

## Spirit FMBC Ticket/Meal/Hotel Fees Due 10/31 - October 28, 2013

Please review this **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION** about the FMBC trip on November 22-24 and note the deadline of **October 31st for all FMBC fees.**

We are proceeding with the plan to stay two nights in Tampa for FMBC with the hope that additional families get current with their payments. We did receive some Fair Share payments last week, but there are still many families with outstanding balances. The next Fair Share payment is due November 4th.

We are collecting funds for the following (see details about each below):

Friday Dinner/Saturday Lunch: **\$10** per student  
- CASH or check payable to **CASH preferred**

Busch Gardens Ticket: **\$75** per student - family can also buy tickets

Hotel: **\$100** per night - ONLY for family who want to stay with the band

**Except for the Friday Dinner money, please make checks payable to "JHS Band" for Busch Gardens tickets and hotel reservations. To assist us in bookkeeping, PLEASE WRITE SEPARATE CHECKS for all three items.**

### Friday Night Dinner/Saturday Lunch

We will be preparing dinner for the students at our rehearsal location on Friday 11/22 and purchasing Publix subs for students to eat after the semi-finals performance on Saturday 11/23. The total for both meals is \$10.

Chaperones eating with the students will also need to pay for these meals.

We prefer CASH payment for these meals, or checks payable to CASH will be accepted.

### Busch Gardens Tickets

As part of this year's annual FMBC trip and to cap off the marching season, the marching band plans to visit Busch Gardens on Sunday, November 24th.

The cost is **\$75 per ticket**. The cost of this ticket is not part of the Marching Band Fair Share and must be paid for separately.

Funds from a students' account can be used to pay for Busch Gardens tickets if and only if the following conditions are met:

IF your fundraising account has enough to cover 100% of this year's Fair Share (including the last scheduled payment that has not been posted yet)

IF your fundraising account has enough excess to cover 100% of the expense you'd like to pay, and

IF you have no outstanding debt.

There are very few accounts that qualify, so please be sure you are cleared to do this by Treasurer Rose Lynch ([jhsbandtreasurer@comcast.net](mailto:jhsbandtreasurer@comcast.net)). The Fair Share responsibility covers the students' hotel expenses. Fair Share does not cover Busch Gardens tickets.

All Spirit students and their families are invited to participate. We will be picking up the tickets at will call the morning of our visit, so you should plan to travel with the band that morning to get your ticket.

Students are not required to purchase a ticket and go to the theme park; *however*, **students who choose not to participate must be picked up by a parent from the Tropicana Dome on Saturday, November 23rd immediately following the awards ceremony** at the FMBC Finals. Arrangements must be made in writing with Mr. Larkin prior to the Busch Gardens ticket purchase deadline.

**Ticket orders are due Thursday, October 31st.** Please send in a check or money order payable to "JHS Band" with the following information:

Name of student  
Total number of tickets

Place your payment in an envelope marked "Busch Gardens Tickets" and deposit it in the money collection box set up for "FMBC Expenses" near the kitchen in the band room.

**If you have any questions about Busch Gardens tickets, please contact Kate Tierney at [katetch01@aol.com](mailto:katetch01@aol.com).**

If you have a valid Busch Gardens annual pass, you do not have to purchase a ticket through the band, but please contact Kate Tierney if you still plan to attend Busch Gardens with the band so we know you will not be leaving early.

### **FMBC Hotel**

For the FMBC trip, the band will be staying the nights of November 22nd and 23rd at the Tampa Marriott Westshore (1001 N Westshore Boulevard in Tampa). Lodging and breakfast for students is included in their Marching Band Fair Share.

We have reserved extra rooms for parents and families who would like to attend the event. The discounted group rate is **\$100 per night**, and it includes breakfast each morning and taxes. Rooms are reserved on a first come, first serve basis based on availability. The hotel is located across the street from the practice field that will be used on Friday (Jefferson High School) and about 20 minutes south of the semi-final competition location on Saturday (Gaither High School).

**The deadline for hotel reservations is Thursday, October 31st.** Please send in your check or money order payable to "JHS Band" for a total of \$100 per room reservation. Place payment in an envelope labeled "Pam Crider/FMBC Hotel" with the following information:

Your contact information (name and phone number)  
Number of rooms you are reserving

Number of nights per room you are reserving (1 or 2)  
Which nights you are staying (Friday or Saturday or both)  
Names of all persons staying in the room (up to 4 per room)

Please deposit your payment in the money collection box set up for "FMBC Expenses" near the kitchen in the band room.

**If you have any questions about the hotel reservations, please contact Pam Crider at [561-762-7951](tel:561-762-7951) or [crider4cruises@bellsouth.net](mailto:crider4cruises@bellsouth.net).**

**To assist us in bookkeeping, please WRITE SEPARATE CHECKS for Busch Gardens tickets and hotel reservations.**

### **About FMBC**

FMBC is the Florida Marching Band Coalition, and it provides a means for a consistent evaluation system for marching band competition across the state of Florida. With the exception of MPAs, all of the Saturday competitions in which we participate are qualifiers for the FMBC Semi-finals held in the Tampa area on Saturday, November 17th. There are separate semi-final locations for each marching band class, and the bands with the top five scores at each of the semi-final competitions move on to perform in the Finals at the Tropicana Dome that same evening.

For the last five years, the Sprit of Jupiter has finished in the top five bands for their class and performed at the Tropicana Dome. This level of excellence is what our students have come to expect and is why they are working so hard!!

On Friday 11/22, the band will travel to Tampa to rehearse and check in to the hotel. This trip is an excused absence from school, and students will receive appropriate paperwork prior to the trip

On Saturday 11/23, the band will eat breakfast at the hotel and travel to the Gaither High School for their semi-final performance at some point during the day. They will stay at that location to hear the results, and then move on to the Tropicana Dome for the evening.

On Sunday 11/24, the band will eat breakfast at the hotel and travel to Busch Gardens for a few hours of fun before returning to the school that evening at a time to be determined.

A more detailed schedule and a packing list will be provided as we get closer to the trip.