All-Ohio State Fair Band

2015

Final Instructions

Dear Parents & Band Members,

I am looking forward to seeing you all in a few short weeks as we start a very exciting time at the Ohio State Fair. For our veteran members there are a few "new twists" that will make the experience very unique. You are all encouraged to spend time with the enclosed pages so you are fully prepared for your time with the All-Ohio State Fair Band.

Check in on July 25

Report to the Rhodes Center at the Ohio Expo Center & Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 25 between 8:30-10:30 am. If you live within 60 miles you are asked to check in by 9:30 am. Please see the enclosed map for directions. Staff will be on hand to assist with parking.

Please leave all belongings in your vehicle until the check in process is complete. After all steps of registration are complete you will move your belongings to your bunk area.

A meeting for ALL parents/families will take place from 10:40-11:00 in the cafeteria. After the meeting is concluded you are encouraged to hear the AOSFB during the first rehearsal. You will have the opportunity to ride the State Fair Shuttle or walk with staff members to/from the rehearsal in the Buckeye Building which is approximately 10 minutes from the Rhodes Center. This rehearsal will conclude by 12:30.

After its conclusion everyone will return to Rhodes Center for a final goodbye. Parents will depart and band members will eat lunch. Lunch will not be available for parents.

You may write for approval to arrive on Friday, July 24th between the hours of 5:30-7:00 pm only. Early arrival is for extreme conflicts only.

Special Concerts

The AOSFB will be performing away from the fairgrounds at the Whetstone Park of Roses on Sunday, August 2 at 7:30 pm, and at the Guy C. Myers Bandshell at Brookside Park in Ashland on Thursday, August 6 at 8:00 pm. These concerts are free and open to the public. Directions for both venues will be posted on aosfb.com after July 15.

Ohio State Fair Sale of Champions

This year the AOSFB has the honor of playing at the Ohio State Fair's Sale of Champions on Sunday, August 9. The event begins at 2:00 pm and usually ends by 4:30 pm, although the end time is flexible. We are in need of at least 75 members of the AOSFB to remain at the Fair one extra night for this important concert. To be part of this event you must complete the enclosed form and turn it in at registration. Only those with a signed form will be permitted to take part. Families will be provided with two tickets for gate admission to pick up your band member.

Other Information

A checklist is enclosed to guide you as to what to bring. Please review the information and visit aosfb.com for more packing tips.

The State of Ohio, the Ohio State Fair, and the All-Ohio State Fair Band cannot assume responsibility for your instrument or other possessions. We make every effort to protect your property, but you must be responsible yourself. We strongly advise locking all luggage with a combination lock and acquiring insurance for loss or damage for anything valuable. Finally, you are advised to not bring more cash than you feel will be absolutely necessary. Serious thought should be given to the amount of cash you have on you at any given time. During the Fair, you will be able to cash traveler's checks, money orders, and personal checks at the AOSFB office. There are several ATMs on the Fairgrounds.

The Band will be excused on Saturday, August 8th. The Parents' Concert will be at 1:15 pm in the Buckeye Building - followed by the daily parade at 4:00 pm. The Band will be dismissed after the parade at approximately 4:30 pm. NO ONE will be excused to leave before this time. Please DO NOT ASK and thus save us both the embarrassment. Band members, family and friends are invited to stay and enjoy the Fair after the concert.

Please let me know immediately if you are not coming to participate in the band.

I look forward to the pleasure and excitement of working with another great All-Ohio State Fair Band.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Santa-Emma, Director
All-Ohio State Fair Band

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STATE FAIR BAND

Dear AOSFB Member,

Congratulations on becoming a member of the 2015 All-Ohio State Fair Band. You are now a member of an elite group of young people who have thrilled millions of fair-goers since 1925.

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. A complete list of guidelines will be posted.
- You are reminded that the following items are **not** permitted – tobacco products, e-cigarettes/personal vaporizers, or similar devices; as well as other items not permitted at school.

