



## Spring-Ford Senior High School

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Dear Parents/Students,

The Spring-Ford Area Senior High School Golden Ram Marching Band has been invited to perform in the nationally televised Hollywood (California) Santa Parade, the “*largest celebrity parade in the world*” in Hollywood, California on Sunday, November 30, 2008.

The bands arrangements and itinerary will be handled by Florida Festival Tours, Orlando Florida. The band will be flying out of Newark (NJ) Liberty International Airport, and arriving in Los Angeles at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The band will be staying at the Los Angeles Airport Westin Hotel, 5400 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

The cost of the trip will be **\$1,500** per student (based upon quad occupancy), and **\$1,700** per chaperone, based upon double occupancy. and will include the following:

- Transportation between Spring-Ford High School and Newark (NJ) airport
- Airfare between Newark NJ and Los Angeles International Airport
- Lodging and all meals for this trip
- Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner
- Tours of Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Grauman’s Chinese Theatre, the “Hollywood Walk of Fame”, Rodeo Drive, the La Brea Tar pits, and the ”Hollywood Sign”
- Santa Monica Pier
- Hornblower Dinner/Dance Cruise
- A parade performance at Disneyland
- Pirate’s Dinner Adventure in Buena Park
- J. Paul Getty Museum of the Visual Arts
- **Hollywood Santa Parade** The parade starts at Graumann’s Chinese Theater proceeding east on Hollywood Boulevard, turning south at the intersection of Hollywood and Vine, then turning west on Sunset Boulevard, ending at Hollywood High School. Total parade length is 2.3 Miles
- Knott’s Berry Farm

To maintain the affordability of the trip, we will need to have at least an **85% participation rate** of the high school band students. We will also be offering many fundraisers to provide the opportunity for the students to reduce the cost of this trip. This trip has been submitted to the Spring-Ford School Board for approval. It is anticipated the school board will vote on this trip at the Tuesday, May 27 meeting.

The following payment schedule has been established for this trip:

- May 27, 2008 – The School board will vote - Payment of \$150 per person,. If the trip is not approved, this will be refunded. Once it is sent to the tour company, there is no refund.
- June 25, 2008 – Payment of \$350.  
The list of names for the plane is also due by July 1. Once this payment is made to the airline, there is no refund of the airfare.  
For a \$20 fee the names on the list may be changed, so if another student picks up the airfare, a change can be made for this \$20 fee.
- August 8, 2008 – Payment of an additional \$300.
- September 10, 2008 – Payment of an additional \$300.
- Any balance will be due by October 3, 2008.

THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL CHARGES BECAUSE OF FUEL SURCHARGES. There also may be an additional charge to ship instruments, most airlines are now charging \$25 for an additional bag. We are planning to use general fundraising money to offset or eliminate these costs, but there may be an additional charge identified later.

In order to reserve a place on this trip, a payment of \$150, preferably by check made out to Spring-Ford Music Association (SFMA) must be made by Tuesday May 27. Once the payment is made to the travel company, there will be no way to add people to this trip at this rate because of having to lock in the airfare.

Please return the attached interest form with your \$150.00 deposit to Mr. Eckstine by Tuesday, May 27. If you have any questions, you can contact Mr. Eckstine @ [jecks@spring-ford.net](mailto:jecks@spring-ford.net), or Mark Brittingham @ [mark.brittingham@gmail.com](mailto:mark.brittingham@gmail.com).

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(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in participating on the Spring-Ford High School Music Department trip to the “Hollywood Santa Parade in Hollywood, California, from Thursday, November 27, 2008 to Tuesday, December 2, 2008. and has my permission to attend.

(Parents Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in chaperoning on the Spring-Ford High School Music Department trip to the “Hollywood Santa Parade in Hollywood, California, from Thursday, November 27, 2008 to Tuesday, December 2, 2008.