

Wolverine Band
of
Clear Brook High School
Friendswood, TX
November 11 - 15, 2009
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Times listed and the sequence of events may change due to weather or crowd conditions, so please be flexible. Only your Director or a Music Travel Consultants Escort (if applicable) will announce schedule changes. Times listed are local in each place.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11 TRAVEL DAY

5:15pm Board Coaches at School

Welcome aboard your charter coach today as you depart on your journey. Your Music Travel Consultants Tour Escort will join you at your school to assist with boarding, and she will remain with you for the duration of your trip. Bring along snacks and beverages in plastic screw-top bottles for the ride, and, for added comfort, bring a personal music device (use earphones only) and a pillow and blanket. Don't forget instrument, correct shoes, socks, uniform, music and equipment. Please keep the coach clean. You are responsible for keeping track of your personal items.

6:00pm Depart Clear Brook HS

7:45pm Fast Food Dinner

Receive cash from your Tour Escort for a quick fast-food meal this evening east of Houston. Continue east after eating.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12 EXHIBIT HALL B REHEARSAL

8:00am Breakfast in Tennessee

Just east of Memphis, take a break for a hearty breakfast buffet. Start your day in Jackson, Tennessee at famous Casey Jones Village and the Brooks Shaw & Son Old Country Store!

After a good meal, continue east and north.

12:40pm Lunch in Bowling Green, KY

Have a good fast-food lunch before departing on your journey north.

Cash will be provided by your Tour Escort for this meal.

4:30pm Arrive in Indianapolis

4:45pm Check-in at Hotel

Once you arrive at your hotel, unload the luggage from underneath your coach. One person from each room may get the keys for your room from your Tour Escort. After you have given your roommates their room keys, you may proceed to your room. Be sure to take your luggage and all of your personal items off the coach. You'll have a few minutes to settle in before departing for dinner and this evening's rehearsal.

Embassy Suites Indianapolis Downtown

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6:00pm Chick-Fil-A Meal vouchers will be provided by your Tour Escort for a boxed dinner at Chick-Fil-A in the Circle Center Mall food court.

7:00pm Rehearse in Exhibit Hall B Rehearse indoors this evening in the Indiana Convention Center's Exhibit Hall B.

9:30pm End Rehearsal

Store instruments and equipment on the truck before walking back to your hotel.

10:45pm Curfew Time to be in your room. Please set your wake-up call for the morning.

11:00pm Lights Out

FRIDAY, NOV. 13 BOA PRELIMS PERFORMANCE

5:00am Wake-up Call (suggested) Dress in casual clothes for breakfast.

5:30am Breakfast at the Hotel A full hot breakfast will be provided at your hotel this morning. After eating, dress in full uniform and prepare for performance.

6:30am Begin Boarding Coaches Don't forget anything.

6:50am Depart for Lucas Oil Stadium

7:00am Arrive at the Stadium Unload gear and prepare to begin Preliminaries Rotation. You will go to

Warm-Up Area ___ when instructed to do so.

7:45am Begin Rotation

8:00am Band Physical Warm-Up

8:10am Pit Warm-Up To 8:30am.

8:15am Band Warm-Up To 8:40am.

8:35am Pit Report

8:50am Band Report

9:00am BOA Prelims Performance

9:20am Jolesch Photography BOA's official photographer takes the Wolverine Band's picture, following performance.

9:30am Load Coaches & Begin Boarding

9:50am Depart for the Hotel

10:05am Change Clothes & Relax Hang your uniform neatly, and change clothes following your performance.

12:05pm Meet in the Lobby

12:15pm Depart On Foot for Lunch

12:30pm Hard Rock Cafe

1:30pm Prepare to Rehearse at ICC

2:00pm Rehearsal in Exhibit Hall B

3:30pm Rehearsal Concludes Store gear on the trailer. When everything's put away, have some free time in groups of 3 or more at Indy's Circle Centre Mall.

4:00pm Enjoy Circle Centre Mall

5:30pm Relax at the Hotel Return to the hotel and check in with your Chaperone before some "down time" before getting ready for tonight's event.

