



# Freeman HS Music Department

Douglas Southall Freeman High School - 8701 Three Chopt Road – Henrico, VA 23229  
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DATE: October 13, 2022  
TO: Parents of Freeman Band and Orchestra Students  
SUBJECT: 2023 Spring Trip

Prior to the COVID Pandemic, the Freeman Music Department (Band, Strings and Chorus) would take an extended overnight trip every other year. The purpose of this trip is to gain musical experience in a new environment, learn new skills, and enhance teamwork. We are finally planning our next trip!!

Even as we wait for the final HCPS approval process to conclude, we were given permission to officially announce that the **2023 Music Department Spring Trip will be to Nashville, TN! Maverick Music goes to Music City USA!!** This trip will be a 3-day/3-night trip, departing by bus on Thursday, April 13th at approximately 5am and returning Sunday, April 16th at approximately 8pm. Students will be out of school for 2 days (Thursday and Friday.) It's going to be a very busy, but fun and rewarding trip!

## Trip Highlights:

- All students will participate in a band/orchestra or chorus clinic at a local University Music Department.
- All students will see a live concert at the famous Ryman Auditorium!
- The students will tour the Country Music Hall of Fame, the famous Studio B, The Grand Ole Opry, the Parthenon in Centennial Park and have fun at The Adventure Park ("Glow in the Park" experience.)
- Hotel accommodations are included at The Gaylord Opryland Resort just outside of Nashville – this will be a real treat for everyone!
- Group meals have been planned at the hotel in addition to one lunch at The Wildhorse Saloon with line dancing and one dinner aboard the General Jackson Showboat Cruise!

The trip will be chaperoned by parents (one per eight students) as well as the music department instructors and an HCPS administrator. Student behavior is to be held to the HCPS code of conduct throughout the entire trip. While students will be chaperoned, they will have some free time without direct supervision. Please consider your student's ability to manage this level of independence, as well as their tolerance for long bus rides, ability to complete long walks of up to 20 minutes, and working with a large group.

The trip is **all-inclusive** and covers all transportation, hotel rooms (four students per 2 bed queen room), all meals, concert tickets, clinic/workshop fees, and museum/tour admissions. The **TOTAL cost** per student is \$975 based on initial estimates. The Band and Orchestra Boosters would like to help offset some of this cost and will be holding fundraising events throughout the school year to help bring the final cost to each student down as low as possible. In previous years, the Boosters have been able to pay anywhere from \$100 to \$200 towards the per student cost, **but this depends on the success of our fundraising!**

**Each student wanting to attend the spring trip is required to complete the forms attached and return with a \$100 deposit no later than October 25<sup>th</sup>\***. The deposit (less \$50) will be refundable until 1/10/23. After 1/10/23, ALL fees paid are non-refundable\*\*. The remaining balance can be paid in installments as follows:

October 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$100 deposit (mentioned above)
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	FINAL PAYMENT not to exceed \$175 (will be determined based on fundraising and booster board approval.)

**\*\*TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We highly recommend that each student obtain a travel insurance policy in case you need to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances. These policies are easily found online, reasonably priced, and can save you money!

If you have questions, please contact the Band and Orchestra Boosters at [DSFBand1@gmail.com](mailto:DSFBand1@gmail.com)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS AND RETURN WITH REGISTRATION DEPOSIT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> (SEE BELOW for more very important time-sensitive information!!)

**\*VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to bus capacity restrictions, deposits and registration forms will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Should we fill all seats on the initial buses, any additional students and chaperones will be placed on a waiting list. The music department will work together to maximize bus capacity to keep the costs down for everyone!**

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# Freeman HS Music Department 2023 Spring Trip: Nashville, TN Registration Form

**Payment & forms due date:** 10/25/2022 (first-come, first-served)

**Payment Options:**

**Check to: DSF BAND BOOSTERS (NO CASH ACCEPTED)**

Please include "Spring Trip - Student Name" in check memo

OR:

Use this link to make an online payment with credit/debit card:

<https://tinyurl.com/2zcvxmx8>

**\*\*Forms are still required even if you pay online.\*\***

**Completed forms and \$100 check should be given to Mr. Blankenship or mailed\* to:**

**Freeman Band Boosters/8701 Three Chopt Road/Henrico, VA 23229**

**\*Please keep in mind that as this is a first-come, first-served signup, mailing may delay your registration date!**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment by:  Check  Online (date paid: \_\_\_\_\_)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, you are agreeing to the payment schedule and terms stated in the letter dated 10/13/2022.*

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Please let us know if you are interested in being a chaperone Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Name of Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Chaperones are housed two per hotel room. We will let you know as soon as possible if you have been selected and the cost for the chaperones package. (Parents of Marching Band students wanting to chaperone: chaperones will be selected from families that have completed their required volunteer spots for the marching season).*

