



Penn's Grove Middle School  
**Music Department**  
*"Music in the Parks" Field Trip to Hershey, PA*

January 27, 2025

The Penn's Grove Music Department is preparing to participate in the "Music in the Parks" festival in Hershey, Pennsylvania on Friday, May 16, 2025. This performance opportunity allows the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Choral Ensemble to showcase their achievements and musical growth for adjudicators. These adjudicators provide the students with feedback based on their performances. It also allows them to compete with ensembles from other schools similar in size to Penn's Grove.

The students will be performing at 2 different venues in the vicinity of Hershey Park. Students will enjoy Hershey Park following the performances. While at the park, students will have access to an All-You-Can-Eat picnic meal that is part of their admission ticket. The picnic area is located next to Fahrenheit in the park and is available from 12:00 – 4:00pm.

All schools participating in the festival that day will attend an awards ceremony in the adjacent Hershey Arena. Penn's Grove will attend as a unified group and walk to the arena together. Students will need to be picked up at the end of the trip at Penn's Grove between 9:45 PM and 10:00 PM.

NOTE: All students must be picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the day. Students will **NOT** be permitted to walk home. **Students riding home with any adult other than their own parent/guardian must submit a note of parental consent to the directors prior to the trip.**

#### Costs

**The student cost for this trip is \$145.** This price covers busses for transportation, festival fees, park admission, food in the park, water and snacks for the bus ride and the performance t-shirt.

**The chaperone cost for this trip is \$75.** This includes busses for transportation, park admission and the in-park picnic meal. **Chaperones MUST plan on riding the bus to provide ample supervision and assistance with loading, unloading, and directing students.** Chaperones MUST complete the necessary paperwork to be an approved chaperone for the school district. A group of students will be assigned to each chaperone. Students must always remain with their chaperone throughout the day. Students must remain in the park the entire time. Penn's Grove will enter and exit the park with their chaperoned group.

#### Payment Schedule

Cash or Checks made out to Oxford Music Boosters (OMB) are acceptable forms of payment.

Students wishing to use the money in their fundraising account should complete their Band/Chorus/Orchestra account form and submit it with the permission slip and initial payment.

**\*You may choose to pay the entire \$145.00 on your initial payment.**

<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>AMT. DUE</b>
<b>Friday, February 7, 2025</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Friday, March 7, 2025</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Friday, April 4, 2025</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Total = \$145.00</b>	
<b>Chaperone Payments</b>	
<b>Friday, February 7, 2025</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Friday, March 7, 2025</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Total Chaperone Cost = \$75.00</b>	

### **Student Eligibility**

Students must be in good standing with regard to their grades and behavior. If students have been given a referral at any point during the school year their eligibility will be reviewed by the directors and administration. Students must also adhere to the same grade eligibility requirements as the PIAA athletic students. This means that students failing two or more classes will not be permitted to attend unless their grades improve.

**Students with 3 or more unexcused absences (class and lessons), or forget their materials for class will not be permitted to go on this trip.** It is unfair for the students who regularly attend class and come prepared. This trip is a privilege, NOT a requirement. It is also an opportunity to showcase Oxford Area School District at its best. This means everyone is contributing to our preparation for a successful performance. Students must also have at least a C average in each performing group class to be eligible to attend the trip.

Students not meeting the criteria will NOT be permitted to attend this trip and **ALL** trip monies are non-refundable. If a student's eligibility is borderline, the directors and administration will evaluate the situation based on academics, behavior, and performance readiness.

### **Questions**

We look forward to leading a successful trip. Past students have found them to be memorable and meaningful. See the attached pages for more specific information, rules, and itinerary. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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# Itinerary

**May 16, 2025**  
**Music in the Parks Field Trip**  
**HersheyPark, PA**  
**Penn's Grove Music Department**

5:30 AM	-Students and chaperones arrive at PG		
	-REPORT DIRECTLY TO AUDITORIUM with all belongings for day	12:45 PM	Arrive at Hersheypark <i>100 W. Hersheypark Drive Hershey, PA 17033</i>
	-Line up in assigned groups		-Get ticket and meal voucher on way off bus -Students enter the park with chaperones -All attendees enter park
5:45 AM	-Load busses/Take Attendance		
6:10 AM	-Depart for Hershey High School	TBD	-All attendees head to Awards Ceremony - Wait at Music in the Parks Award
7:40 AM	-Arrive at Hershey High School <i>550 Homestead Rd. Hershey, PA 17033</i>		Ceremony sign OR go through gift shop at entrance and walk to Arena <b>*Get hand stamped before exiting the park!</b>
8:00 AM	- 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bands warm-up	TBD	-Awards Ceremony <i>HersheyPark Arena</i>
8:25 AM	- 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band performs		
8:50 AM	- 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band performs	<b>8:00 PM</b>	- All attendees leave the park with chaperones and head to busses -Chaperones check-in with directors -Load busses
8:50 AM	- Orchestra warm-up		
9:15 AM	- Orchestra performs		
9:15 AM	- Jazz Band warm-up	8:20 PM	-Depart for PG
9:40 AM	- Jazz Band performs	9:50 PM	-Arrive PG <i>301 S. Fifth St. Oxford, PA 19363</i>
10:10 AM	- Load Busses		-Unload busses -Students <b>MUST</b> be picked up by a parent/guardian at cafeteria entrance
10:20 AM	-Depart for Palm Lutheran Church		
10:40 AM	-Arrive at Palm Lutheran Church <i>11 W. Cherry St. Palmyra, PA 17078</i>		
11:20 AM	- All Choirs Warm-up		
11:40 AM	- 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus performs		
12:00 PM	- 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus performs		
12:20 PM	- Choral Ensemble performs		
12:30 PM	- Depart for Hershey Park		

