

Dear Percussionist and Parents,

The pulse of any band is the Percussion Section, and we know that this rehearsal for the percussion section places additional time and financial restraints on each member, however, with the limited rehearsal time in California it is vital to the success of the Honor Band. We appreciate the extra dedication, support and sacrifice you are making to contribute to the success of the Honor Band.

Please carefully read the contents of this letter, as it will provide many specifics for the weekend in Indianapolis that coincides with the Bands of America Grand National Championships, November 12-14, 2021.

TRAVEL TO INDIANAPOLIS

If you are flying to Indianapolis and require a shuttle, you should have indicated this on the Percussion Weekend Travel Form you submitted with payment by October 1st. If you are still in need of a shuttle to or from the airport, please respond to this email so that we can arrange a schedule and payment.

Indianapolis Airport Shuttles: After deplaning, proceed to the bottom of the escalator at baggage claim. THERE ARE NO SHUTTLE TICKETS. There will be a Royal Limo representative there, with a Music for All sign to meet you and bring you to the hotel.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Indianapolis Downtown

501 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

If you are driving to Indianapolis, overnight self-parking at the hotel is at **your own expense**. A complementary parking lot is available, but it is not secured or supervised overnight. The address of this parking lot is **500 Abbott Street**, located off of West Street, between Merrill and McCarty St.

CHECK – IN HOURS: 10am-6pm

When you arrive at the hotel, please proceed to the table in the lobby with the Music for All staff. We will check you in and provide your check-in packet with name tag. For those students staying with family, a credit card WILL be required for incidentals on the room.

If your room is not ready upon your arrival, a small luggage storage area will be available.

UNIFORM FITTINGS – 1pm-6pm

Music for All, Inc.

39 W. Jackson Place, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225
[GPS ADDRESS: 300 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46225]

Immediately after hotel check-in, you should proceed to the Music for All office to get fitted for your uniform for the weekend. We have submitted your sizes to FJM, our official uniform provider, and they will just be doing final jacket and pants fittings for your performance on Saturday.

Percussion members will need to provide some items from home for their under-uniform:

-Light grey, tan or white shirt with no graphics or logos. Should be slim fitting and not baggy.

-Light grey or Tan shorts. NOT WHITE!

-Tall white socks that are mid-calf height or higher. Ankle socks are not sufficient.

GRAND NATIONALS FINALS TICKETS

Each student will receive a finals ticket to get into the stadium to watch a portion of the show and also a wristband to access field level to perform during the awards ceremony. Parents and family members will also receive a ticket, and will be sitting with the students during finals.

Lucas Oil Stadium is an electronic ticket venue. Student tickets will be issued and distributed by the chaperones.

ANY FAMILY MEMBER WANTING TO ATTEND THE FINALS COMPETITION IN ORDER TO WATCH THE PERCUSSION SECTION PERFORMANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY NEEDS TO FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW.

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4944080>

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please keep the following numbers handy while traveling. Please let us know of any significant travel issues, or assistance on site if you can't get in contact with your chaperone.

Music for All Event Hotline: 877.643.6043

If you have any questions prior to your departure for Indianapolis, please contact us at tournament@musicforall.org. We look forward to seeing you on November 12th.

Respectfully,

Jessica Hjellming

Participant Relations Coordinator



PERCUSSION REHEARSAL WEEKEND:

Student Packing List

Indianapolis, IN – November 12-14, 2021



Things to Remember: To ensure that you do not lose, misplace or swap items by accident, we highly encourage you to mark your full name on your items. Please leave anything at home that is not essential for the success of this trip.

- Tall white socks (we should not be able to see your ankles). Shoes will be provided for you.
- Undergarments should be in a solid light grey, light blue, or natural color (No White or Patterns – they will show!)
 - Under-Armor is fine, close fitting, boxer length shorts (No basketball shorts)
- Light grey, tan or white shirt with no graphics or logos. Should be slim fitting and not baggy.
- Tennis shoes with proper arch support for rehearsals – NO sandals or flip flops
- Rain jacket and appropriate cold-weather outerwear
- Bring all of your music and pencils to each rehearsal
- Personal Music Items: White stick tape, Drum key, Practice pad
- Water bottle
- Toiletries and necessities (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, feminine products, glasses/contact solution/contact case, orthodontic needs)
- Hair-care items (brush, comb, gel, spray, pins, elastic, etc.)
- Watch to keep you on time
- Prescriptions (if needed). *Medicine must be in the original bottle with dosage amounts defined.*
- Spending money for souvenirs and/or additional snacks (a suggested amount would be \$25-\$75)
- Schoolwork if something needs to be done over the weekend

Bands of America will Provide:

- All percussion instruments with sticks and mallets
- Music stands
- Chaperone supervision of all students throughout the weekend, including bed checks and lights out.
- Meals Saturday and Sunday – *paid for within meal package*