped approximately five weeks from the date of the contest. Anyone not satisfied with their photograph can request a refund by returning their picture within 14 days.

Questions may be directed to Jolesch at 1-800-833-6769 (dial "0" for a receptionist to help direct your call). The Jolesch web site features a FAQ section for commonly asked questions (www.jolesch.com).

7. MONEY

Each student will need money for lunch Thursday (\$5), lunch Saturday, and snacks while at Hurricane Harbor. The park will be open at 10:30am and close at 6pm. (You may get a cup of ice water at concessions for free...but you have to ask for it.)

Students may NOT leave Hurricane Harbor without written parent approval in advance.

Items that have been paid include transportation for Thursday and Saturday, park admission tickets, contest registration and entry fees. The cost of the buffet at Crystal's is more than \$5 so the Dan F Long Band Club will pay the difference.

8. SEASON PASSES

It is very important for the students with 2010 Season Passes to have them when leaving for Hurricane Harbor. Season passes need to be given to Mr. Black on or before June 4 so that they can be stored with the other items for the trip. The passes will be given to the students after arriving at Hurricane Harbor. If a parent wants their son's/daughter's pass to be locked up while the students are in Hurricane Harbor, please call and leave a message for the directors at the school (972-968-4136) or email (blackj@cfbisd.edu). Otherwise, students with passes will be allowed to carry them at the park.

9. RETURNING HOME

We will return to Dan F. Long at the end of school Thursday. You will unload equipment to the building and then take a seat in the band hall. We will go over the results of the contest during the last hour of the school day.

After returning from Hurricane Harbor on June 4, please make plans for transportation home. If you have a problem, let the directors know and we will help find a solution.

10. VALUABLES

Do not, at any time, walk away and leave valuables (purses, money,...). If you cannot carry something with you, you may ask a sponsor to hold it.

Lockers are available at Hurricane Harbor with unlimited access. There is a charge depending on the size of the locker. Lockers are opened using a wrist band. It is a good idea to share a locker with someone you will be with during the day to help on the expense.