



AT BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG ***Policies and Guidelines***

We are excited that you are interested in performing at Busch Gardens and hope we are able to make this a truly memorable experience for you and your group.

Before your expected arrival at Busch Gardens, you will be contacted by a representative from our Special Events Department to discuss the requested date and time of your performance and to establish a set performance.

The following are policies and guidelines to assure a successful performance and pleasant experience.

Uniform - A clean, sharp wardrobe and well-groomed appearance speaks for your group as well as your music. Sunglasses, chewing gum and food are not permitted during performance. T-shirts, blue jeans and sneakers are not considered proper attire for anyone in the group. We ask that you please wear a matching outfit – all one color shirt and one color pants. Your stay at Busch Gardens constitutes a representation of your school, community and city, both in and out of uniform. Please keep our warm days in mind when uniforms are chosen. Wool uniforms can become very uncomfortable in the sun. A photograph of your group in the uniform/costume to be worn at Busch Gardens must accompany your application. Performance costumes may not be worn at Busch Gardens at any time other than during your performance.

Music - All show material performed at Busch Gardens must be secular due to our international audience. We suggest upbeat, popular and/or patriotic music. No exceptions can be made to this policy. Please keep in mind that Busch Gardens is a theme park. We also ask that you not perform selections synonymous with other theme parks. Our audiences come to see shows and be entertained. Remember, you are not performing at Busch Gardens to be judged, but to entertain, so have fun with your performance!

Auxiliary Units – Please let us know details over the phone. The performance area is very close to our guests so we have to place restrictions on auxiliary units performing. The safety of our guests must be our first consideration.

Performance Area – There are (2) performance areas. A confirmation will be sent to you with the assigned performance area when the required paperwork is turned in:

****NOTE: Main Gate performances will take place on a cobblestone street so therefore we ask that performers with Dance troupes please use discretion in your routine choices. ****

Main Gate Performance Area:

Your group will perform at the front of the park (not inside the park). This area works for large marching band groups. It is a very open area. The group will park in the England Parking Lot (which is the first guest parking lot and is designated as our bus parking). Marching bands may march from the entrance of the England Bridge to the area of performance. Once at the performance area, stationary performances are required. We cannot provide groups with chairs or any sound or audio-visual needs. We are unable to provide risers or music stands. Busch Gardens does not allow rental equipment for your scheduled performance. Groups must be self-contained. Your group has 20 minutes to perform. Performance times at this location start at 10:00am.

Italy Stage:

Your group will perform in the San Marco Italy area of the park. We are very excited to provide this opportunity to as many groups as possible. Choirs and show choirs are welcome. We have a multilevel stage and sound reinforcement; we do not provide additional music equipment (i.e. Keyboard, Music Stands etc). Small bands may use this area as well. Marching bands may march from the bus to the area of performance. Once at the performance area, stationary performances are required. Small dance groups and show choirs will also work well in this performance space. There is (1) 11:30am performance time slot offered at this location. This venue has limited space available on stage, music groups with 40 performers or less only at this location.

Time of Arrival: Your scheduled arrival will be approximately 45 minutes before your set performance time. This may be adjusted. You may be asked to arrive exactly at the arrival time (no earlier because of scheduling or no later because it may interfere with your warming up and performing time).

Facilities: There is not a facility available for you to dress or warm-up. Please come prepared to perform as you exit the bus.

Schedule – Approximately 5-10 minutes before your performance your group will be escorted to the performance area. Once your group has entered the area and is in full view of our park guests it will be expected and greatly appreciated that everyone act as professional as possible.

It is very important to remember once a performance time is scheduled the group must be at the performance venue and ready to begin on time. If for any reason your group is unable to meet the expected time, your performance could be canceled. After your group's performance, everyone must quickly and professionally exit back to the bus where your group will be able to change out of their attire and prepare to enjoy the rest of their day at Busch Gardens Williamsburg.

Insurance Certification: To perform at the park (on Busch Gardens Williamsburg property), you must provide us with a certificate of insurance. A certificate of insurance is always needed when a group is performing any action that is out of the normal daily operation of the park. The park covers an individual if an injury occurs due to gross negligence on the behalf of Busch Gardens Williamsburg. If during an activity that is outside of the normal operation of the park, for example an in park performance, an individual is injured, then they must be covered by a type of liability insurance from an outside source, normally this is provided by the school.