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 aosfb@aosfb.com.

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 25th.

Sincerely,

Ed Gallagher

Edward P. Gallagher
AOSFB Camp Manager

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CHECK LIST

Be sure all items are marked with your name

Musical Needs: **<u>All instruments</u>**:
Instrument should be in good playing condition.
Bring fold-up music stand, pencils for rehearsal, four snap-type clothes pins for holding music.
Bring music lyre and flip folio pages for marches as well as extra folio pages.

<u>Flute</u>: Bring a piccolo if available.

<u>Oboe/Bassoon/Bass Clarinet</u>: Do not play while marching and will carry flags/banners for the parade.

<u>Saxophones</u>: Bring neck straps.

<u>Woodwinds</u>: Bring an ample supply of reeds.

<u>Cornet/Trumpet/Trombone</u>: Bring mouthpiece, oil, mutes.

<u>French Horn</u>: Do not bring a marching type French Horn. Most playing is done "sit down" and some playing is done while marching.

<u>Sousaphone</u>: Bring Sousaphone only, no upright or marching tubas.

<u>Percussion</u>: Bring sticks and mallets and a field/marching snare drum and sling/carrier.
Do not bring a concert snare drum.

Bedding: Sheets, pillow, pillow case, blanket and/or sleeping bag. Room temperatures fluctuate.

Clothing: Laundry services are available on the Fairgrounds. You must supply your own detergent. There is a charge of $.50 per load. Bring a laundry bag.
Bring regular clothes for rehearsals and free time. Bring extra shoes and socks.
Bring a light rain proof jacket sweatshirt.

Uniform: Bring several pairs of plain white ankle socks and a pair of plain white shoes to wear in uniform.
No colored strings, stripes, marks or logos are permitted on the shoes or socks.
Acceptable colors for headbands are subtle, solid colors such as red, navy blue, black, gray or white.

Toilet Articles: Soap, towels, wash cloths, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, brushes, deodorant, and other personal needs. Shower clogs/ flip-flops are encouraged as bare feet are not permitted in the hall. Bring aspirin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, or other pain relievers and allergy medications as they *may not be dispensed* by the staff.

Miscellaneous: Bring sunglasses, hangers, batteries, chargers for phones, ear buds, and luggage/storage trunks that may be locked. A combination lock is suggested – keyed locks are not desirable. Please do not bring recreational equipment such as soccer balls or computers because of storage and security challenges. Keep in mind that you have a relatively small area for personal items.

For more detailed information please visit:
***www.aosfb.com and click on* Members 2015**

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Odds 'n Ends

Health Certificate: Everyone *must* have a Health Certificate on file in order to participate in the 2014 AOSFB. If you have not turned in your Health Certificate please do so immediately.

Percussionists: Enclosed is tryout information, including a CD for new members only, which contains the AOSFB cadence. Music is included – practice slowly.

Flutes/Piccolos: Enclosed is a CD, for new members only, which contains the *Stars and Stripes Forever.* The sheet music is included. Please focus on the piccolo obbligato in the trio – practice slowly.

Questions: Contact Mr. Santa-Emma at 440.356.4894 or via email at santaemma@aol.com

Keep up with the All-Ohio State Fair Band

www.aosfb.com

Visit the Members' Page for packing tips & last minute updates.

Schedules, pictures and updates during the Fai r and everything you need to know about the AOSFB is posted here

@aosfb on Twitter & @aosfb on instagram

Quick updates, pictures on the go, links to news and media reports!

