



**Athens High School Red Hawk Marching Band
BOA Grand National Championships
Lucas Oil Stadium/ Indianapolis, Indiana
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**2011
BANDS OF AMERICA
INDIANAPOLIS
TRIP HANDBOOK**

A hard copy of this handbook including rooming assignments, chaperone assignments and bus assignments will be given to each of the students and provided to parents at the parent meeting. A limited version (without student names/information) will be posted on the website.

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November 1, 2011

Dear Band Parents:

We are excited and honored to represent Athens High School at the *Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championship*. We are thrilled to be performing amongst 90 of the finest bands in the nation. In addition to performing, we will also have the opportunity to enjoy the performances of some of these outstanding bands.

This is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the students, parents, staff and directors at Athens High School and the Troy School District.

It is the firm commitment of the Athens Instrumental Music Program to provide educational opportunities such as this to the students enrolled in instrumental music. It is our intent to include performances, cultural opportunities, and social opportunities in each event we schedule. We believe the itinerary set for this tour allows for each of these elements.

Lastly, this trip is a reward for the students' many hours of work. Their efforts towards the goal of "being the best they can be" are admirable - and I'm sure that we all share a sense of pride for their many accomplishments.

In order to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for ALL, certain rules and procedures must be established. The list of rules, procedures and guidelines contained in this packet were created for that purpose. If you have any questions regarding information pertaining to the AHSMB Indianapolis trip, please e-mail me at PJMcCoy@yahoo.com or call me at 248-823-2929.

Sincerely,
P. Jefferson McCoy
Director of Bands, Athens High School

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MEALS AND MONEY

Several meals are covered in the trip package. Students will be responsible for the following:

- Sack lunch on bus on Thursday
- Lunch at Mall on Friday
- Lunch at Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday

The approximate cost for meals not provided will be \$5-\$10 each. Plan to bring enough money for snacks, souvenirs, etc. The students will have opportunities to shop at the mall and at Lucas Oil Stadium - *and students will particularly enjoy the music vendors and booths at the Lucas Oil.* I recommend the students bring \$60-\$75.

ILLNESS OR INJURY

We will have the student medical forms with us at all times. Students should not hesitate to contact any of the chaperones or the director if they do not feel well. Two parent chaperones have medical backgrounds. **If parents are not going to be at home during the trip, we will need to have an emergency number where parents can be reached.**

LUGGAGE

You will need to pack all of your personal belongings in **ONE** carry-on size suitcase. You may also take a backpack on the bus. **DO NOT** pack your uniform in your suitcase -- your uniform must be packed separately, as we will be changing for the performance on Thursday at the rehearsal facility and will need ready access to uniforms and shako boxes. TAGS will be provided to stick on both.

UNIFORMS should be packed as follows:

- Jacket and trousers on hangars in a garment bag
- Shako, gauntlets, gloves, 2 pairs tall black socks in hat box
- Your **POLISHED** shoes either in bottom of garment bag or in hat box

**UNIFORMS MUST BE PACKED PER ABOVE
AND BROUGHT TO REHEARSAL on TUESDAY, NOV. 8
(They will be checked and prepared for transporting to Indy)**

Please do not burden yourself with unnecessary clothing. **Do not over-pack! The more you bring with you, the more you will have to carry from car to bus, bus to hotel, etc.** Also, keep in mind that while in Indianapolis, you will also be carrying your instrument, etc.

INSTRUMENTS & LOADING - This Is Different Than In The Past!

Tuesday, November 8 – Upon arrival at rehearsal, all garment bags and hat boxes will be checked and tagged.

Following the rehearsal on November 8, 2011, percussionists, color guard, tubas and bari saxes will load their equipment onto the trailers.

Thursday, November 10 - Bring your **suitcase and instrument to school** to the band room. All bags, etc. should be clearly marked with student name. Chaperones will conduct packing checks (making sure you have everything). Be prepared to follow instructions for loading your things onto the buses.

Flutes: DO NOT PACK YOUR INSTRUMENT in your suitcase. You will not have access to your suitcase until we arrive at the hotel LATE Thursday night, after our performance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE & CONDUCT

You should all be aware of what is acceptable – school rules apply! The next page provides an overview. Drinking of alcoholic beverages and use of any forms of tobacco or narcotics will be met with the most serious of consequences. We have an excellent reputation; let's enhance this by conducting ourselves in a proud and reputable manner.

