

McDonald Middle School Mustang Band &  
Vanston Middle School Viking Band

T.H. McDonald Middle School



*Mustang Band*



Hawaiian Falls  
2016 Summer Trip Packet  
August 5, 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

The pages that follow are intended to give you as much information as possible about our trip to Hawaiian Falls this year. Contained in this packet are detailed itineraries, behavior guidelines, a health form, a permission slip, and an emergency contact page.

The McDonald & Vanston Band programs have really grown in the past few years. Not only musically, but in our ability to represent McDonald Middle School & Vanston Middle School as one of the best groups on each campus. Please understand that all of the policies and behavior guidelines listed in this packet are to continue that growth.

Please read the entire packet and return the acknowledgement page at the end of the packet by Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If the acknowledgement form is not returned by Wednesday, your student will not be able to go on the trip

Thanks,



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## **McDonald/Vanston Band Hawaiian Falls Itinerary**

- 8:30 A.M. McDonald Band Hall Opens
- 9:00 A.M. Chaperone Meeting
- 9:15 AM Check Roll & Trip Meeting
- 9:30 A.M. Load Buses
- 9:45 A.M. Depart for Hawaiian Falls
- 10:15 A.M. Arrive at Hawaiian Falls  
Unload and sunscreen up!
- 10:30 A.M. Park Opens  
Proceed to pavilion reserved for us. Leave your stuff or rent a locker. Go have FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 12:00 Noon Lunch at pavilion, provided in cost of trip!  
Sunscreen up again!!
- 2:30 P.M. Sunscreen up again!!
- 4:00 P.M. Check in at pavilion for departure
- 4:15 P.M. Load Bus/Depart Hawaiian Falls
- 4:45 P.M. Arrive at McDonald Middle School  
Go home and collapse from excessive amounts of fun

## **Groups in Hawaiian Falls**

When we are in Hawaiian Falls, you will not have a chaperone with you at all times. However, you must be in a group of at least 2 or more band students at a time. We will NOT sign up for these groups before the trip. Most of the rides at Hawaiian Falls are designed for 1 person or 2 people.

## **Payment & Tickets**

The cost for this trip is \$25. It includes admission to the park and lunch. Payment is due by Wednesday afternoon. No payment will be taken on Thursday or the morning of the trip. Payment MUST be in cash. If you have a season pass, come talk to Mr. Major or Mrs. Borders about the price difference.

## **Lunch**

Lunch will be served at our pavilion at 12:00. Please don't be late. If you miss the lunch line, you miss lunch. It will be a hamburger, chips, and an all day drink pass. So, you will have a drink for the rest of the day past lunch. We will bring one cooler in the park if you have something that needs to be refrigerated, it can go in that cooler.

## **Clothing**

There is no performance aspect of this trip. Just team building and fun! So, come to the band room dressed with your bathing suit underneath your clothes. You will need to wear clothes on the bus to and from the park. NO EXCEPTIONS!

### *Boy's bathing suits*

- Must be a REAL bathing suit (no suit, no swim)

### *Girl's bathing suits*

- One piece bathing suit is suggested (no wild cutouts please)
- If you wear a two-piece bathing suit, it must be appropriate.

Please understand, we want you to be young ladies and young gentlemen. If you are not 100% sure that your bathing suit is appropriate, don't wear it. Mr. Major and Mrs. Borders are the final words on bathing suits. If we deem it to be inappropriate, appropriate action will be taken. We have some old band shirts that you can wear. :-)

## **Your Stuff**

You are welcome to bring whatever you want or need to bring to Hawaiian Falls. However, please understand that the directors and chaperones are not responsible for keeping up with your stuff. Hawaiian Falls has lockers that you can rent to keep your stuff in. We suggest that if you must bring something with you, to put it in a locker and keep it locked. We also suggest that you do not share lockers with anybody. That way, only you know the combination to your locker. So, if something is missing, we know who to talk to. We strongly suggest you only bring the necessities for the day. I would hate for you to bring your brand new iPhone and lose it at the park and not get to enjoy it. But, remember. This is a water park. You will be in the water most of the day. So, you shouldn't need much of anything. Please bring a towel and sunscreen. Hats and sunglasses can be worn at places in the park. But, some places they aren't allowed.

