

November 6, 2009

Dear Wind Ensemble Parents,

Welcome to an exciting year of Wind Ensemble (WE). We want to inform you of upcoming activities. The culminating event of the year will be the trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a band competition during the weekend of May 21-23. We will travel by bus and stay two nights at a hotel. Our musicians will perform at Coeur d'Alene high school on Saturday morning and spend the afternoon at Silverwood amusement park. Dinner and an awards ceremony will take place at Silverwood in the early evening. Last year, the trip cost \$235 per student. This year, we will try to keep cost down by engaging the kids in fund-raising activities. Scholarships are available. More information and a detailed itinerary will follow.

**SAVE THE DATE**

What: Music in the Parks band competition (<http://musicintheparks.com/>)

Where: Coeur d'Alene high school and Silverwood amusement park

When: May 21-23, 2010:

leave from Eckstein Friday morning ~8am

return to Eckstein Sunday afternoon ~4pm

We encourage all families to join the WE email list. We will not inundate you with email, but this will be a quick way to communicate important information closer to the time of the trip. There will be much paperwork to fill out, so this is also an easy way to send blank forms to parents, as needed. The easiest method of joining the email list is to send an email (with the *Subject line: Wind Ensemble*) to [ecksteinwinds@gmail.com](mailto:ecksteinwinds@gmail.com) or [inagc@gchouse.org](mailto:inagc@gchouse.org). You can also write down your email address on the attached form, which your child will turn in to the band room mailbox.

We are looking for volunteers and donations! Please review all volunteer and donation possibilities listed on the back page, and let us know how you can help. Also, parent band meetings with Mr. Escobedo occur on the first Monday of each month (7:30 pm in the band room), in case you are interested in becoming more involved with the band program.

**PLEASE RETURN** the attached form by Monday, November 16. Your child should drop this form off in the band room mailbox. We are hoping for a 100% response so we can best plan the trip.

Thanks to all! This will be a fabulous trip for our kids!

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**IMPORTANT DATES for WIND ENSEMBLE  
2009-2010**

Every month, 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	Band parent meeting, 7:30p, band room
Nov 9 (Mon)	Veteran's Day assembly, daytime, Eckstein
Dec 10 (Thurs)	Winter All-Bands concert, 7:30p, Eckstein
Jan 25 (Mon)	Deposit \$40 due for Silverwood trip (non-refundable)
Feb 1 (Mon)	PNW Band Festival, noon, UW
Mar 25 (Thurs)	SSD MS Band Festival, daytime, Eckstein/Hamilton
May 10-15	Eckstein musical rehearsals and performances
May 21-23 (Fri-Sun)	Silverwood Band Festival, Idaho
May 28 (Fri)	Folklife festival, afternoon, Seattle Center
June 10 (Thurs)	Spring Bands Concert, 7:30p, Eckstein

**Volunteer and Donation Opportunities for the Eckstein Wind Ensemble group**

**VOLUNTEERS:**

*Starting now:*

- Help with planning activities
- Brainstorm and coordinate fundraising (bake sales, yard raking, etc... let's get the kids involved!)
- Coordinate donations

*A few weeks before the event (starting in late April):*

- Keeping track of paperwork
- Contacting parents

*May 21-23 weekend:*

- Friday morning coordination (helping load buses, etc....)
- Sunday afternoon coordination (serve as a parent contact, help unload and clean buses, etc...)
- Chaperones for entire weekend (14 or more parents)

**DONATIONS:**

- Water bottles
- Non-perishable Costco snacks for the bus
- Fruit, to be brought to the bus on Friday morning
- DVDs (age appropriate) that can be watched on the bus (these will be returned to you)

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Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please indicate your plans for the Silverwood band trip, May 21-23 (*check one*):

- Yes, most likely my child will attend
- No, my child will not be able to attend
- Unsure at this time if my child will attend  
(*circle reason:* conflicting dates need more information other \_\_\_\_\_)
- I would like to volunteer as a chaperone for the weekend

I can volunteer to help with the following:

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

I can donate the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Any other ideas (fundraising, etc..)?

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Questions or comments:

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