February, 2020

Dear BJH Band Parents and Guardians,

This year we will be attending the annual Music in the Parks concert festival at Knott’s Berry Farm on Saturday, April 18. This is an important event because, unlike the other concert festivals, we not only receive a rating, but we also compete against other groups. After a morning performance at Segerstrom High School in Santa Ana, the students will enjoy the remainder of the day at Knott’s, with a motivational award ceremony that will take place in the park that evening. This event is one of the highlights of our season, and the students look forward to it all year.

Because the Music in the Parks company provides a festival site outside the park, judges, souvenirs for the students, and awards for every group that participates, there is a fee in order to participate. This fee also incorporates the cost of admission to Knott’s Berry Farm. The total cost per student for this event is $69, which includes a ticket plus the festival fee.

Like all other festivals, all students enrolled in Intermediate Band, Concert Band, and Advanced Orchestra are required to attend at least the performance portion of the event. However, students are not required to spend the day at Knott’s. If a student opts to participate in only the required festival portion, the cost is only $37.50. A student may also choose to use an annual pass for the park instead of paying the admission fee. The cost for these students is also $37.50 since you will not be paying for park admission. **If you do decide to use an annual pass, please check to make sure ahead of time that the date is not “blocked out.”**

Please note that, because we have three ensembles participating this year, it is logistically impossible to have all groups perform on the same day and still have time in the park. For this reason, Intermediate Band and Concert Band will perform on the evening of Friday, April 17, and Advanced Orchestra will perform on the morning of Saturday, April 18. The two bands will sit in the audience to watch the orchestra perform on Saturday, and then all three groups will go directly to Knott’s to enjoy the entire day. This is a great thing because we will be able to enter the park earlier and get more for our money.

Regardless of the situation, all students are strongly encouraged to attend the entire event. The Music in the Parks company provides a wonderful educational experience for the students and an extremely motivational awards ceremony in the park. Special events like this are the reason why many students sign up for band in the first place and will surely become fond lifelong memories.

**Your festival fee is due no later than Friday, March 13, 2020. However, you may pay as early as you like. Please return it to Mrs. Bartell with the attached form in a sealed envelope labeled with your child’s name. Checks should be made out to “BJH Instrumental Music Boosters.”**

Sincerely,

Glenda Bartell
Director of Instrumental Music
Brea Junior High School
Please fill out and return this form with your payment to Mrs. Bartell no later than Friday, March 13. 
Please make out checks to “BJH Instrumental Music Boosters.”

Student’s name  _____________________________________________________________________

Please check the ONE option that applies to you (all students must complete this section):

_____ Attending both festival and Knott’s, no pass - $69
_____ Attending both festival and Knott’s, using a pass - $37.50
_____ Attending festival only, not Knott’s- $37.50

Please check one of the following:

_____ My payment is attached in full
_____ I am not able to pay in full, but attached is $________ to apply towards the fee.
_____ No money is attached. I cannot pay at this time, but I will participate in fundraisers to help make up for the fee of this event.

*Note- This form is for students only! Parents and/or spectators who wish to enter Knott’s must pay for park admission. Music in the Parks will be selling discounted park tickets at the festival site on the day of the festival. Contact Mrs. Bartell for more information if you are interested in attending! Also, a limited number of free tickets will available for parents who wish to serve as chaperones for this event. Contact Mrs. Bartell ASAP if you are interested in chaperoning.

Thanks for your support of the BJH Instrumental Music Program!