Dear Director,

We are thrilled that you will be with us at the **Bands of America Central Ohio Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha** on September 17, 2022. It is a privilege for us at Music for All to be able to provide this experience for you along with your students and boosters, and to deliver on our mission to create, provide, and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. This will be a special season for us all – a return for your students to the Bands of America stage. Music for All is about building leaders and celebrating teachers and teaching. We know this will be an unforgettable celebration of what makes music education so important and special to all of us. We cannot wait to see you at the gates of the 2022 Bands of America Championships!

TENTATIVE PRELIM SCHEDULE & DAILY SCHEDULE

Please follow the Final Packet link below to view the current show schedule. We will communicate any significant changes, and a final version of this schedule will be released the week of the event.

EVENT COMMUNICATIONS AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

We have posted important documents on our website for your preparation for the Central Ohio Regional Championship. It is crucial to read through all documents provided.

Please carefully review the following event specific documents at:
https://marching.musicforall.org/fallfinalpackets/

- **Important Event Procedures**
- **Prelim Schedule**
- **Daily Schedule**
- **Clinic Schedule**
- **Site Overview Map and Stadium Map**
- **Driving Directions/Area Map**
- **Judge Bios**

The **Important Information** dropdown menu provides important information common to all BOA Championships this fall. Please familiarize yourself with this information:
https://marching.musicforall.org/directorinfo/

Please read and review the additional information found on these pages:

- Fall Championship General Event Procedures
- Fall Championship Parking Information
- Fall Championship Picnic Information

CREDENTIALS

All additional credentials above the standard 6 name badges and 25 field passes must be purchased by Monday, September 12, 2022 with a credit card. The combination of additional name badges and field passes may not exceed 10. Of those 10, a maximum of 4 may be name badges.

Cost of additional Central Ohio Regional Championship Name Badges and Field Passes: $32

BUS/EQUIPMENT TRUCK PARKING PASSES
At the Central Ohio Regional Championship, bus/truck parking passes are $25 if purchased in advance and $30 in purchased at the show. Once you complete your online parking pass order, you will receive a confirmation email which contains a link to a Dropbox folder, containing the parking pass template. Include your school name on the pass, and you may only print the number of parking passes you requested in the form. The number of vehicles admitted into the lots will be verified by BOA Staff. If you need to purchase additional passes, please fill out the form again by Monday September 12, 2022.

SPECTATOR PARKING
There is a no charge for spectator parking at the Central Ohio Regional Championship. **Please advise your parents and boosters to arrive early and allow extra time to get to the stadium, especially during peak times.** Refer to the Important Event Procedures document for further details.

PROCEDURES AND ADJUDICATION HANDBOOK
Please download the 2022 Bands of America Official Procedures and Adjudication Handbook ("rulebook") and review it carefully, **specifically the significant updates for 2022 listed at the front of the handbook.**

SCRIPT AND PROGRAM BOOK BAND INFO
The deadline to submit the information about your band that we need for the announcer's script and program books was August 26, 2022. FOR 2022: Regional Championship program books will be online, digital programs only and not printed. You'll find the link to the form in the Directors' Info at https://marching.musicforall.org/directorinfo/

EVENT DAY COMMUNICATIONS - BAND App
Bands of America will be using the BAND app as our pre-event AND event day communications tool. We highly suggest that you download the app to stay in communication with Bands of America Staff. Feel free to share the link with any relevant staff that you would like to have access to information such as schedule changes, weather updates, etc.

Join the 2022 Bands of America Season long BAND: https://band.us/n/a0a377eaYa0fq
Join the Central Ohio Regional Championship BAND: https://band.us/n/aea470G5fbd1H

NOTE – Every person who uses the BAND group will receive updates at the same time as you do, as well as have the ability to communicate directly with BOA event staff through the app.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN'T BE THERE? WATCH LIVE ON BOALIVE.TV

All 2022 Bands of America Championships will be live streamed on BOALIVE.TV, powered by BOX5 Media. Viewers can choose pay-per-view to watch one event, or a subscription for the best value to watch the entire BOA season. Please share this opportunity with your band boosters, students, and community so that those who cannot be there in person can enjoy performances from wherever they are.

CONNECT WITH BANDS OF AMERICA AND MUSIC FOR ALL ONLINE
Bands of America will post photos, videos, and updates from each show this fall and we would love for you, your students, and your band's fans to join the conversation.

Encourage your band to follow Music for All and Bands of America on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram so they don't miss any of the action. Use **#BOA2022** all season long and help promote music education in your community.

Facebook:
facebook.com/musicforallnetwork

facebook.com/bandsofamerica

Instagram: @officialmusicforall
Twitter: @BandsofAmerica and @musicforall

ADVOCACY IN ACTION
Advocacy in Action is a signature program of Music for All designed to collect, recognize, and share effective practices and initiatives that support music education in our schools. The awards recognize and celebrate the commitment of school administrators, community leaders, teachers, and parents who believe in music education and are advocating to ensure that it is part of a comprehensive education for all children.

The Awards highlight the benefits of a strong music program and show what your school or community is doing to provide access and opportunity for active music-making. The Awards also allow educators to showcase their own music programs that are sometimes overlooked or not fully understood by members of the public beyond the school community. We hope that by celebrating these programs, we can inspire music education advocates nationwide to lead by example and take action in their own programs and communities. Designed to be a permanent, searchable resource, you can read and be inspired by the details of all our award-winners online at advocacy.musicforall.org.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
The Music for All Marching Band Scholarships honor graduating seniors who intend to major in music education in college. All applicants must be nominated by the directors of bands performing at a 2022 Bands of America Fall Championship event. Please go to https://marching.musicforall.org/scholarships/ to see more information and to apply before October 25, 2022.

VOLUNTEER
Music for All has a number of opportunities to get involved, stay involved, and give back to your community and your music programs. Show your support for Music for All in person by volunteering at the Bands of America Grand National Championships held November 10-12, 2022 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. For more information on this opportunity and other ways to get involved, visit musicforall.org/volunteer or email volunteer@musicforall.org.

MUSIC FOR *ALL*

At Music for All, we believe that every student in America should have access to high-quality educational experiences, but we know that barriers exist in many of our nation's communities. By investing in new initiatives to increase accessibility for urban schools, small and rural schools, and students with special needs, we are dedicating ourselves to the creation of a world where music truly is *for all.*

We hope to make your band's experience in Obetz an enjoyable and memorable one. If you have any additional questions after reading through this packet, please do not hesitate to contact us during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST at **800-848-2263**. Beginning at 5 p.m. EST on Friday, September 16, 2022, through the show on Saturday, please call the EVENT HOTLINE at **877-643-6043** to reach Bands of America personnel on-site. We look forward to seeing you in just a few weeks. You will see our passion and mission come to life from the moment your buses arrive at Fortress Obetz.

We are excited to see you this fall. Have a safe trip to Obetz!

The Music for All Staff