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EXPECTED BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

To insure the finest possible experience for participants, we have established these minimum standards and regulations. Participants must adhere to these few simple rules or be subject to disciplinary action and/or expulsion (sent home at your own or parental expense).

1. All participants are to maintain a high positive standard of conduct. Attitudes are infectious. Conduct interfering with the successful completion of the program and which contributes to negative behavior may require disciplinary action. Final responsibility for such judgments will rest with the Director.
2. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE** - Substance abuse will NOT be tolerated. This includes the use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, etc.. Use of these or any illegal substance is grounds for being sent home.
3. **PERSONAL AWARENESS** - You will not be at home in the relative safety of your neighborhood. Remain with the group. There is safety in numbers.
4. **DRESS APPROPRIATELY IN PUBLIC** - We represent Athens High School, Troy, and the State of Michigan. **Our school dress code is in effect for this trip.**
5. Young ladies' rooms are off limits to young gentlemen, and young gentlemen's rooms are off limits to young ladies AT ALL TIMES.
6. Participants are responsible for their own room service, phone calls, or other personal expenses. Individuals are also financially responsible for breakage or loss they cause. Participants are not to remove blankets, pillows, or any other objects from rooms.
7. Each night, the director will set the time for *curfew*. Curfew means all students are in their rooms and quiet with the door closed. **NO STUDENTS WILL BE IN THE HOTEL HALLS AFTER CURFEW.** Loud noises and/or rowdy conduct in rooms are not acceptable. Remember that we are not the only guests in the hotel. Your courtesy and good judgment is needed. **DO NOT SLAM DOORS.**
8. It is critical to meet time schedules. Your tardiness will hold up the entire group.
9. Students will be assigned chaperones by room. Students are to follow their chaperone's directions at all times. In the absence of the Band Director, the chaperones are in charge. Any disrespect for, or disobedience of a chaperone will be dealt with severely.
10. In order to insure proper physical and mental health, an appropriate amount of sleep is necessary. Problems occur when students take it upon themselves to deprive themselves or others of proper rest. Activities may be curtailed if students are not getting proper rest.

ITINERARY

Thursday, November 10, 2011 - BRING A BROWN LUNCH for bus ride

**Bring your suitcase and instrument to the band room at designated time of arrival.
(Your garment bag/hat box should have been brought in and checked on TUESDAY)
Place your items in the “designated area.”**

- 6:00 am Report to the band room. Load buses when instructed to do so.
- 6:30 am Depart for Indianapolis. Bring brown bag lunch for bus trip.
- 12:00 pm Approximate time of arrival in Indy
- 12:30 pm REHEARSAL TIME at local school
- 2:30 pm Rehearsal Ends
- 2:45 pm Dinner at the school - then change into uniforms.

Extra Important Note- Remember that we are performing *INSIDE-* Do not wear heavy clothing (jeans, sweat pants, etc.) under your uniform.

- 3:30 pm Load buses for Stadium
- 3:40 pm Depart for Stadium
- 6:15 pm ATHENS BAND PERFORMANCE TIME
Time for photo and watching other bands after our performance
(including Ben Davis, Center Grove, Morton, Carmel)
- 8:45 pm (After Carmel performance) Load buses for hotel
- 9:30 pm Arrive at hotel
- 10:30 pm Students must be in your hotel room - No food orders!
- 11:00 pm Lights out - get a good night's rest
- 11:15 pm Chaperone/ Pit Crew Meeting - location TBA

Friday, November 11, 2011

This schedule will be modified if we qualify for SEMI-FINALS on Saturday

- 9:00 am Breakfast followed by free time (pool, relax, games)
- 12 noon Board buses to go to Circle Centre Mall lunch, shopping, etc.
- 3:45 pm Board buses to return to hotel and get ready for dinner
- 6:00 pm Dinner at Buca de Bepo – DRESS UP
- 8:00 pm Return to Hotel
- 8:30 pm Sweet Break and watch video of our prelim performance
- 9:00 pm Minute to Win It Game Night
- 10:30 pm Students must be in your hotel room - No food orders!
- 11:00 pm Lights out - get a good night's rest

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Saturday, November 12, 2012

This schedule will be modified if we qualify for SEMI-FINALS on Saturday

- 8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 am Room inspection
- 9:30 am Load buses- check out of the hotel
- 9:30 am Travel to Lucas Oil Stadium to PERFORM or watch Semi-Finals
Lunch at Lucas Oil Stadium on your own; visit exhibit booths

