



Welcome!

Please take the name tags
with your students' name(s)



Mills Music is going to Great America*

***and more**

Friday 4/25 - Saturday 4/26



Music In The Parks festivals provide an opportunity for music ensembles to perform for nationally recognized adjudicators in a fun and rewarding setting.

Experienced instrumental and vocal judges will offer suggestions on how to improve your students performance. The master teachers evaluate hundreds of ensembles throughout the course of a festival season. This affords them a unique perspective that an individual teacher may not provide. Ensembles from all over the United States and Canada participate in Music In The Parks festivals.

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Final Payments

Final payments are due TONIGHT!!

Thanks so much to Clarissa Yu for working very hard to track all of your payments and email individual confirmations

If you have not paid in full, talk to Clarissa **before you leave tonight**

Schedule Details



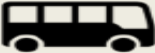

Music in the Parks Itinerary



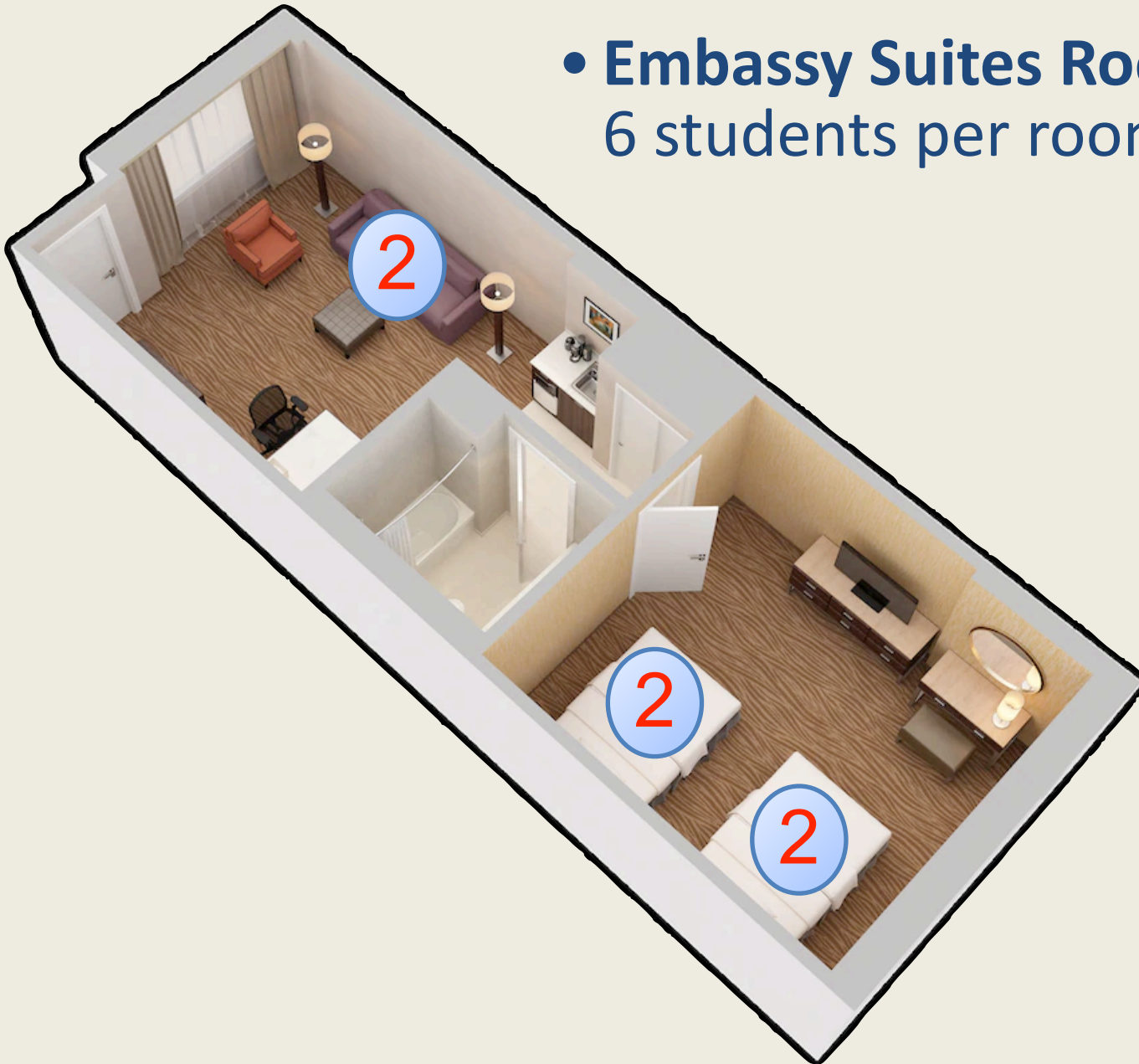
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Friday 4/25