Send mail and packages to your Band member

Address all mail and packages to your Band member at:

Band Member Name
All-Ohio State Fair Band
Ohio Expo Center & State Fair
717 East 17th Ave
Columbus, OH 43211

We recommend using the USPS for all mail and packages

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Saturday, July 25, 2015

8:30-10:30 **Check-in and Registration –** Rhodes Center Lobby
NOTES: Leave all luggage and instruments in your vehicle until registration is complete
Those living within 60 minutes of The Fair should arrive between 8:30-9:30

Please follow the signs to complete all steps for registration……you will:
- Complete payment for uniform items
- Complete registration paperwork
- Receive a packet of information for parents to take home
- Have a photo ID taken
- Pick-Up uniform parts
- Visit the AOSFB General Store

Move all personal items to your bunk area and unpack.
The chair you will use is on your bed.

10:30 Registration closes promptly at 10:30
Dorms closed to non-Band members until August 8 at 4:30 pm

10:40 *Parents' Meeting*
All parents – rookie and vets – are encouraged to attend this important meeting
Please begin gathering in the cafeteria at any time in prep for the meeting
This meeting will end no later than 11:00

10:45 *Band Members* fall in on the front sidewalk for the first rehearsal
March to the Buckeye Building where we will rehearse for the Fair
Bring your instrument and music stand
Vets in front, drums in middle and everyone behind
Small instruments may use cases
Larger instruments such as bari sax and sousaphones should not bring cases
Percussion – bring your field drum. Vets should see Mr. Dodd for bass drums & cymbals

11:00 Parents' meeting comes to an end
Parents are encouraged to attend the first rehearsal in the Buckeye Building
You may take a shuttle to the rehearsal or walk with members of the staff to the Buckeye Building

11:30 Full Band Rehearsal - Buckeye Building
This will conclude by 12:30 and you will have a chance for a final goodbye

12:30 Full Band March Back to Rhodes Center
Parents will take the shuttle or walk back to their cars

1:00 Lunch for Band Members Only - Rhodes Center Cafeteria

2:15 Placement Auditions
Locations will be posted and staff will assist in directing Band members to the proper locations

5:30 Dinner - Rhodes Center Cafeteria

6:30 Full Band fall in for rehearsal – Buckeye Building
Please bring your instrument, stand, flip folio, water bottle, pencil and other needed supplies

10:30 Meeting with the AOSFB Staff
Females will meet in the Rhodes Center lobby.
Males will meet in the 3rd floor hallway

11:00 Be on your floor -This means past the door to the floor of your dorm room.
Timeliness is expected of all members.

11:15 Taps - You are to be in your bunk before the first note is played.
Quiet throughout the dorms is expected at this time.