7:00pm Meet to Walk to the Hyatt Gather in the hotel lobby. When everyone is present, walk to the nearby Hyatt Regency Indianapolis.

7:30pm Music & Talent Celebration Nothing could be more fun than hanging out with band members from around the country, enjoying a special performance from Jeff Queen - an original cast member of BLAST!, or dancing to the music provided by a private DJ.

Announcement of the semi-finals bands will be made during the evening. Don't forget to visit the all-you-can-eat pizza buffet!

8:15pm Class Awards Ceremony Following an exhibition performance by a major university marching band, all competing Grand Nationals bands will be acknowledged and the Semi-Finalist bands will be announced.

10:30pm MTC Celebration Concludes Return to the hotel on foot.

11:00pm Curfew Time to be in your room. Please set your wake-up call for the morning.

11:30pm Lights Out

SATURDAY, NOV. 14 SEMI-FINALS/FINALS PERFORMANCE

- _____ Wake-up Call (suggested) Dress in casual clothes for breakfast.
 - _____ Breakfast at Hotel A hot breakfast will be provided at your hotel this morning prior to hotel check-out.
 - _____ Hotel Check-out Check-out of your room by packing everything up and giving your key to your chaperone. Then, load your luggage onto your coach, and prepare for departure.
 - _____ Rehearse in Exhibit Hall B Time permitting, a brush-up rehearsal will take place before today's performance.
 - _____ Semi-Finals Staging/Rotation Begin the performance sequence of events you followed Friday for your preliminaries performance.
 - _____ Semi-Finals Performance (performance subject to results of preliminary performance).
 - _____ Lunch on your own Receive cash from your Tour Escort for this meal.
 - 5:00pm Semi-Finals Awards Ceremony
 - 5:30pm Pasta Buffet Dinner Enjoy a tasty "all-you-can-eat" pasta dinner buffet at the Hyatt Regency Hotel before Grand Nationals Finals. Join several other bands at this exclusive event.
 - 6:30pm Lucas Oil Stadium Re-opens The stadium re-opens for Grand Nationals Finals Competition!
 - _____ Finals Staging/Rotation Repeat the staging and warm-up sequence for performance at Grand Nationals Finals (subject to qualification).
 - 7:15pm Grand Nationals Opening Ceremony
 - _____ Finals Performance
 - 11:00pm Finale & Awards Ceremony
- All the excitement and suspense of three days of competition culminates tonight with the Finals Awards Ceremony at the 2009 Bands of America Grand National Championships. Following tonight's pageantry, prepare for departure.
- 11:45pm Board Coaches
 - 11:59pm Depart Indianapolis

SUNDAY, NOV. 15 RETURN TRAVEL DAY

- _____ Fast Food Breakfast Meal money will be provided for this morning's quick breakfast stop.
 - 1:00pm Golden Corral Lunch Sit down to a tasty lunch buffet. Enjoy great choices of salads, entrees, desserts and beverages!
 - _____ Fast Food Dinner Meal money will be provided for your quick dinner stop.
 - 10:00pm Arrive at Clear Brook H.S.
- Welcome home after a FANTASTIC marching arts experience at the 2009 Bands of America Grand National Championships!

Your tour price includes:

ESCORT

- Music Travel Consultants escort throughout.

TRANSPORTATION

- Motor coach transportation as indicated in the itinerary, including tolls, taxes & maintenance fees for the driver(s).

HOTEL

- Accommodations at the hotel listed in the itinerary, or equivalent, based on room type selected.

MEALS

- Breakfasts (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) as indicated in the itinerary. Continental breakfast (CB) includes rolls and juice. American breakfast consists of hot and cold items. Meals are a variety of buffet, fast food, plated and/or pre-selected menus. Money may be given for a tour member to use at his/her choice of restaurant.

EVENTS

- All sightseeing and special events as detailed in the itinerary, including admission, tickets or entry fees unless otherwise stated.

TIPS AND TAXES

- As required for all included features with the exception of portage for baggage or equipment. Gratuities to driver(s) & local guide(s) are included.

BAGGAGE

- Baggage limitation is one suitcase and one carry-on, plus equipment.