Once your application has been processed and we have received your insurance requirements with your VHS tape or DVD, you will receive a contract confirming the date, time and location of your performance. Admission tickets must be purchased in advance in order to perform in the park. If you would like to add a picnic lunch to your day, we will be able to make arrangements for you. Payment is due 30 days prior to your performance date in order to receive your tickets.

We are pleased that you are interested in performing at Busch Gardens Williamsburg and, again, we will do everything possible to make sure this is truly a fun and exciting addition to your trip.



Performance Application 2012-2013

Group Information (Please Print Clearly)

Today's Date: _____

Performance Group Name: _____
Group's Mailing Address: _____
Director's Name and Title: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____
Fax: _____ Email: _____
Number of Performers: _____ Chaperones/Non Performers: _____ Total in Group: _____

Tour Operator Information (Please be sure to complete if your group is utilizing a Tour Operator)

Tour Operators Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Representative/ Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____
Fax: _____ Email: _____

Performance Group Type

____ Marching Band ____ Concert Band ____ Wind Ensemble ____ Orchestra ____ Show Choir ____ Concert Choir
____ Dance Teams ____ Steel Band ____ Other: _____

Performance Area Selection (Please keep in mind groups are only allowed to perform once per day)

Main Gate: _____ San Marco Italy _____

Performance Date Requested (Please list dates in order of preference)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Previous Theme Park Performance

____ Yes ____ No If yes, please list park(s) and Dates _____

Performance Selections (Please list the songs you plan to perform at Busch Gardens Williamsburg)

Lunch Options for Performance Groups (Optional) (Please check if you are interested in any of the options below)

Catered Picnic Option _____ \$5 or \$10 Gift Cards _____ Meal Certificates _____

*Return application with current VHS Tape or DVD and photo: Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Jennifer Romeo; One Busch Gardens Blvd; Williamsburg, VA 23187
Fax# (757) 253-3538*

RELEASE

For good and valuable consideration, including PARTICIPANT being permitted to participate in the _____ (“EVENT”) to be held on _____ at _____, I, the undersigned participant (“PARTICIPANT”), and I, the undersigned Parent or Guardian (“PARENT OR GUARDIAN”) (where applicable), for myself, my successors, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, forever release and discharge SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment LLC d/b/a Busch Gardens Williamsburg/Water Country USA theme amusement parks and all affiliates, subsidiaries, corporate parents, officers, directors, partners, employees and agents of the foregoing (hereinafter individually and collectively in all combinations referred to as “BUSCH”) from all claims, causes of action, costs and judgments that I now or hereafter may have or claim to have against BUSCH for personal injuries, including death, and damage to property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of PARTICIPANT’S involvement in the EVENT.

I further agree to and do hereby assume all risks of personal injuries to PARTICIPANT, including death, and damages to PARTICIPANT’S property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of PARTICIPANT’S involvement in the EVENT.

I further agree for myself, my successors, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators to indemnify and hold BUSCH harmless from and against all claims and suits for personal injuries, including death, and damages to property, real or personal caused by PARTICIPANT’S act or omission arising out of PARTICIPANT’S involvement in the EVENT, and from all judgments and costs recovered in said claims and suits from all expenses incurred in defending said claims or suits.

I further agree that PARTICIPANT’S photographs, pictures, slides and movies taken or made by BUSCH in connection with PARTICIPANT’S involvement in the EVENT, or any reproduction of the same, as well as PARTICIPANT’S name, may in any manner be used by BUSCH, or by any person, corporation, partnership or association authorized by BUSCH.

I hereby attest and verify that PARTICIPANT is physically fit and has sufficiently trained for participating in the EVENT and that PARTICIPANT’S physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor.

I further consent to PARTICIPANT receiving medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during the EVENT.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AND RELEASE AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Signature of PARTICIPANT

Signature of PARENT OR GUARDIAN
(if PARTICIPANT is under 18)

Name of PARTICIPANT (Please Print)

Name of PARENT OR GUARDIAN
(Please Print)

Address

Address

City and State

City and State

Date

Date

Witness

Date