

WHAT TO BRING TO B.O.A. NATIONALS:

-Bring ALL materials you would need for any rehearsal at home, You will need drill cards, drill books, WATER BOTTLE, pencils, and all other equipment.

-Bedding. We will sleep in a gym. You will need a sleeping bag and/or blankets and pillow. Some people find an inflatable air mattress to be comforting. If you decide to use an air mattress please limit it to twin size because of limitations with floor and packing space. Please store in garbage bag (with your name on it) like we do at Band Camp.

-Shower items. Towel and washcloth, toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste and brush etc.) You may want to use flip-flops as well.

-Hair dryer. Please double up with a friend or two. There are never enough outlets and we probably do not need 10 packed on our truck. ☺

-All uniform parts and accessories. PLEASE bring more than one white T-shirt and black socks in case we can't get them washed. Also, a clean pair of shoes or two would help. Ohhhh, don't forget your Dinkles!

EVERYTHING CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR FULL NAME (IN CASE IT GETS MISPLACED).

Reminders:

-All instrument parts in good working order. Mutes, PLENTY of extra reeds, valve oil etc. Section leaders should check all instruments BEFORE Wednesday, 11/12. Please bring polishing clothes, etc.

-WARM Clothes to practice in for all three days. Please, **one** Suitcase and one carry-on (like a backpack). **You may also wish to bring extra socks and extra shoes in case it is raining. You will need to bring more than one pair of black socks and unmarked white t-shirts for shows.**

Trust me. ☺

-You may also want to bring: a **small** audio player with headphones for the bus ride. There is no way of completely locking these up when we leave the school. Do not bring anything valuable.

-EVERYTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELED WITH YOUR NAME.

-New members should talk with upper-classmen. They have been through these trips many times and can let you in on some of the secrets for a successful trip.

-Remember to pack light. You must be able to carry your own suitcase. You do not want to spend a lot of time hauling luggage around. All of your “stuff” must fit on a truck.

-You should plan to bring a lunch to be eaten on the bus on the way down. Glass containers are not allowed during on this trip. Mmmmm....foooooood.

-You may want to bring snacks for the weekend as well. Include some food for the bus ride home. **NO OPEN DRINKS IN THE GYM.** (except water)

-You will need to bring \$\$ for the Mall on Friday night. This is for food or anything else you wish to purchase. This is a long-standing band tradition that we will continue. ☺

This is a lot like band camp and we can bring similar items, though entertainment items (large video games/TV's, etc.) will not be able to be used on this trip. Gameboys are OK.

Oh, yeah..... EVERYTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELED WITH YOUR NAME.

NOTES:

-We are stayng at New Augusta Public Academy North.
6450 Rodebaugh Road, Indianapolis, IN. 46268

These numbers are for urgent/emergencies only

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-It is essential that you are alert and conscience this weekend. Things happen very quickly and major changes can occur. Also, one person's negligence can cause major problems. **THINK AHEAD.** So...

-Protect and care for all of your belongings.

- There will be job assignments when we get there. Care for and complete assigned duties.
- Do at least one extra “job” each day.
- Be respectful (to the extreme) of ALL the adults traveling with you as well as the people that you meet.
- On the bus: use garbage bags, finish all pop etc. (to avoid spills; in bottles only), listen and obey chaperones and bus leaders, **SIT** in the seats, (No kneeling facing backwards, or sitting on the seat backs etc.) Attendance must be taken with everyone seated and quiet.
- Love one another and begin building the relationships and attitudes that you will count on later.
- Younger people follow the older member’s lead. Old folks, conduct yourselves the way that you want the younger folks to follow.
- Remember: even if you are the youngest and newest band member, **everything** you say and do is “under a microscope” and will reflect nationally on all of us. Our heritage is one of excellence in every area- Morality, Dignity, Sportsmanship, and Performance. **Only your very best is good enough.**

**Double Check EVERYTHING on this list
Before Leaving Home!!!**