



THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND

Bands of America Louisville Regional Championships

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019

DRAFT AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

What to pack

One small suitcase/duffel bag to be stored under the motor coaches. (Coaches will be full, and instruments will also be stored in the undercarriage, so pack conservatively.) Remember toiletries, phone charger (and maybe a battery pack), and clothing for in the stadium, at the mall, on the bus, and in rehearsal. Include pajamas/sleepwear.

One small backpack or carryon bag to bring on the coaches. We recommend that you bring homework, if appropriate.

Pack a sack lunch for Friday, bring bus snacks if desired, and bring money for dinner on Friday (mall food court) and Saturday (stadium concessions). Breakfast on both days is provided at the hotel, and a Subway lunch is included on Saturday.

Remember to pack your show shirt, boxer/compression shorts, and black socks to be worn under your uniform. Your gloves and shoes should travel to the show on the uniform racks. Bring anything else that you need for rehearsal and the show. Most instruments will travel under the coaches.

Additional Info

Be sure that you have signed up for the BAND app and have your notifications turned on!

Parents who are picking up their student from the stadium on Saturday night must provide a written note to the bus chaperone (preferred) or an email to the band directors (not preferred). Text messages will not be accepted. For the sake of student safety, the parent and student must see the bus chaperone or a band director to check out before leaving the stadium. On this trip, the best time to do this is after the finals performance (if selected) or at the coaches after the announcement of finalists (if not selected.) If a parent is not present to pick up their student at the time of departure, the band's departure will not be delayed, and the student will remain with the band for their own safety. Students are required to stay in the assigned area listed on this itinerary. Students may not leave the mall, stadium, etc.

Parents, if you cannot join us in the stadium, visit flomarching.com for streaming options.

Additional event information can be found at marching.musicforall.org. (Be sure to look for the NMB in the 2018 Grand Nationals video montage at about the 5:50 mark!)

Itinerary for Friday, September 20

- before Be sure to eat breakfast. Do you have a sack lunch and everything on the packing list above?
- 8:45 AM Students and Chaperones from NCHS load motor coaches at NCHS. and depart for NCWHS. (A designated student loading crew will be responsible for packing instruments and luggage under the motor coaches.)
- 9:15 AM Students and Chaperones from NCWHS load motor coaches at NCWHS.
- 9:30 AM Depart for Champaign, IL
- 11:00 AM Arrive at the University of Illinois, unload trucks, eat sack lunch, prepare for rehearsal
- 12:00 PM Rehearsal and clinic with Professor Barry Houser, Director of the Marching Illini
- 3:00 PM Rehearsal and clinic end, load trucks, pack for departure
- 4:00 PM Depart for Indianapolis, IN

1 Hour Time Zone change: Times listed below are local time in Indiana/Kentucky

- 7:00 PM Approximate arrival at Circle Center Mall – eat dinner, shop
- 8:30 PM Meet Motor Coaches at designated pick up location – BE ON TIME
- 9:00 PM Arrive at Hyatt Place
Chaperones will assist with check in. Student loading crew unpacks coach undercarriage. All instruments must be unloaded from the coaches and will be stored in your hotel room. Students are expected to wear shoes in the hotel hallways, lobby, etc. Be sure to be quiet and respect those hotel guests who may already be in bed for the evening.
- 10:00 PM Lights out – chaperones will check rooms, give instructions for Saturday morning, and tape doors. **Get a good night's rest—tomorrow is a BIG day!**

Itinerary for Saturday, September 20

- beginning at 8 AM Breakfast provided in the hotel
Put on your blue show shirt and any other undergarments that will be worn for the performance before leaving the hotel. Make sure that you have your instrument and everything you need for the show and the rest of the day. Students who are riding with a parent after the performances should make sure that they pack everything, as they will not return to the hotel.
- 9:15 AM Load coaches for departure
- 9:30 AM Depart for Louisville, KY
Hair must be in buns/color guard makeup done before we arrive at the stadium. You will receive your Subway lunch on the bus, en route
- 12:00 PM Arrive at Cardinal Stadium, the University of Louisville - Unload, dress, prepare for show.
- 12:50 PM In uniform, ready for show, Pre-show Inspection
- 1:05 to 1:50 PM Winds, Battery, Guard Warm Up in Area B | Front Ensemble Warm Up is 1:05 to 1:35
Front Ensemble reports to gate at 1:50 | Winds, Battery, Guard report at 2:05

2:15 PM NMB Performance in Louisville Regional Championships Prelims – Go, Team!

Following the performance, we will have our group photo taken and return to the trucks to fold tarps, change out of uniform, and load. Make sure everything is stored correctly in case we have a second show to do later today!

After the performance, we will return to the stadium as a group to watch bands/awards. Eat dinner in the stadium. No one is permitted to leave the stadium during this time.

5:15 PM Awards and Announcement of Finalist Bands

Report to the coaches immediately after these announcements for additional instructions. If we are performing in finals, we will prepare for the show (depending on performance time.) If we are not performing in finals, we will be staying to watch a portion of finals. Note: The stadium will be closed after Prelims and will reopen later for Finals.

7:00 PM Stadium Opens for Finals

7:30 PM National Anthem, Adjudicator Introductions

7:45 PM First Finalist Band Performance

9:00 PM Load coaches, depart for hotel

11:30 PM Hotel Arrival – Return to rooms, lights out immediately upon arrival

Itinerary for Sunday, September 22

beginning at 8 AM

Breakfast provided in the hotel – be sure to eat something, as we will not be stopping for food on the return trip to Normal. We will arrive in town on time for lunch on your own. Pack belongings and double check to make sure that you have everything that you brought.

10:00 AM Check out of hotel, turn keys into your chaperone, load coaches

10:15 AM Depart for Normal

1 Hour Time Zone change: Times listed below are local time in Normal

~12:10 PM Approximate arrival and unloading at NCWHS

~12:30 PM Approximate arrival and unloading at NCHS

A Note from the NMB Directors

This will be an exciting adventure for us on the road. We look forward to performing for an audience that wouldn't usually see us, and we will get to see bands that we don't usually get to see (including last year's Grand National Champions, the Carmel Marching Band.) This is a great opportunity to perform in a big stadium and get feedback from an outstanding panel of adjudicators so that we can continue to grow and improve throughout the season.

We have been proud of your performances this year! Continue to give your best in every opportunity and situation, on and off the field. Be respectful of the chaperones, and follow instructions—it is going to be a long trip, and we want to make sure it is a success! Pace yourself, eat well, sleep well, and be great!

-Mr. B, Mr. M, and Ms. P