Instructions for Joining the MSMSPLUS Group

Go to the MSMS Foundation website.

Under the community heading is P.L.U.S.

Click the button that will take you to: (http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/MSMSPLUS/)

Enter your e-mail address in the blank above the "Yahoo! Groups" logo and click on the "Join Now" logo. With some browsers, the logo may be at the bottom of the page; so if you don't see it immediately, scroll down the page.

You will receive a confirmation message that reads,

> "Thank you for your request. To assist you in finding a membership for the group MSMSPLUS, you must confirm that you own that email address. We have sent an email message to (your e-mail address) with instructions. Please check for the confirmation email now."

You will receive an e-mail message from Yahoo Groups asking you to confirm your request by clicking a link they provide. When you click the link, you will be taken to the Yahoo Groups "Request to join MSMSPLUS" page. There, you will have two options. You may join the group and be subscribed to the mailing list and provided access to all the group's web tools (You will, however, need to have a Yahoo ID or sign up for a Yahoo ID.), or you may join just the mailing list if you do not want a Yahoo ID. We would like to STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to join the group. If you only join the mailing list, you will be missing out on a lot of information and some really nice features, like pictures of PLUS events.

To join the group, click the "Join the Group" heading in blue in the box at the bottom of the page.

> If you decide to join the group, you will be taken to the Yahoo Groups sign in page. If you already have a Yahoo ID, just enter your ID and password in the appropriate boxes and click the "Sign In" button. If you do not yet have a Yahoo ID, click the "Sign Up" link in the "Don't have a Yahoo ID?" box, and follow the directions.

> After you enter your ID and password, you will be taken to the MSMSPLUS sign up page. Review your contact information; and in the "Comment to the Owner" box, identify yourself as the parent of an MSMS student, i.e. "I am the parent of John Doe in the Class of 2011." This will help the moderator ensure that only individuals with direct connections to MSMS are granted membership to the group and avoid problems with unwanted spam.

> Select your preferred method of message delivery. You may receive each e-mail sent to the group, or you may receive a single daily digest that combines all e-mails each day in one message. Then, select your message preference, and enter the text shown in the box into the blank provided. This text string IS case sensitive; so ensure that you enter the letters and numbers EXACTLY as they appear in the box. Finally, click the "Join" button at the bottom of the page. Note: if the text you enter in the verification box does not match, you will get an "error" page, asking you to reenter a new text sequence.

> Finally, you will receive the Yahoo Groups "Membership Pending" page. That is all you have to do until you receive the e-mail from the moderator telling you that you are now a member of the group. That e-mail will also contain additional information about accessing the group's web site and web tools.

To join only the mailing list, click the "join the mailing list instead" link below the box. Again, while this IS an option, we strongly encourage you to join the Yahoo group rather than only the mailing list.