



Important Event Procedures

**Bands of America Honor Band
2022 Tournament of Roses**



Congratulations and welcome to the 2022 Bands of America Honor Band in the 133rd Tournament of Roses Parade! Please be familiar with the information below to help prepare for your trip and share critical items with your parents. It is a good idea for your family to have access to this information as well, even if they are not attending the event.

BOA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES® PARADE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please keep the following information to reference during the event. **To reach Music for All on-site: (877) 643-6043**

HONOR BAND MEMBERS:

Hilton Long Beach - Honor Band HQ
701 W Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90831

VIP ROSE EXPERIENCE PACKAGES:

Hyatt Regency Orange County
11999 Harbor Blvd
Garden Grove, CA, 92840

COVID PROTOCOLS

In accordance with CDC and local guidelines, **masks are required for all indoor public spaces**, as well as in all airports and airplanes. Vaccination Cards (or photo proof of your card) will be needed several times while onsite.

Unvaccinated students will receive a separate email regarding the requirement of providing MFA a negative test prior to departure, and how on-site testing for the parade will work.

ID FOR AIR TRAVEL - A valid picture ID is required (driver's license, passport, or state ID) to board a commercial aircraft, as well as proper masking throughout your flight. Most airports suggest that you arrive two hours early to avoid issues. Students should be aware that most airlines only allow one overhead carry-on, and one (smaller) under seat carry-on. Please plan ahead if you are traveling with your instrument, and check with your airline about rules in advance. Airline policy and Federal security rules and measures change often. If you are flying with your instrument, make sure you check with airport guidelines. You may find this link helpful.

http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/editorial_1235.shtm

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION AND EVENT HOTLINE

The Music for All office will be closed for the Holiday Season starting at 5 PM on Friday, December 17th. There is a hotline if you have an emergency, but email is the best way to reach us. The tournament@musicforall.org email will be checked daily. The **MFA Event Hotline – (877) 643-6043** is an emergency phone number, available if you **ABSOLUTELY** must reach a MFA staff member prior to your departure for California.

EMERGENCIES OR TRAVEL PROBLEMS

If you experience flight DELAYS, there is no need to contact us. We have your flight information and will be checking on the status of flights. The shuttle will be available for students to ride, even if they experience flight delays.

If your flight is cancelled or you are rebooked, PLEASE CALL THE MFA EVENT HOTLINE – (877) 643-6043 - when you have a new flight number to update us with. Please be as specific as possible with which airport you are flying into, the airline, and the new flight number. Staff members will be monitoring flights and monitoring shuttle manifest to ensure a smooth transfer to the hotel.

YOUR TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

EARLY ARRIVALS

For students arriving early, and staying in the Honor Band rooms, shuttle transportation from the airport to the hotel IS available. More information will be emailed directly to you. If you requested an additional night of accommodations, an invoice was sent to you with the hotel name on it. Once you arrive to the hotel, you can check in at the front desk. Music for All staff will be working in the hotel, but there are no organized meals or supervised activities. On the morning of the 27th, you will still need to come to the Student Check-In room to finish receiving your items and finish the member check-in process.

DRIVING TO CALIFORNIA

Students driving themselves to California must check-in their keys upon arrival with Music for All at student check-in. No student is allowed to drive his/her car once he or she arrives. These students will be able to pick up their keys upon checking out with the Head Chaperone on Monday, January 3rd.

ARRIVING AT THE AIRPORT AND SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Music for All has arranged complementary round-trip shuttle service for **Honor Band Members and Honor Band Chaperones** on December 27th to the Hilton Long Beach from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) or the Long Beach Airport (LGB).

Students flying to Los Angeles on December 26th or 27th should exit the secured area and proceed to baggage claim to find the Music Travel Consultants Representative (black polo shirt) holding a Bands of America sign. They will direct you to your complimentary shuttle. The shuttle times will be based on your arrival information that was entered into the Travel Arrangements Form previously submitted. ***VIP package holders, or any other family members will need to provide their own transportation to their hotel.***

There is NO need to go to the front desk of the hotel. The Student Check-In Table in the Gallerie Ballroom of the Hilton will be open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, on Monday, December 27. All students will check in to get your room key, band credential, instrument, member bag/garments, uniform fitting instructions, as well as information for your 3:00 pm opening session. Please allow time, as your travel schedule will allow, to check-in AND get your uniform fitting done prior to the 3:00 pm opening session.

Rooms might not be available until the official check-in time of the hotel, which is 3pm. We ask everyone to be patient while we await room keys. We will have luggage storage available for storage if yours is not ready when you arrive.

MEALS PRIOR TO DINNER ON 12/27

There are a number of places to eat in and around the hotel. When you arrive, you will be given a map of where you can go to get lunch in groups prior to your 3pm Student Orientation meeting.

CHAPERONES & EXPECTATIONS

All Honor Band students are housed with other students. We are pleased to have a strong team of chaperones working with the Honor Band. Our chaperones are your parents away from home. We expect that you will treat them with the utmost respect, as they will with you.

