**Swope Middle School 8th Grade Music Trip for Orchestra & Choir**

**May 19-20, 2017 - *Sacramento Musical Theatre & Six Flags Vallejo***

**Purpose:** The 8th grade trip is to provide both an educational opportunity and a reward for students who have participated in Swope’s music programs in both 7th and 8th grade. It’s a time to celebrate this accomplishment with their friends in choir and orchestra before moving on to high school. This year, we will go to Sacramento to see the musical, *Phantom of the Opera*, performed by Sacramento Musical Theater on Friday night, and to Six Flags in Vallejo on Saturday.

We do not want cost to be an issue for students. Please speak to Ms. Jamison if you are concerned about paying for your trip.  There will be fundraising opportunities for students and some scholarships will be available for students with financial need who participate in the fundraisers.

**Who is eligible?** 8th grade Swope students who will be completing their second full year in music classes at Swope (or have transferred from another school where they took music classes). **In order to go on this trip, your citizenship grades must be “A” in your music class and nothing less than a “B” in your other classes.** If there is space available, 8th grade choir and orchestra students who have only taken music during 8th grade will be permitted to join us – please turn in paperwork by Sept. 19 so we know who is interested.

**When?** Friday/Saturday, May 19-20, 2017

 Leaving Friday afternoon, returning by 10:00 p.m. Saturday night

**Where and what?** We will leave Swope by 1:30 p.m. Friday, check in to our hotel, have dinner at Old Spaghetti Factory and then attend the performance. After breakfast Saturday morning, we will leave for Six Flags in Vallejo, where we will spend the day. On the way home, we stop at the Ikea shopping center for dinner (Taco Bell, McDonald’s, Burger King). We will be back at Swope between 9:30-10:00 p.m.

**Cost:** The cost of the trip is about $215 per student. We will give students an opportunity to sell World’s Finest Chocolate bars to raise money for their trips, and may do additional fundraising to ensure that all students who are eligible are able to regardless of cost. Students who receive scholarships must participate in the fundraising.

 **Your trip cost includes:** bus transportation, concert, hotel, t-shirt to be worn at Six Flags, snacks and all meals except dinner on the way home Saturday night. **Students need to bring about $7 for dinner on the way home Saturday night and $1 to tip the hotel cleaning staff.**

**How do I sign up?** **You and your parents fill out the attached trip STUDENT AND PARENT TRIP CONTRACT and EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION form and turn them in by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**.

**Chaperones:** Chaperones are ***parent*** OR Swope staff volunteers only ***who have completed the necessary [free] fingerprinting and paperwork****.* We ask chaperones to pay all of their own expenses except bus transportation in order to keep the student cost lower. Chaperones may want to consider sharing rooms, as the hotel cost is $183 per room.

**Itinerary**:

 **Friday, May 19**

 1:30 p.m. Depart from Swope (Amador Stage Lines charter bus)

 Hotel check in (Holiday Inn Express, Downtown Convention Center, 728 16th Street, Sacramento), walk to dinner

 6-7:00 Dinner (Old Spaghetti Factory, 1910 J Street, Sacramento)

 7:00 Walk to Community Center Theatre (1301 L Street) for 8:00 p.m. performance

 8:00 Performance, walk to hotel

 11:00 Lights out

 **Saturday, May 21**

 7:00-8:15 Breakfast at hotel (complimentary), check out

 8:30 Depart for Vallejo/Six Flags, 9:30 admission, 10:00 a.m. open, time in park

 4:00 p.m. Return to Reno – dinner stop in Sacramento (Taco Bell, McDonald’s, Burger King)

 9:30-10:00 Approx. arrival at Swope for parent pickup (students will call parents when we get to

 Truckee)

**Cost**:

$ 55 Transportation

$ 40 Theatre tickets

$ 34 Six Flags admission

$ 46 Hotel (4 students per room = $46), includes full breakfast Saturday

$ 35 Meals/snacks: dinner Friday ($16), lunch at Six Flags (est. $15), snacks on bus ($4)

 **Students bring $7 for dinner on the way home and $1 for hotel maid tip**.

$ 4.50 T-shirt for Six Flags

$214.50

**Payment schedule:**

Parents often ask for a payment schedule to help them plan. The trip may be paid for when you sign up (**Monday, September 19)** or in monthly installments, as follows. Please make checks payable to SWOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL and write your student’s name on them**. If paying by cash, MONEY MUST BE ENCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE with the student’s name and amount enclosed on the front. Receipts will not be issued during class time.**

 Monday, Sept. 19 $35

 Monday, Oct. 17 $35

 Monday, Nov. 21 $35

 Monday, Jan. 16 $35

 Monday, Feb. 20 $35

 Monday, March 13 $35 (less fundraising, if appropriate)

Monday, April 17 Any balance due

**Can you refund my deposit?**

Deposits are refundable up until March 13, 2017, or after that if another student can be found to take your (your student’s) place.

