

BMSN Band
Fiesta Texas Spring Trip Information and Guidelines
Friday - May 17th, 2024

Students will meet Friday morning (May 17th) for final preparations for the trip, including being assigned in groups with specific chaperones. We will meet at 8:00am in the BMSN Auditorium. Student safety is very important and students will be expected to check in with chaperones according to schedule. Students also understand they are not to travel through the park alone at any time for any reason. The Band program will provide transportation to and from the park, and tickets for any student who does not have a season pass. The cost of tickets for students who need one will be \$5. If you have a season pass, please use it to save the band money, but we will not have any extra tickets available for anyone who forgets/loses their season pass. Lunch will not be provided, so students may want to purchase lunch in the park. Fiesta Texas is now a cashless park, so students will either need to bring a debit card or utilize the cash-to-card kiosks in the park. Students/chaperones will be able to bring a sack lunch in a one gallon ziplock bag with their name on it. After our first full group check-in, we will go to the parking lot for a “picnic” for those students who elect to bring lunch. We plan to return to the BMSN bus pick-up area (School Street and Johns Road intersection) at 6:45pm. **All students will be picked up from this location, not by the auditorium. We suggest parking somewhere and walking to your student. There will literally be hundreds of students being picked up and we do not want students running across the streets, etc. Please park in one of the large lots across the street and walk down to your student.**

Itinerary:

- 8:00am – meeting in BMSN Auditorium for instructions, information, and chaperone information exchange – Students must wear their BMSN Band T-shirts in order to join us on the trip – these shirts must be worn for the duration of the trip
- 9:15am –load buses
- 9:30am - departure
- 10:00am – Arrive at park and make way to gate (gate opens at 10:30am)
- 12:30pm - FIRST CHAPERONE CHECK IN (FACE TO FACE, IN PERSON, NO TEXT CHECK-INS)
- 12:30pm – after check-in, those who brought lunches will go out to eat in the picnic area
- 3:30pm - SECOND CHAPERONE CHECK IN (FACE TO FACE, IN PERSON, NO TEXT CHECK-INS)
- 6:00pm – meet outside front gate of park, to the left near the iron fence,
- 6:15pm – load buses/depart Fiesta Texas
- 6:45pm – return to BMSN

Requirements:

- Band members must bring their parent consent form, payment form, and payment by April 19, 2024
- Cost - the band will cover the majority of the ticket cost, transportation, and chaperone tickets. Students needing a ticket will bring \$5 - you may want to bring money for food/souvenirs - see below
- The band directors, teachers, and administration have the right to require a band member to stay in school and not attend the trip for any, but not limited to the following reasons:
 - Very Low/Failing Academic Grades – according to TEA/UII “No Pass-No Play” Law
 - Debt to the Band Program (rental fees/shirt costs/etc.)
 - Behavior issues in band classes or other classes
 - Poor attitude
 - Unexcused Absences from other required band events/concerts

Chaperones:

I will need approximately 15 parent/guardian volunteer chaperones that will be responsible for approximately 10-12 students each. I will accept chaperone volunteers on a first come basis. If you would like to volunteer, please do the following:

- Mr. Rickman will send a chaperone information email with a link to a form and a background check
- I will take chaperones on a first come first served basis (along with completed background check)
- We also ask that all parent/guardians who are volunteering to chaperone be able to attend the entire trip with us. It is important that you are available to your group for the duration of the trip, especially when we take inventory of students before leaving the park.

No Early Sign Outs Unless Emergency:

We ask that no students be signed out early unless there is an emergency. All students attending the trip with the band should travel to and from the park on the buses.

Guidelines for a fun and safe trip:

The Band is providing transportation and \$5 tickets into the park for band members. *Food and drink will not be provided.* It is suggested to bring a prepaid debit card for souvenirs and snacks. The park does not accept cash. There are machines that can give you a card if you insert cash, but I am unsure of the fees. Park food can be rather costly. Outside food and drink is not allowed into the park. Safety is a priority for our students, and students understand that they are not to be alone in the park for any reason at any time. Lockers are available for rent to store personal items throughout the day. Please understand that cell phones are encouraged to keep in contact, but please make sure they are the student's responsibility. We will utilize Remind (or possibly another communication tool) for reminders during the trip. I will share my cell number with you all, and also make sure I have each chaperones phone number. If a student does not have a cell phone, they should plan to spend the day with a friend that does have a phone. The chaperones are not responsible for keeping student's personal items. Please make sure that students follow the school dress code. It is required of all students to wear their band t-shirt for the duration of the trip. It is suggested that you wear comfortable shoes, bring sunscreen, and bring a cap and/or sunglasses. Again, food and drink will not be provided (we suggest bringing a gallon ziplock bag lunch for a quick "picnic". Remember you will need a prepaid debit card, or use the cash to card kiosk, as the park accepts no cash transactions. For further information regarding the park layout, park rules and suggestions; please visit the park's website at www.sixflags.com/fiestatexas.

We will most likely utilize Stack Team App for communications during the trip. We will send more details regarding sign up etc. as we get closer to the trip.

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