

Thompson High School Band "Marching Southern Sounds"

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**Thompson High School Wind Ensemble
National Concert Band Festival
Indianapolis, IN
Wednesday - Saturday, March 16 – 18, 2011
or
Thursday – Sunday, March 17 – 19, 2011**

Dear Parents,

Your children, the student musicians who make up the Thompson High School Wind Ensemble, have earned a tremendous honor: Selection to participate in the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is the most prestigious national event of its kind, and in March 2011, the Wind Ensemble will step into the spotlight on a national stage.

Without question, this is the greatest honor that any ensemble at Thompson High School has ever received! You can learn more about this incredible event by visiting their website, www.musicforall.org, or go to our band's site, www.marchingsouthernsounds.org.

Since this is a national stage, we will be taking everyone. This is not just another spring trip or regional music festival. This is one of the highest honors any high school band can achieve.

On Thursday, October 7th at 7pm in the high school cafeteria we will meet with representatives from Music For All, Inc. They sponsor the National Concert Band Festival and are coming from Indianapolis to meet us, explain what the trip involves, and answer our questions. It is extremely important that you and your students attend.

Attached are the details about costs and a tentative trip itinerary. Note that the day we perform will determine whether we depart on Wednesday or Thursday. I will know these exact dates after November 10.

Yes, the trip is expensive. Yes, we have never attempted anything like this before. But all of the students have tirelessly worked and practiced and performed to lift our Wind Ensemble to national-caliber level. They have earned this honor and every musician deserves to go.

Our goal is raise enough money so that everyone goes without having to pay for the trip out of pocket. Even if we fall short of that goal, I am confident that we will raise enough money to significantly reduce the trip cost and make it affordable for everyone.

Please observe the payment schedule attached. All fund raising efforts will go to lessen the total expense for ALL students and then parents. We can't travel without our support team and you don't want to miss seeing your children in this performance!

Please fill out the attached permission slip and return with the initial deposit by October 10, 2010.

We look forward to seeing EVERY STUDENT in Indianapolis!

Sincerely,

Jon Bubbett

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Total Trip Cost Based on Quad Occupancy Based on 72 students and 8 chaperones	\$750
Deposits Due To Music For All	
First Deposit due Friday, October 10 th	\$170
Second Deposit due Friday, December 10 th Suggested Payment \$150 due November 10 th Suggested Payment \$150 due December 10 th	\$300
Third Deposit due Monday, January 10 th	\$200
Final Balance due Friday, February 25 th	\$110

The "uneven-ness" of deposit amounts is due to the required amounts due to Music For All and Cline Tours as per their deadlines.

Any common fundraised money / donations will be applied to the due date in February, then January etc as they come in. This will be applied to all participants equally.

Money paid by parents to their students individual accounts will be reflected in the overall balance on what is left to be raised, but will be credited to the individual students account.

We give our child _____ permission to travel with the Thompson High School Wind Ensemble to participate in the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, IN

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

_____ Yes, I will chaperone this trip! Telephone _____

Every attempt is made to get the cost of the trip exact. Any overages will be put in the THS Band Booster Instrument Account.