SPECIAL SERVICES

- Trip Departure Briefing (if applicable)
- Customized tour itinerary & baggage tags
- All operations and planning charges
- 24-hour emergency contact system

Your tour price does not include:

Meals other than those listed above; items or services of a personal nature such as snacks, laundry, room service, telephone calls, pay TV, internet access, souvenirs or the like; gratuities to escorts; passport fees; baggage handling at airports & hotels; excess baggage charges; forwarding of baggage; all items or services not mentioned specifically in tour inclusions.

General Information

As an approved school trip, all school and organization rules and policies set forth in the student handbook are in effect for the duration of this trip.

GROUP TRAVEL HINTS

1. You are representing your school & community. Dress appropriately.
2. Good manners are always a plus wherever you are!
3. Communicate with your chaperones; let them know where you are.
4. If you feel ill, tell your chaperone immediately.
5. Review your itinerary and be aware of your responsibilities.
6. It takes time to move a large group. Be patient. Arrive on time.
7. Eat properly & sleep at night.

MOTOR COACH INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not leave personal items on the coach overnight.
2. Food may be taken on board as long as the coach is kept clean. Drinks should be in plastic screw-top bottles.
3. Please treat your driver with respect.
4. Never flush foreign objects in the toilet! Once the chemical flush is full, it is unusable; use rest stops when possible.
5. Do not disembark until your escort or director releases you.
6. Please, NO Flash Photography while on board the motor coach!
7. Please remain seated while vehicle is in motion.

HOTEL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the instructions in your room concerning an emergency escape.
2. At curfew, you must be in your room. No one is to enter your room after curfew except chaperones or staff. Keep the noise level down.
3. Elevators are for all hotel guests; respect the other guests.
4. Telephones must not be used after curfew except in an emergency. You are responsible for outside phone charges to your room.
5. Keep your room locked! Keep track of the key.
6. No student is allowed in the room of a person of the opposite sex.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAPERONES

1. This tour is designed for students. Be patient, flexible, and helpful.
2. Make sure everyone understands all instructions.
3. Communicate-get to know the students by name.
4. Make sure hotel rooms are in order upon arrival and departure.
5. Monitor rooms at curfew. The after-hour rule must be enforced.
6. Make sure your students are up each morning on time.
7. Report any rule violations to the director; but don't create problems.
8. Be courteous and helpful; correct if necessary, but don't antagonize.
9. You cannot grant a favor for one unless you can do it for everyone!
10. BE PATIENT-DON'T LOSE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR! WHAT TO PACK

1. Toiletries and medications. Do not pack medication-keep it on your person. Take a written prescription in case you lose your medication.
2. Camera and plenty of film. Film is expensive in tourist spots.
3. Hairdryer, alarm clock. Use the buddy system. Only one is needed.
4. Swimsuit, cover-up and beach towel (if applicable).
5. Instrument, performance attire, uniform, & accessories (if applicable).

WHAT TO WEAR

Casual wear is appropriate. Wear comfortable shoes!

Packing Checklist

ON YOUR PERSON

- Photo ID (If you have one)
- Medication
- Eye glasses, contact lenses
- Spending money
- Tour Booklet (You will need this booklet throughout the tour.)

IN YOUR CARRY-ON BAG

- Extra prescription in case you lose your medication
- Dental and personal hygiene products
- Change of clothes
- Reading material
- Pen, pencil and notepad
- Camera and film
- Snacks, chewing gum
- Deck of cards

IN YOUR CHECKED LUGGAGE

- Performance attire (if applicable)
- Curling iron
- Hair dryer
- Razor
- Shampoo (in a zip-lock bag)
- Wind-up alarm clock
- Sleepwear
- Underwear
- Socks - hosiery
- Clothing for each day of the trip
- Miscellaneous: Nail file, band-aids, safety pins, sewing kit, etc.
- Rain hat & umbrella
- Swimwear & cover-up (if applicable)
- Sweater
- Lightweight coat or jacket

TAG YOUR BAGS

Your suitcase & carry-on must be properly tagged.

Pack light - you must be able to carry your own luggage.

Rule of thumb: If in doubt, leave it out.

FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

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