



The Union Pines Band
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Dear Band Students and Family,

The Union Pines High School Bands have been selected to represent the State of North Carolina in the 2013 National Festival of the States in SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS! Participating groups are chosen on the basis of recommendation from state and national music educators, governors' and senators' offices and by audition. We intend to leave Thursday, April 11th, and return on Sunday, April 14th, 2013. We will leave Union Pines on a charter bus in route to the Charlotte International Airport where we will continue our journey to San Antonio via air travel. Some of the highlights of the trip include a performance as part of the National Festival of the States, and a sightseeing tour will include The Alamo, Market Square- El Mercado, The Riverwalk, the Tower of the Americas, the Spanish Governors Palace, and San Fernando Cathedral- where the remains of Davy Crocket, Col. James Bowie, and Col. William Travis rest, Mission Trails National Historical Park -Concepcion, Espada, San Jose and San Juan Missions, and a day at Don Strange Ranch, for a cowboy barbeque dinner where we will experience hayrides, armadillo races, horseshoes, rodeo, and horseback riding.

The total cost for the trip will be \$950 per student and \$950 per chaperone. We have enough room for 20 chaperones and those spots tend to fill up fast. (If interested in being a chaperone, please complete a letter of intent and send it with your child ASAP). We are stretching payments out from April 2012 to February 2013 (you can begin making payments now if you wish). To help the trip be more affordable, the Band Boosters will raise the funds necessary for travel via charter bus from Union Pines to Charlotte (and back) and pay for the airline gas tax per student/chaperone, and extra luggage fees for instruments. The cost to the Band Boosters will be around \$39,000, which will *save each student/chaperone* \$322 of the *actual cost* of the trip which is \$1272 per student/chaperone. There will be limits on luggage pieces per student/chaperone and how much they can weigh. That information will be sent closer to the trip date. We understand that the cost is expensive, so we have attached a "Band Student Sponsorship" form which can be presented to friends, family and/or area business owners to help cover the cost of the trip if need be. Feel free to make as many copies as you would like to distribute to whoever you think would be willing to help offset the cost to you. Get started ASAP on getting sponsors! We had students pay for their Boston trip in full with sponsorships. Any band student who wants to go should have no excuse not too. Many people are willing to help if simply *asked*.



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The Booster Club will firmly stick to these deadlines

Current 9th-11th graders	Current 8th graders	Due Date
\$200 non-refundable deposit	\$150 non-refundable deposit	April 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	May 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	June 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	July 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	August 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	September 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	October 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	November 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	December 1, 2012
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	January 1, 2013
\$75 Payment	\$80 Payment	February 1, 2013

Checks should be made out to Union Pines Band Boosters. Payments can be mailed to:
Union Pines Band Boosters
1981 Union Church Road
Cameron, NC 28326

Payments can also be made on our website via PayPal (you **do not** have to have a PayPal account to make payments through PayPal)

<http://unionpinesband.org/FundRaising/paypalpage.html>

All payments must be paid by these dates in order for us to make timely payments to our tour/festival coordinators without penalties. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Donna Faulkner, our booster treasurer, at 910-690-0161 or email her at unionpinesband@gmail.com

Thank you,

Rob Hill
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Union Pines Band **Student Guidelines for Overnight Trips**

Positive, appropriate, and suitable behavior is required at all times.

Students are expected to participate in all scheduled activities.

Students are expected to be in assigned rooms by curfew each night. Rooms will be checked by chaperones and directors. Boys will not be allowed to enter girls' rooms and girls will not be allowed to enter boys' rooms. If the boys and girls are on different floors, the hallways will be considered off limits as well.

All UPHS and MCS policies apply on this trip. Students who break school policy may be sent home. Otherwise, administrative referral will be issued upon return from trip.

Dress standards require modest and appropriate attire at all times. This means no revealing or tight clothing for girls and no extremely baggy clothing for boys. Follow UPHS dress policies.

Students are never to leave the hotel without a chaperone. Students are expected to honor the buddy system which means that they NEVER go anywhere alone.

Drinking alcohol, smoking and using illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Tobacco products of any kind are not permitted. Any device that may be used as a weapon is not permitted. Fireworks or any device that can create a fire or spark is not permitted. Students caught using or possessing any substance or weapon will be sent home immediately at the expense of parent or guardian.

Vulgar language is not acceptable at any time.

