

Parent Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2017

What: Music in the Parks (Great America Music Festival)

When: Saturday, May 20 2017 (*Due to the school musical being the originally planned weekend, we had to change the date of the festival to accommodate more student attendance*)

Where: California's Great America in Santa Clara, CA

Cost:

Students: Festival & One Day Park Admission: **\$57.00**
Festival Performance only: **\$27.50**

Adults & Non-Performing Student: Festival & One Day Park Admission: **\$31.00**
Festival Performance Only: n/a

Refunds are given if we cancel AS A SCHOOL up to 30 days prior to the scheduled performance date. *However, individual refunds will not be given.*

In order to make the festival worthwhile, we want to have at least 40 students committed to attending the performance. ***If we do not have 40 students committed with partial or full payment by February 20, 2017, we will withdraw our school from the festival.***

Payment Due Dates: At least ½ of payment is due by February 10th, 2017(\$27.50)
Full payment is due by March 31st, 2017

Details:

The choir will perform songs within a 20-minute time frame. We have chosen to be adjudicated but not compete, which means we are adjudicated against ourselves for ranking and will receive a trophy reflecting the points earned in the performance.

Our performance schedule will not be released to us until 30 days prior to the performance. It is an all-day event, but the singing generally happens in the morning with the opportunity to play all day in the park.

The option we have chosen does not include the “picnic lunch”. That means that your child is responsible to bring his/her own food or money to purchase lunch while at the park.

We will need chaperones!!! The chaperones are responsible for the \$31.00 Adult/Non-Performing student price (unless the chaperone has a season pass). Depending on the number of students participating, we need 1 chaperone for every 6 students. Please let Mrs. Abele know ASAP if you are interested in chaperoning.

As in years past, there was a time limit on the day so that chaperones and students don't feel BOUND to Great America until the park closes. Unless our performance time is in the afternoon, the planned ending of the chaperones duties is at 4:00pm. If your child wishes to stay after the 4pm cut off, then it is the parent's responsibility to be with that child for the remainder of the afternoon.

Because this is a weekend event, and we are an afterschool club, we do not have easy, inexpensive access to school bus travel. That means that parents must drive the students to Great America and pick them up. Students may carpool and ride together, but that has to be set up ahead of time and clearly communicated to Mrs. Abele prior to festival day. The last thing we need is a stranded student at Great America.

Attire:

This is a casual event—and there are no dressing rooms available. Because it is usually warm in May, the easiest option is the UMS choir t-shirt (coming soon) and clean, dark pants or skirt. The student can bring shorts to change into (or swimsuit too, if they plan on getting wet). This will be discussed in greater detail as we get closer to the festival date.

Ect.:

Mrs. Abele would LOVE a "wingman" or an assistant to help with the administrative planning of this event—collecting money, keeping track of student numbers, chaperones, ect. If you wish to help, PLEASE email kitabele@gmail.com as soon as possible.