- 4:00 pm Approximate time of departure from Lucas Oil Stadium for Michigan (A
box dinner will be provided for the ride home)

- 10:00 pm Approximate time of arrival at Athens High School

*Please note: Saturday's schedule depends on whether we qualify for Semi-Finals.
THEREFORE, please have a phone number where your son/daughter can reach you early
in the day on Saturday - to give you an update on the expected time of arrival at Athens
High School.*

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND MISC. INFO

Emergency Phone Contact: While we are in Indianapolis, parents may use these numbers as Emergency Contacts:

Marla Janness **248-227-8499**

Lori Bluhm **248-885-1899**

Hotel:

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport..... 317-244-6861
2501 S. High School Road
Indianapolis, IN 46241

Bus Company:

GTS – Ground Travel Specialist, Inc. 313-295-8466

Emergency after hours phone 313-350-5091

Bands of America (BOA)..... 317-636-2263

Music for All, Inc. Toll Free: 800-848-2263

39 E. Jackson Place

Suite 150

Indianapolis, IN 46225

About Circle Centre Mall

The Circle Center Mall comprises of about 100 shopping stores, 20 restaurants, and fun entertainment options to choose from. The mall is built in four impressive levels, fastened by three-level major department stores of Nordstrom and Parisian. The other small stores in the mall are typical names found in all malls. The third level of the mall features a nice food court. The fourth level caters to fun and entertainment with a video arcade complex, and a huge nine-screen movie theater. A glass dome called the Arts Garden connects the four buildings covered by the Mall.

Entertainment options include:

- TILT - Offering the best video game technology and attractions including full-size Indy cars and Maxflight, a simulated roller coaster.
- GlowGolf - Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf.
- UA Circle Centre - offers nine theatres

PACKING LIST

Uniforms must be packed and brought to rehearsal on Tuesday, Nov. 8 to be checked. They will remain at Athens until bus-loading on Thursday, Nov. 10

Band Uniform

in Garment Bag and Hat Box with sticker provided on both containers

Black Marching Shoes

Two pairs of black socks

Marching Pants

Marching Jacket

Sash & Mirrors

Shako, gloves, gauntlets

Competition T-Shirt(s)

Instrument and Accessories:

Instrument and case

Music and music folio, music lyre

Oil, reeds, etc.

Guard Uniform

Wind suit jacket

Wind suit pants (optional)

Khaki pants

Bomber jacket

Hat

White body suit

White dress

White/nude bra

White/nude underwear

Tan shoes

No show socks

White sleeve (dancers in closer)

Yellow scarf (Meghan and dancers in closer)

Gloves (if you wear them)

Extra white/nude layers (optional)

Clothes

Blue jeans and slacks, shirts, shoes, socks

Bring one dressy outfit for Dinner on Friday Night

Winter Jacket, hat, gloves, etc. for outdoor rehearsal upon arrival in Indy

Underwear

Pajamas/ Robe

Swim suit, etc.

Necessary Accessory Items

Watch

Bag for dirty laundry; plastic bag for wet swimsuit

Curling Iron (hair dryers are provided at hotel)

Toiletry Articles

Deodorant/Antiperspirant

Shampoo, Toothbrush/ Toothpaste, Chapstick, etc.

Brush/ Comb

Advice:

**Layer your clothing for the bus ride!
We will be rehearsing outdoors upon
arrival in Indianapolis.**

Sack Lunch – for bus ride to Indy on Thursday

Money - Recommended spending money: \$60-\$75

Snacks - Can be brought, but please make sure all snacks are in sealed containers.

Cell Phone – A good idea! Chaperones will ask for kids' cell phone numbers.

Medications: Over the counter and prescription medications must be kept in original containers. Unless you request otherwise in writing, the student's chaperone will dispense medication during breakfast each day. The student will then be responsible for the various dosages needed during the day. Students must **ALWAYS CARRY INHALERS WITH THEM**. Parents, it is important that your "Official Chaperone" has full knowledge of your son/daughter's medical condition.

Important: Please be sure your child has contact numbers to reach you, especially if you will be traveling while we are in Indianapolis. Please let us know as soon as possible if your contact information or insurance information has changed since you submitted your child's health form (since summer camp).