

**Thank you for joining us at the
ASTA with NSOA Statewide String Festival!
Windham High School, May 10, 2008
Here is some vital information for teachers.**

Dear ASTA with NSOA member,

Here is additional information you will find helpful!

What are the teachers' responsibilities? All teachers who register students are required to attend the festival. Please be sure your students' music is well prepared.

What should we bring? Students should come casually dressed and that is what they will wear for the concert. Students are to bring lunch, instruments, music, music stand (except orchestra 1 students, who will be playing from memory). Everything must be labeled as nothing can be returned after the festival is over. If desired, students may bring money for String Festival T-shirts (\$15.00) and/or for snack bar items. **STUDENTS MUST BRING A BAG LUNCH - THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH PROVIDED!**

What do we do when we arrive at the festival site? When students arrive, they should report to the large gym and sit in the area posted with their teacher's name. Teachers go to the registration desk to pick up registration materials. Each teacher will be given a registration packet and a list of rehearsal room assignments. Teachers advise students of room designations, and then students and chaperones go to rehearsal areas, taking all belongings. Once students go to their first rehearsal, they will stay with that orchestra until after the concert.

What is the schedule? See included schedule.

What do the chaperones do? Chaperones are very important. There is to be a minimum of one chaperone per 10 students and one chaperone for each orchestra in which your students are registered. The major duty of chaperones is supervising lunch and escorting students to and from rehearsals. During rehearsals chaperones are free to observe other groups or relax, but should stay nearby for breaks taken by the orchestra. If chaperones want something else to do, have them check at the registration desk. Chaperones should bring their own lunches.

What is there to eat? A snack bar will be available to buy beverages and snacks during the day. Lunch will be provided for teachers and conductors only.

Can we get souvenir t-shirts? Please inform your students that ASTA with NSOA String Festival T-shirts will be available for \$15.00. Proceeds go directly to the ASTA with NSOA Summer Conference Scholarship Fund. This year's T-shirts will have a new logo. Last year's shirts, in limited quantity and sizes, are also available for sale at \$10.

What does it cost to hear the concert? \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and Seniors.

Where can we stop to eat on the way home? Check at the registration desk for a list of restaurants in the area.

More questions?

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