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**DATE RECEIVED:** \_\_\_\_\_



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 3820 Nine Mile Road  
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## Parent Authorization: PreK – Grade 12 Using Bus Transportation for Field Trips

School <u>Freeman High School</u> Sponsoring Teacher/Coach <u>Mrs. Tuck &amp; Mr. Blankenship</u> Date Sent to Parents <u>Oct. 13-14, 2022</u> Date of Field Trip <u>April 13-16, 2023</u> Destination <u>The Gaylord Opryland Resort</u> Address <u>2800 Opryland Drive</u> City, State <u>Nashville, TN 37214</u>	School Departure Time <u>5:00am 4/13/23</u> School Return Time <u>8:00pm 4/16/23</u> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> School Bus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chartered Bus Vendor <u>James River Transp.</u> Purpose/Unit of Study <u>Music Department Field Trip</u> Non-refundable Student Cost <u>approx. \$975 less booster supplement TBD</u> (Due two weeks prior to the field trip.) Deposit Due 10/25/2022
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The safety, security, and supervision of the students is paramount on and off our school facilities. Therefore, the students will be under the direct supervision of the teachers/coaches and approved chaperones at all times during a school-sponsored field trip. Regardless of being transported by a HCPS school/activity bus or by a chartered bus, students must return to the school by the same manner, unless written arrangements were made by the student's parent/legal guardian in person and approved by the Principal at least 48 hours prior to the field trip.

All selected adult chaperones must have an approved HCPS Volunteer/Mentor Application on file at the school at least 48 hours prior to the field trip and must have completed an orientation session. If a parent/legal guardian is not selected as a chaperone and decides to join the field trip at the site, he/she must notify the Principal and submit a HCPS Volunteer/Mentor Application at least 48 hours prior to the field trip. Individuals failing to provide advance notice to the school Principal or who do not have an approved HCPS Volunteer/Mentor Application on file at the school will not be allowed to be in close proximity to any student at the field trip site.

Please indicate below if your child has an injury, medical condition, or allergy and if it is necessary for your child's teacher/coach to carry any medication for your child.  NO  YES If YES, a medication permission form **must be on file** with the school clinic for any medication to be taken on the field trip by the teacher/coach.

**PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS.** I understand that my child's participation in this field trip is voluntary, that it may include recreational, amusement or physical activities, and that participation in any such activities may expose my child to at least some risk of injury or even death. Accordingly, I agree to assume the risks of injury, including death, damage, or loss. I further understand that the Henrico County School Board, its officers, agents, and employees are not liable for physical injuries resulting from acts or omissions constituting simple negligence. I have read and understand the itinerary and authorize my child to participate in the planned components of the trip to the extent indicated by my signature below. I also understand that participation in the trip will involve activities off school property; therefore, neither the Henrico County School Board, nor its officers, agents, employees or volunteers have any responsibility for the condition or use of any non-school property.

As the parent/legal guardian, I give my consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

to participate on the field trip indicated above. Please include cash or a check made payable to the school on or before see trip form for details

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secondary Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(See alternative form)

### REQUEST TO BECOME AN ADULT VOLUNTEER CHAPERONE

I understand the expectations and wish to be considered a chaperone. If selected, the non-refundable chaperone cost is \$\_\_\_\_\_. It is also due by the date indicated above.  
 Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Field Trip Permission Form – Swimming Addendum Secondary Students Only

When available and with parent permission, HCPS allows secondary students to participate in recreational swimming while on field trips or other school-sponsored outings. HCPS has determined that recreational swimming may be available on this field trip. By providing your consent below, you authorize your child to participate in recreational swimming activities in the event they are available.

### PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS

I understand that recreational swimming<sup>1</sup> may be available during this this field trip and that swimming is an inherently risky activity. I also acknowledge that my child’s participation in any such recreational activity is entirely voluntary and that participation in such activities may expose my child to at least some risk of injury or even death.

I further understand that the Henrico County School Board, its officers, agents, and employees are not liable for physical injuries resulting from acts or omissions constituting simple negligence.

I also understand that the facilities available for recreational swimming are not owned or controlled by Henrico County Public Schools and, therefore, neither the Henrico County School Board, nor its officers, agents, employees nor volunteers have any responsibility for the condition of any such facility.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read the above authorization and that I am the parent / legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ and I:  
NAME OF STUDENT

(check one)

DO GIVE CONSENT

DO NOT GIVE CONSENT

for my child to participate in recreational swimming while on the field trip.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Please note that swimming in open water or any activity involving student-operated water crafts in open water is prohibited unless part of the curriculum and approved by the instructional specialist.