# “Music in the Parks” Field Trip Information/Rules

1. All attendees must exhibit P.R.I.D.E. and their best behavior at all times throughout the duration of the trip. All school rules apply. Students not following school and field trip rules will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action on the trip and afterwards. Students who cannot behave appropriately in the park may be removed from the park at the discretion of the park security. We must do our best to represent the community and our school.
2. **No students are permitted to leave the park except when the entire group attends the awards ceremony and departs for home.** Students will have the opportunity to go to “Chocolate World.” They may only attend chocolate world with their chaperone at the adult’s discretion.
3. Students **must always** be with their chaperone. **No student is to ever be alone.**
4. If you have an emergency in the park, you should 1<sup>st</sup> notify a chaperone, director, and/or park employee. If you are able to go to the first aid station, you should do so. The station will then contact the directors.
5. Attire
  - a. PG Music T-shirt (referenced to in letter)
  - b. School dress code still applies! Keep in mind that you need to perform in what you wear. Students not appropriately dressed for the field trip will not be permitted to attend the field trip.
  - c. Students **must** wear the PG music shirt the entire day.
  - d. Attendees may wear additional clothing and accessories as the weather permits/requires.
  - e. **No** bathing suits may be worn. There is only one water ride open at this point in the season. It is recommended that students stay dry. If a student chooses to ride a water ride, they need to prepare to be wet or change. Please be sensible.
  - f. You may wear hats in the park only.
  - g. Please wear sunscreen and sunglasses if it is appropriate for the weather.
6. Food
  - a. Picnic lunch in park
  - b. Snacks for bus
    - i. You may bring some of your own – be sensible please!
    - ii. Bottled water and light snacks for morning and evening will be provided, but are not substitutes for meals.
7. The festival, park admission, and meal are paid for, but students may bring a sensible amount of money for games/souvenirs if they wish. Please remember that students are responsible for any money they bring.
8. Students are responsible for any personal items they bring on the trip for the entire day. Please do not bring expensive items and keep track of what you bring.
9. Bus
  - a. Students must leave the busses clean and as they found them- no exceptions!
  - b. Noise levels need to remain at a safe level for the driver and occupants.
  - c. Students need to remain seated and two to a seat.
  - d. No trash, objects, or persons may hang out of or exit through the windows at any time.
  - e. No distracting or rude gestures may be made to persons or drivers on or out of the vehicle.
10. Please remember to bring your instruments (in their entirety), music, and any other supplies you may need. If you have a light load and see someone else who needs help, then help them.
11. **Any student or chaperone planning to leave the trip early or deviate from the school transportation plan must submit their request and consent in writing for approval at least a week PRIOR to the day of the field trip.**
12. Any student needing to take medication during this field trip **MUST** make arrangements with the school nurse PRIOR to the field trip. This is very important. Students may not carry their own medication without permission of a physician, the school, and the parents. In addition, parents/guardians need to make sure that all health, medication, and emergency contact information is up-to-date in the nurse’s office PRIOR to the field trip.

# “Music in the Parks” – Student Permission Slip

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, Grade \_\_\_\_\_,  
(print student name)

to participate in the “Music in the Parks” educational field trip to Hersheypark on Friday, May 16, 2025 and acknowledge that they are responsible to complete any missed assignments from the day. I agree to make sure payments are made on time, my child is prepared for the field trip, and that they arrive and depart school in a timely manner. In the event of an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. If my child requires medical attention, I authorize the school and chaperones to acquire my child care from a qualified medical professional. **I will make certain that all health, medication, and emergency contact information is correct and up-to-date with the Penn’s Grove nurse’s office, including concerns or conditions that the directors and chaperone would need to know to ensure a safe trip for my child. If my child will need to take any medication during this trip, I will contact and make arrangements with the school nurse prior to the trip.**

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) : \_\_\_\_\_  
(print parent/guardian name)

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

## **Parent/Guardian Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Alternate Emergency Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Alerts:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIRT SIZE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(adult sizes)

I have read, understand, and agree to follow the school rules and field trip rules so that everyone has a safe, fun, and educational trip.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is due with your first payment on  
Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

