



Lakota West HS Band

of

West Chester, OH

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Bands of America

Grand National Championships

November 10 - 12, 2017

Friday, November 10

BOA Prelims

DEPART THE SCHOOL

Depart for the drive to Indianapolis. Be sure to eat breakfast before you arrive at the school, or bring a sack breakfast to eat along the way.

Your MTC tour director will meet you at the school and travel 24/7 with your group until you arrive back at the school, assisting with all transitions and your performance rotation.

ARRIVE INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis is the capital of Indiana. Long known as a center for industry, today it has a diversified economy as a center for finance, health care and education. With a population in excess of 800,000, it is the 12th largest city in the nation.

ARRIVE LUCAS OIL STADIUM

Opened in the Fall of 2008, Lucas Oil Stadium replaces the Indianapolis Colts' 24 year old RCA Dome. The new facility boasts 63,000 seats, a really cool retractable roof (which allows a game to be played out-of-doors in fair weather and indoors when it's cold or wet!), 7,100 club seats, 140 corporate suites, state-of-the-art facilities and fan amenities. It is one of the top two best stadiums in the country and the first one specifically designed with marching band performances in mind. Home to the BOA Grand Nationals, the BOA Indianapolis Regional, the Indiana State School Music Association Marching Championships and Drum Corps International Championships, Lucas Oil Stadium is the national crossroads and focal point of America's marching musical performances.

Students, 6 staff (with named badges) and 25 field staff receive seating bowl access all day on the day of your Prelims performance. Additional travelers should purchase a 1-day Prelims ticket at the ticket gate at your expense.

BANDS OF AMERICA

Music for All's and Bands of America's mission is to promote arts advocacy and to create positively life-changing experiences through music for students, teachers, parents, and communities. Founded in 1975, it strives to provide quality avenues for learning and excellence in music education. The organization offers more than 25 annual festivals, including its Grand National Championships, National Concert Band Festival and Summer Band Symposium. Over 70,000 teens participate in its events annually. Music for All merged with Bands of America in 2006 (www.musicforall.org).

BEGIN PERFORMANCE ROTATION

Thursday performances typically are scheduled between 8:30am-10:45pm. Performing groups would need to be onsite 2 hours prior to your scheduled performance time.

Assemble in formation outside the stadium 15 minutes prior to scheduled warm-up time (1 hour 15 minutes prior to your performance time).

ENTER STADIUM TUNNEL

(1 hour 10 minutes prior to your performance time). Your MTC tour director will guide you through the performance rotation beneath the stadium.

PIT WARM-UP

(1 hour prior to performance)

PHYSICAL WARM-UP

Begin your official warm-up in your assigned warm-up area (1 hour prior to your performance time).

MUSIC WARM-UP

(45 minutes prior to your performance time)

PIT REPORT TIME

(25 minutes prior to your performance time)

BAND REPORT TIME

(10 minutes before your performance time)

BOA PRELIMS PERFORMANCE

Today, the Lakota West HS Marching Band will compete in Grand Nationals preliminary competition. With 90 bands from across the nation, exhibition performances and three days of special events, Grand Nationals is widely acknowledged by the band world to be the most exciting and prestigious marching band event in existence.

Tentative performance time (as of May 2017) is 12:15pm.

JOLESCH PHOTOGRAPHY

Immediately following performance, you will have your photo taken by the professionals of Jolesch Photography. Order forms are available on site. (20 min. after performance time)

LOAD EQUIPMENT

Return to the bus, and change out of uniform and load equipment. Then return to the stadium seating area.

BOA PRELIMS

Prior to your performance (pending final performance schedule), join the crowd as more than 90 bands perform in Thursday and Friday Preliminary competition. Be sure to visit the souvenir/vendor booths on the main concourse.

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LUNCH AT STADIUM

Eat lunch at the stadium. Meal money will be provided.

Late afternoon, we will check-in at our hotel.

ICC REHEARSAL (OPTIONAL)

MTC manages indoor rehearsal space at the Indiana Convention Center, adjacent to Lucas Oil Stadium. Lined fields with scissor lifts in 4 exhibit halls are available in 1, 2 or 3-hour blocks. Instrument storage rooms in the ICC are also available. See Jeff for pricing and details.

MTC CELEBRATION DINNER

Nothing could be more fun than hanging out with members from more than a dozen high school bands across the nation, dancing to the music provided by a private DJ and enjoying an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet! Watch the Prelims Awards on big-screen TV, and enjoy a cameo performance from a college marching band. It doesn't get any better than this!

PRELIMS AWARDS CEREMONY

Drum Majors front and center! The Music For All BOA Preliminary Awards Ceremony for all Thursday and Friday participants begins at Lucas Oil Stadium, with a guest University Marching Band exhibition performance. SemiFinalist bands will be announced, along with Participation Awards for all bands.

All groups who performed in Prelims are admitted free for the Awards Ceremony.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

After the awards ceremony concludes, the stadium clears and a director's meeting for all SemiFinalist bands will be held, to determine Saturday performance order.

RETURN TO HOTEL

Board your bus for the return to your hotel.

BREAKFAST AT HOTEL

Breakfast will be provided at your hotel (served beginning at 6am). Boxed breakfast available for additional cost, if necessary, for early morning SemiFinals performance.

BOA SEMIFINALS

The Top 30 bands from Thursday and Friday Prelims will perform today (8am-5pm) in SemiFinals competition.

All bands participating in Grand Nationals receive 20 SemiFinals Cooperative tickets. No additional SemiFinals tickets are included with trip package. Band members/pit crew performing in SemiFinals are admitted free; everyone else would need a ticket purchased at the gate (\$13).

LUNCH AT CIRCLE CENTRE MALL

Centerpiece of Indianapolis' downtown renaissance, Circle Centre Mall features a large anchor store and many small shops and eateries. A movie complex and game area is part of the mix, as is the wonderful Arts Garden, a glass gazebo-like structure which spans the intersection of Illinois and Washington Streets on the northwest corner. Meal money will be provided for lunch in the food court.

SEMIFINALS AWARDS

The top 12 bands from today's semifinals competition, along with class champions, will be announced.

HARD ROCK CAFE

Enjoy a great dinner at a downtown favorite near the stadium! Since its 1971 opening in London, Hard Rock Cafe has become a global phenomenon. With 100 restaurants all over the planet, this popular eatery features great rock memorabilia, music and food in a high-energy setting.

After dinner, walk with your MTC tour director several blocks to the stadium.

FINALS OPENING CEREMONY

Presentation of Leadership Awards and National Anthem.

BOA FINALS

The Bands of America Grand National Championship is recognized as the pinnacle of events for the nation's marching band activity. The Finals competition will include 12 finalist performances, Class Champions and exhibition performances, the Grand Finale (including an indoor fireworks display) and awards ceremony.

Finals Economy Seating is included. (End zone - 20-yd. line in lower deck)

FINALS AWARDS CEREMONY

All the excitement and suspense of three days of competition culminates tonight with the Awards Ceremony of the 2017 Bands of America Grand National Championships.

DEPART FOR HOME

After the Finals Awards Ceremony, board your motorcoach for the late night drive home.

Sunday, November 12

Travel Day

ARRIVE LWHS (TENTATIVE)

Arrive home after excellent performances at BOA Grand National Championships. Congratulations!!