

Instruction
Field Trips and Community Service

OVERNIGHT & OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

All overnight and out-of-state field trips require the approval of the Board of Education 60 days in advance of the departure date. All foreign travel field trips must be submitted for Board approval 90 days in advance of the departure date. The following information must be forwarded electronically and in TRIPLICATE (hard copies) 30 days prior to the Board meeting which summarizes the trip. NOTE: A Narrative must be attached justifying this field trip to the school curriculum and/or mission statement. No financial commitments are to be made until Board approval. **This form must be type written and ALL items filled in or marked N/A.**

Name of School: Beman Date of Request: 9/28/26

Name of Club or Activity: BMS 8th Grade Music

Trip To: Heskey Park, PA Purpose: Adjunction

Number of Students Participating: 150

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: 350

Dates of Trip: From: 5/21/27 To: 5/23/27 # of school days missed:

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

1. <u>Liam Shugue</u>	5. <u>TBD</u>
2. <u>Kaylin Tulley</u>	6. <u>TBD</u>
3. <u>Amy Robinson</u>	7. <u>TBD</u>
4. <u>TBD</u>	8. <u>TBD</u>

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip:

Transportation: Bus Van Train Plane Car Other

Are fund-raising activities planned: Yes If so, describe: Give Back Nights, Soother, Cookie Bowl, Music Bingo, Apparel

Amount of money raised through fundraisers:

Lodging: Hotel/Motel Camp Private Home

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students:

Cost per Student: \$ 600 (subject to change) Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$ 0

Cost per Nurse: \$ (if necessary) Cost per Paraprofessional: \$ (if necessary)

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form:

- a. c.
b. d. Other

Name of teacher making request: Liam Shugue

Approved by Department Head at secondary level: _____

Approved by Principal: _____

Authorized by Chief Academic Officer: _____

Superintendent Approval: Joyl M. [Signature] Date: 10/1/26

Hershey Field Trip

Purpose

The purpose of the Beman Middle School 8th Grade Music Ensembles' field trip to Hershey Park is to participate in the Music in the Parks Adjudication Festival. This festival allows students to perform for judges, who are typically professional musicians and/or college music professors. These judges give feedback to our students and ensemble directors via both audio tape taken during the adjudication performance as well as written score sheets. Ensembles have the opportunity to compete with other schools based on school size at this festival and receive both a placement and a rating. These ratings provide tangible evidence for music teachers and administrators of our programs' successes and failures, and judges provide new perspectives both on teaching concepts and repertoire interpretation. By going to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania as opposed to something more local (i.e. Six Flags New England), we are exposing our programs to a greater national audience and receiving critique from a greater national perspective. It also provides our students a sense of progression, as in 6th Grade they went to Lake Compounce and 7th Grade they went to Six Flags New England. The 'upgrade' in adjudication distance correlates with students' increasing maturity and curiosity about expanding their horizons. For many students, this is their first opportunity to travel out of state overnight. This trip is also a stepping stone for the high school trips as well as the overall high school experience. On the Hershey Adjudication Trip, students experience more personal responsibility for their behavior, self care, and spending than they typically do as students in school (or even at home). There is guidance from their teachers and chaperones and parents are always contactable, but this natural "I'm 6 hours away from my parents" always creates a valuable "Oh my gosh, I have to..." realization that develops into independence and responsibility that accompanies students into and out of high school.

Schedule

We will depart Beman Middle School on Friday, 5/21, and travel directly to Hershey, PA. Rest stop location and time TBD in accordance with the festival schedule. Lunch situation TBD. The adjudication is likely to take place at a middle or high school in the Hershey area; details will be provided by Music in the Parks when available. We will go to the hotel either directly before or after the adjudication, and the plan at the hotel is to provide catered pizza or hotel food. We will reserve a banquet room (or similar venue) at the hotel to allow students to mingle and play board games (or similar) under adult supervision. Students will only return to their rooms to sleep. Saturday will include breakfast at the hotel, but the rest of the day will be at the park. The awards ceremony for the adjudication will take place at the arena inside of the park. Food vouchers vs. students spending for lunch and dinner TBD. We will return on Sunday after breakfast at the hotel, rest stop location time/duration TBD. We will return to Beman in the early evening of Sunday, 5/23.