- **Note:** Bus transportation is provided for all students 
- **8:30 am:** Meet in Mills band room with instruments, packed carry-on bag, and sleeping bag (optional) - **be on time, with all items labeled!**
- Mills will provide Friday lunch for students to grab and go!
- Daytime itinerary includes performances at Spring Valley Elementary, Taylor Middle School, and Burlingame Intermediate School
- **4:00 pm:** Check-in at Embassy Suites Milpitas (901 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035)
- **6:00-9:00 pm:** Games, pizza dinner, senior talks in Embassy Suites ballroom
- Sleep! 

- Embassy Suites Room (typical)
6 students per room



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Saturday 4/26

- Pack, breakfast 🍓🍌 at hotel, board buses 🚌
- Performance times* at Milpitas High School
 - 1285 Escuela Parkway, Milpitas
 - Symphonic band **8:25 am**
 - Choir **9:40 am**
 - Orchestra **10:55 am**
 - Jazz band **11:45 am**

* Warm-up 25 min
before performance

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- Bus transportation to

California's
Great America



- Saturday lunch options:
 - Purchase own lunch at Great America*
 - Bring own lunch, but must eat at Milpitas High School (outside food is not allowed at Great America)
- **~6:00pm**: Awards ceremony at Great America
- Bus transportation back to Mills, arrive **~8:00pm**
- Relax at home and reflect on the fun trip!

* Credit card, debit card, or smartphone only (no cash)

Medications & Behavior



Medications

- Per District policy, prescription and OTC medications must be handled by a *Mills staff member* prior to and during the trip
- Please place in a Ziploc bag with a 3x5 card with the following info (give to Mills staff member Friday morning):
 - Student's name
 - Name of medication
 - Condition it treats
 - Dosage information

Note: Inhalers and epi-pens can be kept with the student, but please inform Mills staff

Medical Emergency Form

Please complete the following information to facilitate proper care of your child in the event of an emergency during the trip.

Student ID# _____

Name of Student _____ Birth Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Cell # _____ Work # _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Additional persons to be contacted if the parent/guardian is not available:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Name _____

Relationship _____

Medical Emergency Clearance:

Doctor's Name _____

Medical Insurance & Insurance ID# _____

In the event you cannot be reached, do you give permission for the school to obtain the necessary medical aid, including ambulance service if needed, at your expense? Yes _____ No _____

If NO, what do you want school authorities to do?

Is student allergic to any medications?

Other allergic reactions?

We have read and understand this form and we certify its contents.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Tour Behavior

Highlights



- Signed behavior contract required on file
- Trip is an extension of the classroom
- **Alcohol & drugs are forbidden:** Parent/guardian **MUST** retrieve student and bring them home. Costs associated with student retrieval will not be reimbursed. Offending student is suspended from school.
- **No smoking or vaping anytime:** Same as above
- **District policy:** Prescription & Non-prescription medications administered by Mills staff only, confidential, discreet; except epi-pen and inhalers (which stay with student)

Tour Behavior (Cont'd)

Highlights

- Students are not to ride any form of transportation other than Mills official transportation
- In the hotel, students are not allowed to enter any room except their own at any time
- Hotel rules and regulations must be strictly followed at all times
- At Great America, students must not leave the park without a chaperone for any reason
- Students must be with at least one other student at all times during the trip (think about G.A. rides)
- Weapons or items that could be considered a weapon are strictly prohibited

Students who have not turned in both the Medical Emergency Form and the Behavior Contract Form filled out and signed by a parent/guardian **will not go on the trip (no refunds)**

Room & Roommate Etiquette



- You will be sharing a room with up to five of your classmates. Most hotels will give you four fresh towels. Don't check in, take a shower and use three of them. If your five roommates have to share the last fresh towel, they will not be happy.
- Plan your shower schedule before you go to bed at night so you and your roommates aren't all expecting to take one at the same time (such as just before breakfast). Sometimes it helps if some of the roommates take their showers before they go to bed at night.

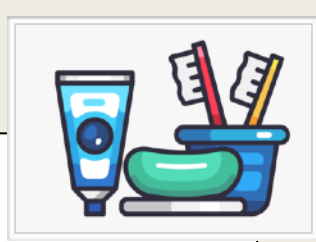
Room & Roommate Etiquette (Cont'd)

- Keep your stuff together, in your suitcase if possible. Your roommates will appreciate it and your things won't get misplaced.
- As a matter of common courtesy to the housekeeping staff, please put your trash, including food wrappers, in the wastebaskets when you leave your room.

