

Dear Music Boosters and Music Department Members,

The Atholton High School Music Department 2009 Spring Trip is set for April 23rd - 26th! We will be participating at the *FiestaVal Competition* in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The price of the trip will be \$525.00 per student. Payment must be made in advance so that the Music Department can meet its obligations to *FiestaVal* as well as to our lodging, transportation and entertainment providers (and to avoid late fees). **An initial, NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT PAYMENT of \$125 will reserve your student's place for the trip** . This NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT PAYMENT is due by December 10th . It is extremely important that this payment be made on time. This will allow us to review student participation and meet our initial deposit requirements. There are 195 spots available for the trip.

We would like as many students as possible to attend this wonderful event for several reasons. It will allow the students the opportunity to demonstrate their year's worth of hard work in performances with nationally recognized adjudicators and clinicians. It will provide an occasion for team and spirit building. And it gives the students an opportunity to reach everyone's highest expectations as they will perform for and listen to, not only other members of the Atholton Music Department, but other music students from throughout the United States.

Remember, fundraising is underway! Sales of Giant cards, coffee and cocoa, fruit, and subs all allow students to earn funds in their accounts, enabling you to reduce or eliminate the total payment amount. In early January, students will begin to receive statements that reflect their student account balance. Questions about student accounts can be directed to Pam Vieser, AHS Music Booster Treasurer (pjvconsulting@earthlink.net).

Below is a payment schedule for the 2009 Spring Trip (which as noted above can be mitigated by funds earned in a student's account):

December 10th - \$125.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)
January 7th - \$125.00
February 4th - \$125.00
March 4th - \$150.00

Total: \$525.00

Please make checks payable to **AHS Music Boosters, indicate the student's name on the check, and mark it "Spring Trip."** Payments can be sent to school with your child, or they can be mailed to the school at 6250 Freetown Road, ATTN: Music Department, Columbia, MD 21044

The total cost per student of \$525.00 covers the following expenses:

- ▶ Coach bus transportation to/from Myrtle Beach and to all events
- ▶ Hotel accommodations for three nights
- ▶ Dinner on Thursday and Friday
- ▶ Breakfast Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- ▶ Competition fees for FiestaVal (Friday)
- ▶ Admission to Hard Rock Park on Saturday

Any student unable to make payments or follow the above payment schedule needs to speak privately with his/her music director by December 10th. We are happy to work out other arrangements if needed due to financial difficulties.

The music directors will be selecting parent chaperones for this trip. The selection process includes parent participation with the numerous music booster activities throughout the year. We begin the process by inviting selected parents of senior students.

Sincerely,

Ron Brown
Choir Director

Eric Posner
Band Director

Hannah Salvatore
Orchestra Director