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Dear Parents,

I can’t believe that spring is almost upon us already. In physics, student thoughts will soon be turning to Magic Mountain. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about the trip and ask for your help as a chaperone.

Magic Mountain is a Six Flags theme park in Valencia, CA. You can find out more about the park at their website <http://www.sixflags.com/parks/magicmountain/index.asp>. Each spring, the physics classes at Saguaro, Desert Mountain, Chaparral and Coronado High Schools take a trip to Magic Mountain to experience “life sized physics”. All of the students on the trip are required to take data in the park to complete 3-4 labs, where they will be determining the velocity, g-force, acceleration, etc. of the rides in the park. This year the trip will take place on Friday, April 1st. It is a turn-around trip, meaning we will drive there, go to Magic Mountain and then come straight home. No time is spent in a hotel room. We leave at approximately midnight, and return the very early morning hours of Saturday. The cost of the trip is $120 which will cover transportation by charter bus, entry to the park, lab equipment and chaperones. The trip is NOT mandatory. Students who do not attend the trip will complete an alternative project, where they get to design a roller coaster of their own.

I am searching for parents and other adults who would like to attend the trip as a chaperone. Other than food and souvenir purchases, the cost of the trip is zero for chaperones. The district has changed its procedures for approving chaperones for the trip and I will need to have all chaperones fill out paperwork far in advance of the trip. Anyone interested in being a chaperone should contact Amy Johnson at the e-mail address listed below. If you are not yet sure, but *might* be able to come, please contact me so we can get the paperwork started. Due to the new procedures, it will be impossible to add someone at the last minute. If it were not for the generosity of parents volunteering to come along as chaperones, this trip would not be possible - - Thank you so much for your time!

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