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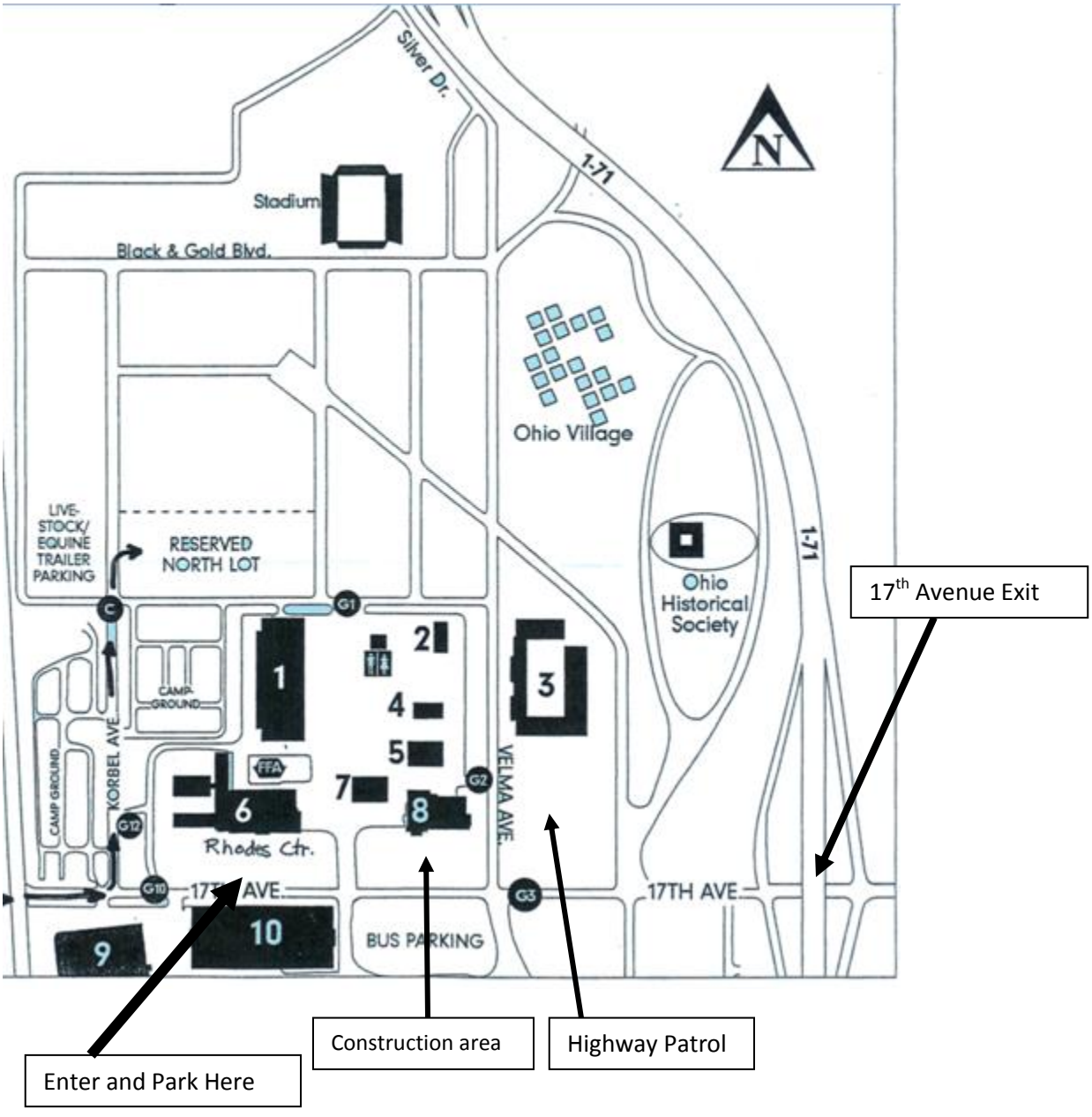
Arrival Information

Exit at I-71 at 17th Avenue and go west. You pass the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy, a construction, and then you will see the skyride going above the street. Continue west and on your right hand side is a driveway/sidewalk that leads to the Rhodes Center. Turn up the sidewalk and you will be directed to a place to park on the Rhodes Center front Lawn.

For those using map programs and GPS systems the Ohio State Fair is located at 717 East 17th Ave, Columbus 43211.



Special Performing Opportunity

Sunday, August 9th

The 48th Sale of Champions livestock auction will be held on Sunday, August 9th at 2:00 pm in the Celeste Center. This Ohio State Fair tradition is a mainstay of the Junior Fair that is the largest program of its type in the country.

The All-Ohio State Fair Band has once again been asked to provide musicians to perform before, during and after the event. This event requires a minimum of 75 band members to commit to staying an additional night at the State Fair in the Rhodes Center on Saturday, August 8th and taking part in the performance on Sunday afternoon until approximately 4:30 pm.

Two tickets for gate admission will be provided to the family of the participating band members. Band members will receive breakfast and lunch on Sunday the 9th.

Please complete the spaces below if you grant permission for your child to participate in the 2015 Sale of Champions. All members who submit the form at registration will be invited to stay and perform at this special event.

Please return this entire completed form at check-in on July 25th at the Rhodes Center.

If you have questions concerning participation in this extra event please contact Donald F. Santa-Emma, Director at 440-356-4894 or via email at santaemma@aol.com.

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Band member's printed name Instrument

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Parent/Guardian's printed name

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Parent/Guardian's signature Date