Students are expected to behave appropriately during tours and performances – talk only at appropriate times, pay attention to directions, work positively with instructors and the staff in charge of the tours and performances.

Students are expected to follow the directions of all band booster chaperones.



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Union Pines Band Student Intent Form

I have read the *Student Guidelines for Overnight Trips* and understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Conduct myself in the appropriate manner befitting a representative of the Union Pines High School. If you think Mr. would not approve, don't do it and don't tolerate anyone who does.)
 2. Give my respect to all adults (chaperones, bus drivers, restaurant and hotel employees, etc.). If I have a problem, I will see a chaperone immediately.
 3. Follow the Union Pines High School student handbook guidelines.
 4. Refrain from smoking, possession or consumption of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs, and report anyone who is in possession of these any of these items.
 5. After curfew, remain in my assigned room until breakfast the next morning.
 6. Adhere to the time schedule in the itinerary so as not to delay the group.
- Any student who violates any of Student Guidelines will not perform and will be remanded to the custody of the chaperones for the balance of the trip. If the infraction warrants, school disciplinary action will be taken following our return. If the infraction is a major disciplinary action, the student will be sent home at the expense of their parent/guardian(s).

Student (print name) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

I have read the Participant Guidelines and discussed them with my child. I understand the consequences if my child should violate any of the guidelines

Parent (print name) _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

THIS FORM IS DUE MARCH 1st!



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Union Pines High School Band **Chaperone Guidelines for Overnight Trips**

Each chaperone will be assigned a group of students for which they are responsible. This group is assigned by Mr. Hill. Regular daily responsibilities will include:

- *Make sure students are present on the bus every time we use the bus.
- *Make sure your students are in their room at curfew.
- *Make sure students are awake on time.
- *Make sure students understand daily itinerary.
- *Observe students for suspicious behavior that might involve breaking of school rules.
- *Be on guard for our students being loud, obnoxious, and/or rude. Do not tolerate this behavior.

Also, students should not be hugging, kissing, etc., on the buses or in public.

- *Assist in medical emergencies and contact a director ***immediately***

Check with Mr. Hill to see if you need to be aware of the medical needs of anyone in your group.

- *No students or chaperones should leave the group for unauthorized excursions.
- *Students' rooms and luggage may be searched at any time with or without the students' permission. If you feel a student's room or luggage needs to be searched, *talk to a director*.

Other duties:

- *Help assist with loading buses with luggage and equipment
 - *Check hotel rooms for any damage or things left behind
 - *Make sure students are properly dressed at all times
 - *Be willing and physically able to participate in all activities.
 - *Get to know the students in your group.
 - *Don't hesitate to ask questions if you have doubts as to what should be done in a given situation. The directors are in charge, and their instructions must be followed at all times. Please speak to a director privately if you have any concerns.
 - *Under no circumstance should a chaperone touch a student for any reason except for a life-threatening situation. Please be as courteous to the student as you would want them to be with you. If a student needs more attention than a courteous response, inform a director.
 - ****Remember*** Do not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages during the field trip.
- Your first responsibility is to the students in your group; however please keep an eye on all the students in our band. Should you require any additional information, or have any other questions or concerns, contact Mr. Hill.
- All chaperones are required to have a Moore County School Volunteer Form Profile completed and on file along with a criminal background check with MCS. This form will be included in this packet and is available at the MCS website.



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Chaperone Intent Form

I have read the *Chaperone Guidelines for Overnight Trips* and understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Conduct myself in the appropriate manner as an adult chaperone.
2. Contact a director any time there is an issue or concern.
3. Follow the Chaperone Guidelines.

I understand that the safety of all students on the trip is my priority.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____ Phone Number: _____

Email _____

I give MCS my permission to complete a background check:

Signature

Date

Chaperone Selection

We need to take 1 adult for every 5 students on the trip.

If there are a large number of parents applying to go on the trip, we will select adult chaperones using the following criteria:

*Parents of a senior or junior band student will be considered first as this will be that student's last or only band trip.

*Parents of a sophomore or freshman band student.

Trip payments for chaperones will follow the same deadlines as the students.

Chaperones will be selected by February 17th, 2012. If a parent pays the chaperone deposit out of pocket and is not selected to attend the trip, the \$150 chaperone deposit will be refunded. (*This would only happen if the MCS background check is not approved*)

We will need to have an almost equal number of male and female chaperones.

THIS FORM IS DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1st, 2012!