



West Briar Middle School Band

San Antonio Trip Information



Dear Band Parents & Students,

The West Briar Middle School Bands are scheduled to perform at the Bluebonnet Classic Music Festival at the Lila Cockrell Theater in San Antonio, TX on Saturday, April 27. The Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and the Beginning Band will have separate performances at the festival. The festival is adjudicated and we will be in competition with other middle school bands. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to perform in a professional theater, to get feedback from highly respected music educators, and to promote the highest level musicianship from the West Briar MS Band students. This trip is not a graded activity. All band students that meet the eligibility guidelines are invited to participate in this trip. Parents that would like to chaperone are invited to travel with the bands as well.

San Antonio Trip Eligibility: passing grades in all classes for the 5th Grading Cycle (see No Pass, No Play Rules, students can regain grade eligibility if they pass ALL of their classes on their progress report), excellent behavior in all classes (no suspensions, no reoccurring discipline problems), 100% attendance at all after school rehearsals & performances, and a high level of music proficiency. Students that do not meet the trip eligibility requirements cannot participate in the trip. Complete refunds are not possible due to eligibility problems.

The trip will begin at approximately 6:00 AM when we meet at West Briar Middle School and then depart for San Antonio in Deluxe Motor Coaches. Students will be provided with a breakfast, lunch, and dinner (included in the trip cost). We will also stop for a special dessert treat at Arctic Ape Wild Desserts after lunch (included in the trip cost). After all of our bands have performed, after lunch, and after dessert, we will board the buses and travel to Six Flags Fiesta Texas for an afternoon/evening of fun. Participants will receive a meal voucher for dinner in the park. Students will stay with an assigned group of students at all times at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. At approximately 9:00pm we will board the buses and return to West Briar Middle School with an approximate arrival time of 12 AM. The trip will go on as scheduled regardless if it is raining or not. Our performances are indoors and alternative plans will be made if the weather conditions are not appropriate for Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

1st Payment (is due by Monday, March 4 to register for the trip. 2nd Payment is due by Monday, March 25. Space is limited and not guaranteed for anyone that does not pay in full by March 25. Unfortunately, financial assistance is extremely limited at this time. Please contact Mr. Hall for more information. It is critical that payments be made in a timely fashion, otherwise we may jeopardize our guaranteed performance time in the Bluebonnet Classic Music Festival and risk losing our transportation reservations. Refunds are not available or guaranteed. Requests for refunds are evaluated on a case by case basis by the band director and school principal.

Cost & Payment Plan (\$140/student, \$70/chaperone)

March 4 - \$70 (Students 1st Payment, Chaperone Full Payment)

March 25 - \$70 (Student 2nd Payment)

**Please pay online with SchoolPay (see below). NO CHECKS!*

SchoolPay Instructions: go to <https://www.schoolpay.com>, then create an account or login. You will need an email address and your student's ID number. Please turn in a receipt to Mr. Hall if you use SchoolPay. If you need assistance: email support@schoolpay.com or call 1-888-886-9729.

Trip inclusions:

- Motor Coach Bus Transportation
- Performance & Festival Participation
- Admission to Six Flags Fiesta Texas
- All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)
- Dessert at Arctic Ape Wild Desserts

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San Antonio Trip Expectations