Students will be held strictly accountable to the Code of Conduct, which each student and parent submits to Music for All as part of the Student Medical form. Violations of this Code will not be tolerated. Any student not in compliance with the expectations set forth will be removed from the band and sent home at your own expense.

UNIFORM FITTINGS

Upon arrival, all students must check-in with Music for All and will receive instructions on how to proceed to their UNIFORM FITTING. Please come to your fitting with your provided under-uniform garments to allow for proper fitting that you will receive at check-in. Our goal is to complete all fittings prior to the 3:00 pm opening meeting.

PLEASE SEE THE UNIFORM INFORMATION SHEET FOR A LIST OF UNIFORM PIECES AND CONFIGURATIONS FOR EACH PERFORMANCE.

HOTEL PROCEDURES & DEPARTURE

ROOM CHARGES

Student hotel rooms will NOT have access to long-distance phone service (unless using a credit card or calling card), pay-per-view movies and other services not included in the package price. Adults who have purchased an MFA package will need to submit a credit card for incidentals at the front desk after checking in with MFA. Incidental charging is not available to students.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

You will check out with Music for All staff on Monday, January 3rd BEFORE LEAVING THE HOTEL. You may leave your hotel room key in the room, with a chaperone or MFA staff. Adults with room charges should also go to the front desk to confirm any charges.

Students traveling back to the airport will be provided shuttle instructions while onsite. Shuttles are designed to deliver you to the airport two hours before your flight.

EARLY DEPARTURES

Students who will be picked up by family to depart MFA supervision **prior to January 3rd** must complete and return the Early Departure form. It is vital that this information is documented internally. If you have not already submitted the form, you can submit this form to the MFA staff when you check-in on December 27th.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

REHEARSALS

Your time together is limited. Please be prepared and on time. Plan ahead for weather and personal needs and dress in appropriate, comfortable clothes. You will also receive shirts from several sponsors to wear at specific rehearsals.

PREVIEW NIGHT PERFORMANCE

Parents are invited to attend our preview night rehearsal/performance. It will take place in Veteran's Stadium at Long Beach City College on Wednesday, December 29th at 7:30pm. Transportation for VIP Package holders from the Hyatt Regency Orange County is provided. There is no charge, however VIP package holders will be given priority seating. The O'Fallon H.S. Band (IL) and the Hebron H.S. Band (TX) will also perform.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

The Honor Band will celebrate New Year's Eve on EASTERN TIME at the hotel, in order to prepare for the early morning departure for Pasadena the next day.

FOLLOWING THE PARADE

After the parade, Yamaha instruments must be checked-in with MFA staff at the hotel. Please wipe down the instrument and remove any personal items removed from the case. If you are interested in purchasing your instrument, please see the flyer from Yamaha, or ask a staff member onsite.

All uniform parts must be returned to FJM and Music for All. No pieces of the band or color guard uniform will be available to purchase of the souvenirs. Every piece must be accounted for and returned in the garment bag it was distributed in. MFA and FJM Staff will be checking in each member's uniform.

GALA BANQUET

We will celebrate the members of the band at a formal Gala banquet at the Hyatt Regency Orange County on January 1st. Attire for the event is formal so bring appropriate dress clothes (dress slacks, coats and ties, dress shoes, appropriate length skirts, etc.). Flip flops, jeans, t-shirts, etc. are not appropriate tonight.

BOA MERCHANDISE & BAND PHOTOS FROM JOLESCH

Bands of America merchandise will be available onsite, and can also be purchased online at <https://boahonorband.square.site/>. Online orders will be available at the Hilton Long Beach, or can be delivered to the Hyatt Regency Orange County. Quantities are limited, so be sure to shop early.

STORE HOURS:

- 12/27 – 10:00am-7:00pm – At Hilton Long Beach
- 12/29 – 7:00pm-9:00pm - At Preview Performance Night
- 12/31 – 7:00pm-9:00pm – At Hilton Long Beach
- 1/1 – 5:00pm-9:00pm - At Hyatt Regency Orange County

Jolesch Enterprises, our official photographer of Bands of America and the Rose Parade, is offering a 2-picture photo package for your Honor Band Experience. The first will be a staged, group photo outside the Rose Bowl Stadium, and the second is a large group overhead shot taken along the parade route.

Prior to December 31st, you can purchase this package at a discounted rate of \$36. (A \$64 savings!) **Students will be able to take these prints home with them at the conclusion of the Gala Banquet on January 1st.**

Other action shots from all performances and select activities will be available for purchase from the Jolesch website after the first of the year. Order online at www.joleschenterprises.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA

SHARE THIS INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Share the experience with your family and friends at home! Make sure you let them know that Music for All will be highlighting the trip and sharing photos and videos in real-time through social media. It will be the next best thing to being there. To keep up with all of the action, follow us on these networks!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bandsofamerica/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/bandsofamerica>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/officialmusicforall/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/musicforallorg>

Snapchat: @OfficialMFA

Use #boaTOR22 in your own posts so we can see all of the updates for the trip!