



Gladewater Middle School Band

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Gladewater Middle School Band parents and students,

May 13th – SoundPost Music Festival. On May 13th, we will perform at Canton High School then go to Splash Kingdom Water Park also in Canton. This band incentive trip is a privilege and is earned not guaranteed. We need to leave the school by 7:00am. This means I need the band to be at the band hall by 6:45am. I know this is earlier than normal but it's unavoidable. Students can come in the school from the band hall loading bay door. All other school doors will be locked. We perform at 9:40am at Canton High School. We will then go to Splash Kingdom Water Park in Canton. We will be back in Gladewater around 3pm before school lets out. The park is closed to only the bands performing in this contest. You cannot buy tickets at the park. Because of it being a closed event to the public we do not need chaperones. Parents are welcome to attend the performance at Canton High School but will not be admitted to the water park.

Requirements to go on our planned trip to SoundPost Music Festival include but are not limited to:

1. The student must be academically eligible (no pass-no play).
2. The student must wear blue jeans and their black band shirt.
3. The student must pass off all required music for the entire year (Fall and Spring semesters).
4. No unexcused missed performances for the entire year.
5. The student must not owe any money to the school or to the band including Band fees (\$40 for the year). You may email me to find out if your child owes money. Remember that the band fee is not a trip fee. The band fee is a requirement of being in band and covers various things including instrument use, repair, valve oil, reeds, mouthpieces, etc...
6. The student must have turned in the medical/permission form signed by a parent (If you have already filled one of these out for the band this year, I do not need it again unless your medical information has changed). Copies of the blank medical form can be gotten from Mr. Pilcher or on the Band website.
7. The student must have fewer than 7 entries on their discipline card. The directors keep a card box in which a record of poor behavior is kept. Misbehavior for a substitute is counted as two entries. Having gum, candy, not having an instrument or music for class, talking/playing out of turn, being tardy, bus write-ups, lunch detentions, and days of ISS are counted as one entry. Feel free to email and ask how many entries are on your child's card.
8. The student must have never been suspended or sent to DAEP during the school year.

Students will need to wear their swimsuit under their jeans and shirt for quick and easy changing for the water park. Ladies need to wear a one-piece swimsuit and may also wear shorts and a shirt over their swimsuit if they prefer. Guys will need to wear standard swim trunks and may also wear a shirt if they prefer. Students will also need to bring a towel, plenty of sunscreen, and some extra spending money for this trip. While we will provide one free meal ticket for them to use in the park, they may need some extra spending cash while in the park to get drinks and souvenirs. They will change back into their dry contest clothes after we are done at the park for the ride home so make sure they have a Brookshires bag or something to put their wet clothes into. Please sign and return the attached permission form as soon as possible.

Feel free to contact me with any questions about this trip!

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GMS Band SoundPost Music Festival Trip Permission Form

My child, _____, has permission to travel with the Gladewater Middle School Band Directors to attend the SoundPost Music Festival at Canton High School then attend Splash Kingdom Water Park in Canton, Texas on May 13th, 2024.

Parent signature: _____