- The trip will NOT be canceled due to rain or other less than desirable weather. In the unlikely event that the trip must be canceled, an official announcement will be put on the Band Website (www.westbriarband.org). The bands' performances are indoors and will be unaffected by rain. Alternate plans will be made if the weather is not appropriate for visiting Six Flags Fiesta Texas.
- Students and chaperones must be at West Briar MS on time to ensure an on time departure. Students need a ride ready for their return at 12am. Please be courteous and be on time!
- Students are expected to have excellent behavior at all times. Students must adhere to the West Briar MS Code of Conduct and the Houston ISD Code of Conduct at all times during this field trip. In the event of a serious case of misconduct, a student's parents will be contacted and they may be expected to immediately pick-up their student. Any illegal activity will be reported to the local authorities and the parents of the offending student will immediately assume responsibility for their student.
- Students will be assigned to a bus. Students will also be grouped and assigned to a chaperone. Students must travel in their group at all times while at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Their chaperone will designate specific times and locations to check-in. Students may NOT change groups or buses at during the trip.
- Students may bring and use electronic devices on the bus. Electronic devices and other personal property are the responsibility of the individual student. Students may not use their electronic devices to view or listen to content that is inappropriate for school. Students may bring G RATED movies to share on the bus. HISD teachers and chaperones are NOT responsible for lost or stolen personal items.
- All meals will be provided for this trip (Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner). No additional money for food is required. However, students may bring spending money for extra snacks and souvenirs. HISD teachers and chaperones are NOT responsible for lost or stolen money.
- Students should be prepared for the weather and dress appropriately. Students must wear their band t-shirt during the trip. Students will wear their concert dress clothes for their performance (black shoes, black socks, black dress pants, black belt, and a white long-sleeve button-up dress shirt). Any other clothing (jackets, sweaters, etc.) must be school appropriate. Please bring a bag for your clothes.
- Swimsuits are NOT permitted. Students are NOT permitted to enter the Water Park - White Water Bay at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. However, students may ride the water thrill rides located in the other areas of the park (Bugs' White Water Rapids, Gully Washer, Power Surge). You will get wet on these rides. Be sure to have a plan for your wet clothes!
- It is strongly recommended that students wear sun protection while visiting Six Flags Fiesta Texas (sun block, sunglasses, hat, etc.). Students are responsible for bringing their own sun protection.
- Questions? Please email Mr. Hall – lhall8@houstonisd.org

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San Antonio Trip Itinerary – April 27, 2019

- 6:00am** CHAPERONES meet with Mr. Hall in the Commons.
- 6:15am** STUDENTS meet with Groups & Chaperones in Commons. Wear your Band T-Shirt! Chaperones help distribute breakfast. Get Breakfast, Load Equipment, Load Buses.
- 7:00am** Depart for Lila Cockrell Theater, 200 E Market St, San Antonio, TX 78205
- 10:00am** Arrive at the Lila Cockrell Theater. Prepare for Warm-Up.
- 10:30am** Beginning Band go to Warm-Up. Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble sit in the theater to watch other performers. Do NOT enter the theater while another group is performing!
Chaperones – some go with Mr. Hall & the Beginning Band, others will with Symphonic & Concert Bands.
- 11:00am** Beginning Band Performance on stage at the Lila Cockrell Theater!
Wind Ensemble watch Beginning Band performance. Symphonic Band go to Warm-Up.
- 11:30am** Symphonic Band Performance on stage at the Lila Cockrell Theater!
Beginning Band watch the Symphonic Band performance. Wind Ensemble go to Warm-Up.
- 12:00pm** Wind Ensemble Performance on stage at the Lila Cockrell Theater!
Beginning Band & Symphonic Band watch the Wind Ensemble performance.
- 12:30pm** Students change clothes. Everyone load equipment, instruments and prepare to leave.
- 12:45pm** Lunch is Delivered to Lila Cockrell Theater. Everyone eats on the way to Arctic Ape.
- 1:00pm** Depart for Artic Ape Wild Desserts, 5221 Walzem Rd #1, San Antonio, TX 78218
- 1:20pm** Arrive at Artic Ape for Dessert.
- 2:00pm** Depart for Six Flags Fiesta Texas – 17000 IH-10 West, San Antonio, TX 78257
- 2:45pm** Arrive at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Meet with your chaperone to get tickets & meal voucher.
Chaperones – set a place to meeting place & time with your group.
Dinner will be with your group in Six Flags Fiesta Texas.
- 8:45pm** Meet your chaperone at the entrance of Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Do not be late!!!
Walk back to the bus WITH YOUR CHAPERONE.
- 9:00pm** Load the buses & depart for West Briar Middle School.
There are no planned stops on the way to West Briar!
- 12:00am** Arrive at West Briar Middle School.
Unload & Clean the buses. Thank your drivers & chaperones!
Put instruments & equipment away, Dismissal.

IMPOARTANT REMINDERS!

- Sign Up For Your Lunch by Friday, 4/12 – <http://bit.ly/lunchorder19>
- Chaperones need to arrive early on Saturday. Please meet Mr. Hall at 6:00am. Chaperones need to register with VIPS.
- All participants need to join our San Antonio Trip Remind Group
 - Enter this link in your web browser - <https://www.remind.com/join/satrip19>
 - Or you can text the message @satrip19 to the number 81010