

Saskatchewan Junior Band North Nomination Letter

March 9th & 10th, 2012

We would like to congratulate you for having a talented young musician in your family. Receiving this letter means your band director is very pleased with the progress your child is making. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given your child to develop their talents.

We warmly welcome your child's involvement in the Saskatchewan Junior Band project. If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete the attached application form and return it to your band director quickly. Your director needs to have all forms to us by January 31st. Your child will be notified through your band director in early February, once the student selection process is complete.

The purpose of the Saskatchewan Junior Band is to provide an enriched experience for exceptional band students from across northern Saskatchewan. It is offered as a joint project between the Saskatchewan Music Educators Association and the Saskatchewan Band Association.

When: Friday, March 9th 8:45 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday, March 10th 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Tommy Douglas Collegiate, Saskatoon.

Format: During the two days, students will experience sectionals and full band rehearsals. The weekend will conclude with a public concert on Saturday at 3:00pm.

Cost: If selected, a \$50 registration fee will include a t-shirt, a CD of the concert, and two lunches. Admission to the concert will be by silver donation. **Students are responsible for their own transportation, other meals, and accommodation.**

Commitment: Students will receive their music by early February and are asked to practice their music so they have a solid understanding of the basics of the music (correct rhythms and notes) prior to the event.

Who will be selected: Once all applications are received, students from each area of Northern Saskatchewan will be selected to participate in the Saskatchewan Junior Band. The organizers will be striving for a sixty-piece band with balanced instrumentation.

This may mean that not all students who apply will be selected to participate – there is no cost to apply.

Accommodation: Families will be responsible for their own accommodations and transportation during the weekend. Please note that students will be supervised during all Junior Band activities during the day. There will not be chaperones during the night. If your child is residing in a hotel overnight, a parent is asked to stay with the child.

Student Contract

As a member of the Saskatchewan Junior Band, I _____ will:

1. **Prepare** Junior Band music in advance (correct rhythms, pitches, and dynamics).
2. **Attend** all Junior Band activities on March 9th and 10th, 2012.
3. **Respect** the director, teachers and property at Tommy Douglas Collegiate.
4. **Plan** to have a great time! Your attitude and excitement sets the tone.

Students Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Responsibilities

1. Please attach a \$50 cheque payable to **Saskatchewan Music Educators Association**. If selected, the fee is not refundable; if not selected, the cheque will be marked void and mailed back.
2. Please ensure your child is committed. If selected, and then you decide you can not attend, you have taken the opportunity away from another student.
3. Please ensure your child has transportation to and from the venue. The itinerary will be mailed with the music in February and will provide exact times.
4. If required, please ensure your child has accommodations on March 9th.

Parent Authorization

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the SMEA/SBA Sask. Junior Band Program in Saskatoon on, March 9th and 10th, 2012. I understand that, if necessary, my child will be sent home for medical or disciplinary reasons. I will assume all costs involved in that action. The coordinators will contact me, or my designated emergency person, by phone with any concerns they have regarding my child. I authorize the designated supervisory personnel to act on my behalf in a medical emergency.

Consent for Use of Information

The information provided in this registration form will be shared with the Sask. Junior Band Committee as well as the Executive Directors of the Sask. Music Educators Association and the Sask. Band Association. Organizers will use the information to contact participants and to document data on districts in the province that are benefiting from this program.

Photos taken by the Junior Band Committee during the event may be used on their website or promotional materials to promote this event in the future.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM AND FEE BY JANUARY 31st to

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