Feb 3, 2010

Dear Band Parent:

It's "AA" Band Festival time once again, and this year our band will be paired with the Missoula Hellgate High School band (CMR band will be paired with Capital HS). Since the festival will take place here in Great Falls (rehearsals & concert at GFH), GFHS has the responsibility to house the 80 Hellgate band students during both Sunday and Monday nights of the event, **February 28th and March 1st**. The actual festival dates are March 1st and 2nd, but the out of town students will arrive Sunday evening and depart after the concert on Tuesday.

The most convenient arrangement is for our Symphonic Band members to host, since they will have exactly the same schedule as the Hellgate High students, making transportation much easier. However we are asking ALL band parents who are able to host **two or more** students to volunteer due to the large size of the Hellgate Band. Accommodations need not be deluxe, but should be comfortable and afford some privacy. In the past, many of our GFHS band members gave up their own bedrooms for those two nights and slept on the couch or other alternate site. The Hellgate students can bunk together in queen size beds, so separate beds are not a necessity. You'll also be asked to provide breakfast and dinner on Monday and Tuesday, plus transportation as needed. Your cooperation in housing is very much appreciated and is essential to the success of this invaluable educational experience—it is the only way to make the Festival affordable for our out of town bands. When we travel next year, we will be asking the host band to accommodate our students in the same manner.

Please fill out the form below and sign it whether or not you plan to house Hellgate students. **Returning the form is an assignment for all our GFHS band students, and must be returned with your signature whether or not you volunteer.**
Thank you for your help in this matter!

Sincerely,

Mr. Molyneaux

_____ **YES**, WE CAN HOUSE MISSOULA STUDENTS FOR THE "AA" FESTIVAL.

WE CAN ACCEPT _____ STUDENT(S) (*Minimum of 2*) AND PREFER: GIRLS BOYS
(circle one)

_____ **NO**, WE ARE UNABLE TO HOUSE STUDENTS.

_____ PHONE _____
(parent signature)

MY SON/DAUGHTER'S NAME (GFH Band Member) IS_____
(please print)

OUR ADDRESS IS _____

OUR PHONE # IS _____

PLEASE CHECK IF YOUR HOME HAS: _____Dogs_____Cats_____Smokers
_____Evil Clowns (just checking! ☺)