Packing List



Student Packing List (Cont'd)



Personal items include

- Medications: Labeled and given to Mills staff; epi-pen and inhalers kept with student, ask Mr. G; see handout for more details
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, lotion, shampoo/conditioner, etc...)
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene items
- Sunscreen/Sunglasses/Hat
- Student ID/Driver's License
- Sleeping bag (optional), please write student's name in large print with Sharpie on a piece of masking tape
- Reusable water bottle (wide-mouth insulated type is best: easier to fill)
- Travel hand sanitizer
- Travel pack tissues

Student Packing List (Cont'd)

You may bring the following items: You are responsible if any of these items are lost or stolen

- Credit card/debit card/smartphone payment for souvenirs (Great America doesn't take cash) - no alcohol/drug or related merchandise/paraphernalia
- Your homework/make-up work for school if needed, including supplies such as laptop computer (recommend securing it in in-room safe when left in hotel room unattended)
- Headsets/earbuds, if you plan to listen to your mobile devices; **DO NOT FORGET THEM IN THE HOTEL ROOM WHEN WE DEPART. WE CANNOT GO BACK FOR THEM!** Recommend bringing a cheap pair
- Camera

You may not bring the following items:

- Anything of value that you will miss if it disappears
- Expensive jewelry
- Excessive amounts of money
- Weapons, alcohol, any drugs legal and esp. illegal, or medication that is not pre-approved with Mills staff
- Details of prohibited items or activities at California's Great America:
<https://www.cagreatamerica.com/tips-for-guests>

Student Packing List (Cont'd)

Meals

- Friday grab-and-go lunch provided by Mills cafeteria
- Friday dinner provided at the hotel
- Saturday breakfast provided at the hotel
- Saturday lunch, students bring (must eat before going to Great America) or buy at Great America with own money
- Return to Mills in time for late-ish dinner at home on Saturday

Backpacks are allowed at Great America (will be searched), and pay lockers are available. Be mindful if you carry around too many items or too large a pack, it will be inconvenient on rides as well as exhausting lugging it around all day. Fanny packs may be a good alternative to purses or bulging pockets.

Remember that music students are representatives of Mills High School, so look and act your best. Clothes should be well-fitting and clean, hair clean and neat.

Chaperones





Meet Your Chaperones

Mr. Dave Gregoric: Music Director

- Kinney Fong (Band)
- Jason Kim (Band)
- Matt Machlis (Band)
- Jonathan Santos (Orchestra/Band)

- Donna Chen (Orchestra)
- Nicole Germain (Choir)
- Isako Hoshino (Band)
- Usha Ranji (Band)
- Marie Santos (Orchestra/Band)
- Susan Wu Lu (Choir)
- Michele Zlatunich (Choir)

And you? 🤔

Chaperones (Cont'd)

We have space for a couple more parent chaperones. Chaperones must take the responsibility for their group of students during the trip seriously - but we always have fun while keeping our students safe. It's a great opportunity to get to know other Mills music parents and students, and to support the music program.

Chaperones pay a reduced fee for the trip.

Please let us know if you are interested, as there are school district chaperone requirements that would need to be completed right away.

Talk to Marie Santos tonight or email president@millshsmusic.org ASAP.



Illness Policy



Illness & COVID Considerations

Per SMUHSD & California Dept. of Public Health guidelines, for Students and Chaperones:

- If you are experiencing severe symptoms of illness (sore throat, cough, fever, etc.) the day of the trip, you will need to stay home
- If you are experiencing mild illness, consider staying home or wearing a mask
- In either case, contact Mr. G immediately
- Therefore we highly recommend being extra careful for 2 weeks prior to the trip (e.g. masking, social distancing, avoiding large indoor gatherings)

MMAG unfortunately cannot provide any refunds due to illness

Conclusion & Questions



Resources

- We will create a dedicated webpage (including these slides) on MillsHSMusic.org
- Talk to Mr. G or email him at dgregoric@smuhsd.org
- Email Matt Machlis at v-pres@millshsmusic.org

Your Assignments

- Watch for emails from MillsHSMusic.org
- Fill out, print, sign, and return Medical Emergency Form and Behavior Contract Form
- Sign and return absence permission form
- Bring your student to Mills **on time** on Friday April 25, 2025

Mills Musical Arts Group (MMAG)
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Participate, Donate



Thank you for providing scholarships to students
and bus transportation to go to Great America!!



Any questions

