Dear Parents,

On Saturday, June 6th the Dearborn STEM Band, Jazz Band and Orchestra students have the opportunity to travel to Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH. The Marching Band and Color Guard will perform and the Orchestra and Jazz Band students will be there to cheer them on. After the performance, students will have the day to ride roller coasters and explore the park.

Timeline:

<u>7:15am</u>: Students/Chaperones arrive at the STEM parking lot, load their instrument on the bus and check in with Mrs. Hartrick.

7:30 - 9:45am: Travel to Cedar Point

10:30am: the Marching Band performs

• Students perform for about 20-30 minutes then put all instruments back on the bus and enter the park. Students must do an equipment check with Mrs. H before entering park.

<u>After Parade - 7:30pm</u>: Students are free to ride roller coasters and explore the park in their groups with chaperones.

<u>7:30pm</u>: Students and chaperones meet at the front entrance area of the park, check in with Mrs. H, then load onto the bus.

8:00pm - 10:15pm: Travel back to STEM Middle School

<u>Approximately 10:15pm</u>: Students arrive at the STEM Middle School parking lot.

Trip Expense:

- \$75 this includes transportation, instrument storage and tickets to the park
- Chaperones must also pay
- Students who already have passes to the park can pay the transportation-only fee of \$40
- Any students who cannot afford this expense should speak to Mrs. Hartrick to work out a cost that makes sense for your family.
- This cost is more expensive than past years because we didn't do any supplemental fundraising (as per parent survey preference). Cedar Point also raised the ticket price.
- Payment can be received all at once or in installments. See the permission slip for details

Food:

- Food is available for purchase inside the park. It's recommended that students bring about \$20-30 to purchase food throughout the day as food in the park can be pricey.
- Students are allowed to bring their own lunch and beverages into the park. This is definitely the cheapest and healthiest alternative but will require the student to rent a locker for storage.
- There is no halal meat offered at Cedar Point but there are a number of vegetarian options.

Chaperones:

- We would like to have around 10 chaperones volunteer to assist with the field trip. There will be approximately 6-8 kids per 1 chaperone. Chaperones are responsible for their group throughout the day and must monitor student whereabouts while at the park.
- Chaperones must have a background clearance form on file with the school district in order to attend the trip. Please visit the office and bring a photo ID at least one week prior to the trip to complete the proper paperwork.
- Chaperones must be a parent or guardian of a student attending the trip.
- Families are allowed to meet us at the park and join in on the fun, just communicate with Mrs. H that you will be taking your kid.

A Note About Weather: In the past inclement weather has shut down the park and we have had to leave early. If it makes sense to do so we will stay and wait out the storm, however, if it doesn't look like the park will reopen in a reasonable time-frame we may be forced to depart before the 7:30pm call time. As always student safety is the first priority.

**Detach and return this form to Mrs. Hartrick with payment by April 1st. Place money in a sealed envelope with your student's name written on it. Checks can be made to STEM Middle School.

My Student _____ has permission to attend the trip to Cedar Point on June 6th, 2020.

<u>PAYMENT OPTIONS</u>: Cash is preferred but checks made payable to STEM Middle School will also be accepted.

____ I will make one payment. Please pay by April 3rd at the latest.

I will pay in installments. *\$25 due - March 6th *\$25 due - March 20th *\$25 due - April 3rd

____ I would like my student to attend the field trip but financially we cannot afford the expense associated with the trip and may need assistance.

____ I already have a pass to the park and will only need to pay for the transportation fee (\$40).

<u>CHAPERONE INFO:</u> There are a limited number of seats available on the buses so Chaperones will be considered on a first come first serve basis.

____ I am interested in chaperoning the field trip and am able to complete the background paperwork prior to June 1st or I have paperwork on file already.

Parent(s) Name:

Phone Number(s):

Email(s):

