

**W. T. WOODSON CHORAL DEPARTMENT SPRING TRIP TO ATLANTA**  
Fiesta-val Atlanta, Stone Mountain Park, Six Flags Over Georgia

March 30 - April 3, 2011

**GENERAL INFORMATION AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

**DATES:** We leave on Wednesday evening, March 30 and return Sunday afternoon, April 3, 2011.

**CHOIRS:** All of the Woodson Choirs are included in this trip. **The spring trip is not a requirement for most students** but it **is** a unique opportunity for all choral department students to spread their wings, support each other in competition, and just have fun. The Select Vocal Ensemble is required to participate.

**MAIN EVENT:** We'll be competing with choirs from around the country in a **national music festival adjudicated by a top-ranked panel of judges**. This is a great chance to show off our amazing talents!

**BESIDES THE COMPETITION,** our itinerary includes a visit to Stone Mountain Park, the Hard Rock Café, a tour of the Coca-Cola Plant, a student game and dance, and a full day at Six Flags Over Georgia. Of course, the students all look forward to an overnight bus ride with their friends as well.

**PARENTAL INFORMATION:** Chorus trips are very well chaperoned with one adult for every 10 students. Additionally, there will be an overnight security guard on our floors at the hotel each night. We're proud to say that the Woodson Choirs routinely receive accolades both for their exceptional singing and their exceptional "sportsmanship" at these spring trip music festivals. Of course our choral director, Mr. Michael Ehrlich, will be along to keep us all in tune and on our best behavior.

**TRIP COST:** The cost to each student will be \$620, which may be paid in installments. The first \$170 **must** be paid by check or cash and must accompany the Letter of Intent. Read the attached pages for details on the payment schedule, how to make the payments, what to do if you need financial assistance (don't give up on the trip!) and even ways you can use fundraisers to help make the payments more manageable.

**ITEMS INCLUDED:** Round trip transportation by motor coach, hotel accommodations at the Embassy Suites, 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 dinners, 1 lunch voucher for Six Flags and entrance fees to the parks are included. Each student will need to bring a little spending money for the remaining meals and personal purchases.

**HOW TO SIGN UP:**

**Fill out the Letter of Intent, attach the first payment of \$170, and return both to the Trip Treasurer (Graham Drenkard), or place in the black mailbox in the chorus room. Please put your form and payment in a sealed envelope with the student name printed outside.**

**FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN SATURDAY NOV. 13, 2010**

## **W. T. WOODSON CHORAL DEPARTMENT STUDENT TRIP ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

The Choral Boosters Trip Treasurer, Graham Drenkard, maintains a trip account for each student. This account allows you to accumulate the necessary funds to participate in the spring trip to Atlanta, GA

- Funds can be added to your account by direct payments of checks or cash.
- Credits may be deposited to individual student accounts by participation in the individual fundraising opportunities sponsored by the Choral Boosters.

Fundraising opportunities supported by the Choral Boosters include purchases of Grocery Scrip, Great Lakes Scrip (a National Retail Scrip program offering credits for purchases made at dozens of local retailers), Entertainment Coupon Books, Tupperware and Avon products. Other opportunities may also become available during the year. For more information:

- Come to any Choral Boosters Meeting
- Visit the Woodson Chorus website at [www.woodsonchorus.org](http://www.woodsonchorus.org).

After the final trip payment has been made, excess funds paid by cash or check may be refunded to you, or rolled over on account for next year's trip or transferred to another student.

### **TRIP PAYMENTS**

*The initial Trip Payment of \$170 must be made by check or cash and must be accompanied by the Letter of Intent. This is your child's commitment to the trip and is due no later than November 13.*

After this initial payment, fundraising credits may be used to reduce the amount of the remaining payments, up to the full amount due. The trip treasurer, Graham Drenkard, will make every effort to provide timely updates on the balance of funds and credits in each student's account, but if you have questions about your account please contact Graham for an updated balance at 703-698-1952.(home)

### **Please make your scheduled payments on time and in full!**

Our payment schedule is designed to collect the funds necessary to make our required periodic payments to the tour company; we cannot meet our obligation to the company if we do not have your payments. The payments are scheduled as follows:

- \$170 due on or before November 13, 2010 with the Letter of Intent
- \$150 due on or before December 18, 2010
- \$150 due on or before January 15, 2011
- \$150 due on or before February 12, 2011

We encourage you to mark your calendars now with these important dates due dates and amounts.

To assure that checks can be cashed and payments are deposited into the correct student account, it is critical that the payments include proper identification:

- Make checks payable to WTW Choral Boosters
- Write the **student's full name** and **Atlanta** on the memo line.

Checks are the preferred method of payment since the cancelled check or bank record serves as your proof of payment in case of any discrepancy, although payments may also be made in cash if preferred. Payments may be made in any of the following ways:

- Give payment to Graham Drenkard at the Choral Booster meeting prior to the payment due date.
- Place the payment, in a well-marked envelope, into the black mailbox in the chorus room.
- Mail payment (checks only) to arrive by the due date to:

WTW Choral Boosters  
c/o Graham Drenkard  
3114 Wynford Dr.  
Fairfax, VA 22031

### **WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TRIP**

- If, for any reason, your child must withdraw from the trip, please inform Mr. Ehrlich and the Trip Treasurer, Graham Drenkard, as soon as possible.
- Money paid by check or cash may be refunded to you or may be held on account for next year or transferred to another student.

**PLEASE NOTE: The final date for withdrawal with refund is February 4, 2011.** We must make our final payment to the tour company at that time so we cannot provide student refunds after that date.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

We want every choir student to have the option to participate in the spring trip, so the Choral Boosters maintain a special fund to assist students and their families if the cost of the trip is a problem. If you need financial assistance:

- Have your child talk to Mr. Ehrlich as soon as possible. The information will be kept in confidence.
- Your child and family will be expected, if possible, to participate in general Chorus fundraising activities, such as the car washes and sales of scrip and entertainment books.
- If you have a problem making a payment on schedule, please contact the trip treasurer to discuss an alternate payment plan.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**