

## Tour Itinerary

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# Lakota West HS Band

of

## Lakota West High School

### West Chester, OH

## Indianapolis, Indiana

Carry this booklet with you. 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.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 10**

**BOA PRELIMS**

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### **REMIND instructions**

To insure quick communication during your group's trip, Music Travel Consultants has set up 'Remind,' a rapid, private, secure way for your MTC Tour Director to send an important text message to the personal cell phone of each traveler. For trip participants only, text @1711-4-72 to 81010 and follow the prompts.

### **6:45am Load Charter Bus**

Board your motorcoach with everything you will need for the trip.

### **7:30am 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.

### **10:00am 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.

### **10:15am 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](http://www.musicforall.org)).

### **11:05am Begin Performance Rotation**

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

### **11:05am 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.

### **11:15am Pit Warm-up**

(1 hour prior to performance)

### **11:15am Physical Warm-up**

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

### **11:30am Music Warm-up**

(45 minutes prior to your performance time)

### **11:50am Pit Report Time**

(25 minutes prior to your performance time)

### **12:05pm Band Report Time**

(10 minutes before your performance time)

### **12:15pm 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. Students will receive hand stamp after performance, for admittance into the stadium seating area on Friday.

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### **12:35pm 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)

### **12:55pm Load Equipment**

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

### **1:15pm Watch BOA Prelims**

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.

### **1:15pm Lunch at Stadium**

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

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

### **5:00pm Hotel Check-in**

Once you arrive at your hotel, unload the luggage from underneath your charter coach. One person from each room may get the keys for your room from your Tour Director. 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.

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2544 Executive Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46241  
Phone: 317.248.2481

### **5:00pm Hotel Check-in**

Once you arrive at your hotel, unload the luggage from underneath your charter coach. One person from each room may get the keys for your room from your Tour Director. 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.

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport  
2501 South High School Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46241  
Phone: 317-244-6861

### **7:00pm Depart the Hotel**

Board your coach for the MTC Celebration Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Indianapolis.

### **7:30pm 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!

### **9:00pm Depart for Stadium**

Walk as a group to Lucas Oil Stadium for the Prelims Awards Ceremony.

### **9:30pm 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.

### **10:30pm 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.

### **11:00pm Return to Hotel**

Board your bus for the return to your hotel.

### **11:30pm Curfew**

Time to be in your room. Please set your wake-up call for the morning with the Front Desk.

### **11:59pm Lights Out!**

## **SATURDAY, NOV. 11**

## **SEMI-FINALS/FINALS**

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### **Wake-Up Call (suggested)**

Dress in clothing appropriate for today's activities. If performing, don't forget to bring uniform/costume, instrument and everything you'll need for the performance when you depart the hotel.

### **6:00am Breakfast at Hotel**

Breakfast will be provided at your hotel beginning at 6:00am.

### **TBA Hotel Check-out**

Check-out of your room by packing everything up and leaving your key card in your room. Then, load your luggage onto your charter coach, and prepare for departure. Check-out time contingent upon SemiFinals performance schedule.

### **Depart the Hotel**

### **8:00am BOA SemiFinals**

The Top 30 bands from Thursday and Friday Prelims will perform today (8am-5pm) in Semi-Finals competition. All bands participating in Grand Nationals receive 20 General Admission Semi-Finals Cooperative tickets. No additional Semi-Finals tickets are included with trip package. Band members/pit crew performing in Semi-Finals are admitted free; all others would need a ticket purchased out-of-pocket at the gate. If band does not perform in Semi-Finals, the 20 Cooperative tickets will be provided, and everyone else would need a ticket purchased out of pocket at the gate.

### **12:00pm 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.

### **2:00pm Return to the Stadium**

Meet at the assigned location, and walk as a group to Lucas Oil Stadium to watch SemiFinals performances.

### **5:00pm SemiFinals Awards**

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

### **5:30pm Depart for Hard Rock**

Walk as a group to downtown for dinner at Hard Rock Café.

### **6:00pm 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.

### **7:00pm Finals Opening Ceremony**

Presentation of Leadership Awards and National Anthem.

### **8:00am 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 for registered travelers.

### **11:00pm 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.

**11:59pm Depart for Home**

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

**SUNDAY, NOV. 12 TRAVEL DAY**

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**3:00am Arrive LWHS (tentative)**

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