Friday, May 21, 2027:

- 8:00am Motorcoaches arrive at **Beman Middle School**
Located at: 1 Wilderman's Way, Middletown, CT 06457
- 8:30am Board your motorcoaches and depart for the Hershey Park Area
 Approximately 5-hour drive without stops – Meals and rest stops en-route as necessary
- 1:30pm Or TBD Time, depart for **TBD Location** for your Festival Performance
Located at: TBD
- TBD Approximately arrive at Festival Performance
 Unload motorcoaches and set-up
Choir Schedule:
- TBD Group warm-up (20-minutes)
- TBD Performance! (20-minutes)
- Transition to the next performance**
- Band Schedule:**
- TBD Group warm-up (25-minutes)
- TBD Performance! (25-minutes)
- Transition to the next performance**
- Orchestra Schedule:**
- TBD Group warm-up (25-minutes)
- TBD Performance! (25-minutes)
- After performance and clinics, group will load motorcoaches for your hotel
 Arrive and check-in at your hotel, **Hilton Garden Inn Hershey** (Or Similar)
Located at: 550 E Main St, Hummelstown, PA 17036
- Group will enjoy free time and have a conference room reserved with pizza party!
 Enjoy the rest of the night using the hotel amenities!

Saturday, May 22, 2027:

- 8:00am **Full American Breakfast** at your hotel.
- 9:30am Board your motorcoach and depart for **Hersheypark**.
- 10:00am Arrive at theme park and enjoy a fun day in the park!
- Afternoon Use your **Hershey meal voucher** for **lunch or dinner** in the theme park!
- TBD Awards Ceremony – Begins
- TBD After awards ceremony
- 7:00pm Or at director's discretion, depart theme park for hotel.
- 7:15pm Arrive at hotel and enjoy the rest of the night using the hotel amenities!

Sunday, May 23, 2027:

8:00am	Full American Breakfast at your hotel.
9:30am	Pack and load motorcoaches Check out of hotel and depart for school! (Approximately 5-hour drive without stops) Meals and rest stops en-route as necessary.
2:30pm	Arrive at home at school!



HAPPY MEMORIES
...and Thank You for traveling with
Performing Arts Consultants!!!

Your 2027 Hershey Pack for a Day Festival Package includes:

- ♪ Music In the Parks Festival (2027 pricing is not available as of 9/16/2026)
 - ♪ Festival Performance
 - ♪ Hershey Park admission ticket
 - ♪ Meal Voucher
- ♪ 2-nights' accommodation at the **Hilton Garden Inn Hershey** (Or Similar)
- ♪ Breakfast buffet each morning at the hotel.
- ♪ Pizza Party at the Hotel
- ♪ 2 driver rooms based on 100 total travelers
- ♪ **One FREE package** (in double occupancy) for **every 20 paying travelers.**
- ♪ **Performing Arts Consultants Tour Operator** on call
- ♪ Rates are inclusive of all taxes and gratuities.
- ♪ \$3,000,000.00 in liability insurance coverage.
- ♪ Director's Manual and Gift.

Package Price Per Person *(Not including transportation)*

\$495.00 per person quad occupancy

Should you have fewer than four persons per hotel room the following price(s) will be charged for those persons:

Triple: \$545.00

Double: \$639.00

Single: \$925.00

PLEASE NOTE:

- Arrival and departure times may be subject to change due to weather and traffic conditions.
- Park(s) opening and closing hours are at the discretion of Hershey Park and are subject to change without advance notice.
- All reservations are tentative and will be confirmed upon submission by the PAC Performance Tour Application. As such, confirmation is subject to availability at the time of application submission.
- Pricing is based on a minimum of 100 travelers. Should the number of travelers decrease pricing is subject to change.