

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL RED HAWK MARCHING BAND
BOA GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TRIP INFORMATION
Lucas Oil Stadium/ Indianapolis, Indiana
November 10-12, 2011

Dear Band Parents:

We are thrilled to be performing at the Bands of America Grand National Championship, among the nation's finest high school marching bands. It is a huge compliment to the entire Athens Band family that we are able to compete at such a high level.

We will leave from school on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at approximately 7 am. We will return at approximately 11 pm on the evening of Saturday, November 12, 2010.

Cost:

We have worked hard to keep the student cost of the trip at \$260 by negotiating significant savings in several areas in order to make the trip more affordable.

- The first payment of \$100 is due by Monday, September 26, 2011 (\$50 is non-refundable)
- A second payment of \$100 is due by Monday, October 17, 2011
- The final payment of \$60 (this amount may be slightly adjusted) is due by Monday, November 7, 2010

Included in the cost of the Trip:

- Transportation via deluxe motor coach
- Two nights accommodation at Crowne Plaza - Indianapolis Airport
- Tickets for Bands of America Championship on Saturday (as an audience member)
- Nearly all meals, including:
 - Thursday dinner
 - Friday brunch and dinner
 - Saturday breakfast and dinner (students will need to buy lunch at the stadium on Saturday)

Chaperones: Parents serving on our pit/prop crew will also be chaperones for this trip. However, any (and all!) parents are welcome to travel to Indy to watch our performance and enjoy the event! We've reserved a block of rooms at our group rate at the Crowne Plaza. Details are attached.

Since we are performing our "Spirit of Adventure: The Story of Amelia Earhart" competition show for the GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, it is expected that all of our students will attend. In order to give our best performance, we need all students to be there!! If you have any concerns, please contact me via e-mail at pjmccoy@yahoo.com or via phone at 248-823-2929.

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

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Preliminary Itinerary (Tentative)

******Packing instructions and a Packing List will be provided later******

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Report to the Band Room with your suitcase. Place your suitcase in the "marked area." BRING A BROWN BAG LUNCH!

- 6:15 am Report to the band room. Load buses when instructed to do so.
- 7:00 am Depart for Indianapolis. Bring brown bag lunch for bus trip.
- 12:30 pm Approximate time of arrival in Indy
REHEARSAL TIME at local school
- 3:30 pm Dinner at the local school- then change into uniforms
- 4:15 pm Load buses for Stadium
- 6:15 pm ATHENS BAND PERFORMANCE TIME (tentative)
Time for photo and watching other bands after our performance
- 10:00 pm Arrive at hotel
- 10:45 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, 2010

- 10:00 am Wake Up
- 10:30 am Brunch
- 11:30 am Free Time (pool, relax, games)
- 1:00 pm Rehearsal (tentative)
- 2:30 pm Music clinic
- 6:00 pm Dinner at Buca de Bepo
- 8:00 pm Return to Hotel
- 8:30 pm Popcorn break with Performance Video
- 9:00 pm Minute to Win It Activity
- 10:30 pm Students must be in your hotel room- No food orders!
- 10:45 pm Lights out- get a good night's rest

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Saturday, November 12, 2010

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

- 9:00 am Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00 am Room inspection
- 10:15 am Load buses- check out at the hotel
- 10:30 am Travel to Lucas Oil Stadium to PERFORM or watch Semi-Finals
Lunch at Lucas Oil Stadium on your own; visit exhibit booths

- 4:30 pm Approximate time of departure from Lucas Oil Stadium for
Michigan (A box dinner will be provided for the ride home)

11:00 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.

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ROOMING REQUEST FORM

First Come - First Served

If you follow ALL of the following steps, every effort will be made to accommodate your rooming request!

DEADLINE: October 15, 2011

1. Mr. McCoy must approve of the combination of students on this list.
2. All four students must SIGN this form WITH THEIR OWN SIGNATURE (you cannot sign for someone else)
3. All four students must SIGN THIS FORM. **Only one form needs to be turned in by each group of four.**

PLEASE BE SURE THAT EVERY STUDENT ON THIS LIST IS OFFICIALLY
SIGNED UP FOR THE TRIP!

STUDENTS' NAMES

STUDENTS' SIGNATURES

Today's Date: _____

RETURN TO: Mrs. Lori Bluhm or the Band Booster Mailbox

DEADLINE: October 15, 2010

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BUS REQUEST FORM

First Come - First Served

If you follow ALL of the these steps, every effort will be made to accommodate your BUS request!

DEADLINE: October 15, 2011

There will be two buses. Seniors get preference. Pick up to five persons.

1. All FIVE students must SIGN this form WITH THEIR OWN SIGNATURE (you cannot sign for someone else)
2. **Only one form** needs to be turned in by each group of FIVE.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT EVERY STUDENT ON THIS LIST IS OFFICIALLY SIGNED UP FOR THE TRIP!

STUDENTS' NAMES

STUDENTS' SIGNATURES

Today's Date: _____

RETURN TO: Mrs. Lori Bluhm or the Band Booster Mailbox

DEADLINE: October 15, 2010

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BOX DINNER REQUEST FORM

For the ride back from Indy, we will again have boxed dinners. Please make one of the following selections for your meal:

Turkey _____

Ham _____

Roast Beef _____

Veggie _____

Your name: _____

Today's Date: _____

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PAYMENT COUPONS

Please place payment and coupon in an envelope and place in the TABB mailbox in the band room. There are envelopes above the mailbox, if needed.

COST: \$260 (final payment may be adjusted slightly - depending on a few final items)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The first payment of \$100 is due by September 26, 2011 (\$50 is non-refundable)
A second payment of \$100 is due by October 17, 2011
The final payment of \$60 is due by November 7, 2011 (may be slightly adjusted)

Third Payment- \$60 - Due November 7, 2011

Please place payment and coupon in envelope in TABB mailbox in band room.

Student name: _____

Payment Amount: _____ Cash _____ or Check # _____

Second Payment- \$100 - Due October 17, 2011

Please place payment and coupon in envelope in TABB mailbox in band room.

Student name: _____

Payment Amount: _____ Cash _____ or Check # _____

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Please place payment and coupon in envelope in TABB mailbox in band room.

Student name: _____

Payment Amount: _____ Cash _____ or Check # _____

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Dear Parents,

In past years, some people attend the Bands of America Competition with us who are not students, staff, and chaperones/designated pit persons. If you want to stay at the same hotel as the Troy Athens Band and get the group pricing, we need to know as soon as possible, so we can meet our deadlines for deposits.

We have reserved some additional standard rooms at the Crowne Plaza - Indianapolis Airport (2501 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241). The cost of these standard rooms is \$115 per night (includes 17% tax).

Sincerely,
Jeff McCoy
Director of Bands

Questions- contact me or Lori Bluhm at (248) 879-5725/ KBluhm@wowway.com

We will need to have room reservations and payments (cash or check payable to TABB) by October 15, 2011. You can place this form and your money in the TABB mailbox.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

I want: ____ room reservation(s). Cost \$115 each night (inc. tax)

I need a: _____ one bed (King) or _____ a two-bed room (Double or Queen)

I am staying: _____ Thursday night _____ Friday night

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____