## **Chaperones**

The parents that have volunteered to go with us as band chaperones will be treated with the utmost respect. We will call them Miss., Mrs., or Mr. We will also say things like “Sir,” “Ma’am”, and “Thank You.” They are giving up their Friday so that we can go and have some fun at Hawaiian Falls. Be sure to thank them for their caring and their time.

If a chaperone asks you to do something, please do it. You can imagine that it is coming from Mr. Major. They will not ask you to do something that they don’t need you to do.

## **Bus Information**

All students are expected to ride the bus to and from Hawaiian Falls. The only adults that will be allowed on the buses will be directors and official band chaperones. Nobody else will be allowed to ride the bus to or from Hawaiian Falls. Students may not meet us at Hawaiian Falls on the day of the trip. Students will act calm on the bus as not to distract the bus driver from driving. Talking is fine; screaming is not. If you can’t act appropriate on the bus, you will be sent home.

## **Discipline**

All students are expected to behave as young adults at all times. However, if the need arises to discipline a student that discipline will most likely be in the form of one of the two following scenarios.

#1 – Student will stay with Mr. Major, Mrs. Borders, or a chaperone at the pavilion for the rest of the day. They will not ride any more rides and will not have any more fun for the rest of the day.

#2 – Serious disciplinary issues will end up in a phone call to parents to come get you from Hawaiian Falls and take you home. If this type of discipline comes up, your future in the band program at McDonald or Vanston will be in serious jeopardy.

We have never had to use scenario #2, and I don’t want to start. Have a great time, but be respectful of the other park guests, each other, chaperones, and directors.

## **Other Random Information that you need**

- Sunscreen is your best friend! Use it before you leave your house, and bring some more with you. Share with a friend! We don’t want anybody to get sunburned
- Hats and sunglasses are great things for Hawaiian Falls
- Goggles are allowed at the park, full eye masks are not

## **Websites for more information about Hawaiian Falls**

Hawaiian Falls - <http://www.hfalls.com/garland/>

## **Attached Pages**

- McDonald /Vanston Band Health Form – Return by August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Trip Packet Acknowledgement Form – Return by August 3<sup>rd</sup>

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**McDonald & Vanston Middle School Band**  
**Travel and Emergency Treatment Release**

I \_\_\_\_\_, the parent and/or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, hereby acknowledge that said minor is presently under my care, custody, and control. I hereby give my child the above noted minor, my express permission to travel with the McDonald & Vanston Middle School Band. I further expressly grant my permission for my child to participate in all activities. I understand the students will be as closely chaperoned as possible during these band activities. I release the school from any and all liabilities.

In the event there arises an emergency necessitating medical attention for my child, I do hereby authorize that treatment be given by qualified and licensed medical personnel. I understand I will be notified as quickly as possible and that all expenses incurred in treatment will be assumed by my insurance or by me. Should medical attention be needed, I hereby authorize directors and/or chaperones to administer aid until said qualified and licensed medical personnel arrive.

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Signature of parent and/or guardian listed above

Emergency Contact Information – Please print clearly and carefully

**Medical Emergency Contact #1** – Preferably parent and/or Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Emergency Contact #2** – Relative

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**McDonald & Vanston Middle School Band**  
**Confidential Medical Information**

This information will only be used in the event of an emergency. It will not be shared with anybody and will be destroyed at the end of the year.

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

Student Insurance:

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

List any pertinent medical information applicable to allergies, heart trouble, diabetes, etc

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List any regular medication that the student is taking

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List any other information that may be helpful

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**Summer Trip Information Packet**  
**Acknowledgement Form**

Please return to Mr. Major or Mrs. Borders by Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If this form is not returned, the student will not be able to attend  
Hawaiian Falls with us.

No forms will be taken on the morning of the trip.

We have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by the 2016 Summer Trip Information Packet. I, the undersigned adult, give permission for my student to attend the Summer Trip.

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Member Name (Printed)

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Parent Name (Printed)

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Band Member Signature

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Parent Signature

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First Contact Name if needed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

You will only be contacted in cases of emergencies or discipline issues on the trip. Your phone number will not be shared with anybody other than Mr. Major or Mrs. Borders. At the end of the trip, this form will be shredded, along with any other personal information that the band has in its files.