**What can/should you bring?**

­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_Cell phone (Sorry, we are not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.)

\_\_\_\_\_Pillow, blanket (optional for bus)

\_\_\_\_\_Snacks, water bottle (snacks will be provided on the bus)

\_\_\_\_\_Deodorant

\_\_\_\_\_Comfortable clothing and **shoes you can walk in**

\_\_\_\_\_ Wear nice school clothes for clinic/concert

\_\_\_\_\_Change of clothing

\_\_\_\_\_Jacket or sweatshirt… sometimes it can be foggy at Six Flags

\_\_\_\_\_Toiletries, including deodorant

\_\_\_\_\_$8: $7 for dinner on the way home (this is a fast food stop) and $1 for the hotel cleaning staff tip

\_\_\_\_\_Extra spending money, if desired

\_\_\_\_\_Extra deodorant

**Checklist**

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**Student and Parent Trip Contract**

**May 19-20, 2017 – Sacramento, Six Flags Vallejo**

* I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, understand that in order to have a great trip, I must be responsible, act professionally, let an adult know my whereabouts at all times, and abide by all school and district rules.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Initials Student Initials

* I will be respectful to all adults and chaperones and will be on my best behavior throughout the entire trip. I will represent Swope Middle School and Washoe County in the best possible way. All items that I bring on this trip will be appropriate. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* I will never be in a group of students less than 4 and I understand that I must wear the special trip t-shirt at Six Flags for visibility and safety reasons. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* I will use appropriate concert etiquette and dress. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* I understand that “lights out” at the hotel means I am to be in my room until released by an adult in the morning. It also means that I’m using appropriate noise levels and not disturbing the rest of the students in my room or other hotel guests. I understand that if there are any additional hotel charges due to noise or damage to the room, I and my parents will be responsible for paying them. \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* I understand that “energy drinks” are not permitted at any time while on this trip. Please do not pack them or purchase them while on the trip. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Should I violate any terms of this contract, consequences may include requiring my parent to immediately pick me up, at the teachers’ sole discretion; removal from remaining trip activities; and, additional consequences when we return to school. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**PG-13 MOVIE PERMISSION: OPTIONAL - Parents, please initial response.**

My student **HAS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DOES NOT HAVE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** permission to view PG-13 movies during this trip.

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student cell phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent home phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent cell phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Chaperone Information**

We will be traveling on one 55-passenger or two 47-passenger buses. **All parent chaperones must fill out the Washoe County School District Volunteer forms and be fingerprinted for overnight trips.** Fingerprinting is free. You may pick up forms from Susie Olano in the front office. **Your spot as a chaperone will be confirmed only after the necessary paperwork and fingerprinting is completed and this form is returned.**

**Chaperones will be responsible for the cost of their hotel room ($183 – chaperones may wish to consider sharing a room), show ticket ($40), Six Flags admission ($35 approx.) and meals on the trip ($16 for dinner at Old Spaghetti Factory with our group reservation, plus see cost estimate above).** Chaperone costs are payable to Swope Middle School by Monday, April 17, 2017.

**Chaperone Responsibilities**

* Fill out WCSD Volunteer form and be fingerprinted for overnight trips (must be within 6 months of the trip date, not more).
* **Attend a chaperone meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.**
* Each chaperone will be assigned 7-9 students for the duration of the trip.
* Chaperones will check in with the students at Swope and in all locations on our itinerary, at meals and periodically throughout the day.
* Pass out snacks/water on bus. Help clean up the bus after we return.

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**Please return this form if you are interested in being a chaperone, and obtain the necessary clearances and permissions to ensure your spot.**

Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes, I would like to be a chaperone for the May 19-20, 2017 trip to Sacramento and Vallejo. I am available on those dates and I am comfortable with large amounts of walking. I will attend the May 15 trip meeting and fill out the necessary WCSD Volunteer application and obtain fingerprint clearance.

**Swope Middle School Music Program**

**Emergency Medical Authorization**

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 Street City Zip Code

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Guardian’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Names (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In case of an emergency for which a parent cannot be reached by phone, I authorize any supervising adult to seek medical attention for my child on May 19-20, 2017.

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Parent/Guardian Name Signature Date

Many parents have requested payment coupons as reminders of the monthly payments. If you follow the suggested schedule, there will be 6-7 payments (less fundraising, if the student elects to participate in that).

**Swope Middle School 8th Grade Choir & Orchestra Trip Payment Coupon**

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