

ALL-OHIO STATE FAIR BAND

Dear AOSFB Member,

Congratulations on becoming a member of the 2017 All-Ohio State Fair Band. You are now a member of an elite group of young people who have thrilled millions of fair-goers over the last 93 years.

The two weeks that you will spend at The Fair in Columbus will provide you with many opportunities to expand your musical skills and meet many new people with a variety of backgrounds from all parts of Ohio. The staff will do all that they can do to assist you in making the AOSFB experience a highlight of your high school years.

In an effort to better prepare I offer several items below to consider:

Dorm Life

- Your living area in the Rhodes Center is not private – each room will be home to a minimum of 30 fellow band members. Barracks are a good way to describe the rooms. Because of limited space you will need to carefully decide what to bring and what to leave at home.
- Be sure to use luggage or a trunk that can be securely locked. You *must* have a lock for valuables.
- All of your possessions will be moved onto your bunk each morning during announcements and inspection. Many members come equipped with hanging storage devices that may be hung on a clothing bar that runs through each room.

Personal Care

- The Fair schedule is very busy, the weather is traditionally quite warm, and you will march and walk several miles a day. Be prepared with items needed for personal hygiene and medicines for health needs; as well as moleskin for blisters or bandages/braces for those with knee/ankle challenges.

Band Rules & Guidelines

- The AOSFB is an extension of your high school and, as such, most of our rules and guidelines are what you may have encountered there. Timeliness, appropriate interactions, and positive social standards are the norm and are expected from all members.
- Our list of rules and regulations are attached. You will be asked to sign an agreement form upon registration that you will adhere to these rules.

Please be sure to carefully review the enclosed checklist that completely highlights the items to bring.

You may contact me at anytime with questions at e.gallagher@expo.ohio.gov

Enjoy the month of July, practice your instrument, and get ready to have an outstanding time as a member of the All-Ohio State Fair Band. I look forward to meeting you on July 22nd.

Sincerely,



Edward P. Gallagher
AOSFB Director of Operations