



2026 Honor Band in the Rose Parade
Percussion Weekend Rehearsal
November 14-16, 2025 - Indianapolis, IN



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HOTEL:

Indianapolis Marriott Complex

Exact hotel is TBD as all of the Grand National Bands and our block are still being finalized and placed.

REHEARSAL VENUE:

Indiana Convention Center

100 S. Capitol Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46225

NOTE: The hotel, rehearsal and performance location, and all meals are walkable. No additional on-site transportation is necessary.

DATES

Friday, November 14 - 5:00 PM through Sunday, November 16 - 2:00 PM

Suggested Arrival - 3:00 PM.

Upon arrival, students will need to check-in with Music for All Staff, check into their hotel, and get their uniform fittings done by members of the FJM staff prior to the welcome meeting and rehearsal beginning at 7:00 PM.

TRAVEL TO INDIANAPOLIS

If you are flying to Indianapolis and require a shuttle, you should indicate this on the Percussion Weekend Registration Form.

There are no physical shuttle tickets. After deplaning, proceed to the bottom of the escalator at baggage claim. There will be a Bands of America representative to meet you.

If you are driving to Indianapolis, there is parking at the hotel complex (at member expense). There is a complementary parking lot closer to the stadium, but there is no overnight supervision, so parking is at your own risk. Parking passes and directions for this lot will be available at check-in. Students that drive themselves will have to surrender their keys for the duration of the weekend.

CHECK – IN HOURS: 10:00AM-6:00PM

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.

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

For those students staying with family, a credit card WILL be required for incidentals on the room.

GRAND NATIONALS FINALS TICKETS

Each student will receive a finals ticket to get into the stadium and also a wristband to access field level to perform. Tickets for parents and family members will be in the same block with the students during finals.

Percussion Weekend Packing List

REHEARSAL ITEMS

- Tennis shoes with proper arch support – NO sandals or flip-flops
- Music, pencils
- White stick tape, drum key, practice pad
- Water bottle

UNIFORM ITEMS

- Tall white socks (we should not be able to see your ankles).
 - Under uniform shorts and t-shirt (slim fitting; not baggy)
 - SHORTS: mid-thigh/boxer length shorts. No basketball shorts. Under armor is typical.
 - T-SHIRT
- NOTE: these items should be tan or other natural colors, light grey, or light blue. Do NOT wear white, dark colors, or anything with a design as it will show under the uniform.

PERSONAL ITEMS

- 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.)
 - Prescriptions (if needed).
- NOTE: Medicines 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)

Bands of America will provide:

- All percussion instruments with sticks and mallets
- Music stands
- Performance uniform and white shoes
- Chaperone supervision of all students throughout the weekend, including room checks at lights out

Percussion Rehearsal Weekend Schedule

TENTATIVE as of 9.15.25

Friday, November 14

- 10:00AM Hotel Check-In and Registration Begins
Registration is in the hotel lobby with BOA Staff and Honor Band in the Rose Parade Chaperones.
- 11:00AM Uniform Fittings begin at Music for All Office
*GPS Address: 300 S. Meridian St.
FJM staff members will be on site to have your uniform fitted.*
- 12:00 PM Lunch on your own.
Students looking to leave the hotel complex for additional meal options will be asked to travel in groups.
- 6:00PM Dinner, *included in meal package*
- 7:00PM Welcome and Orientation, *Indiana Convention Center*
- 7:30PM Rehearsal Begins, *Indiana Convention Center*
- 10:00PM Students return to hotel

Saturday, November 15

- 7:00AM Breakfast begins
- 8:30AM Depart hotel for rehearsal – walk to rehearsal room
- 9:00AM Rehearsal, *Indiana Convention Center*
- 12:00PM Lunch, *included in meal package*
- 1:00PM Leadership and Team Building Session
- 2:00PM Rehearsal, *Indiana Convention Center*
- 5:00PM Rehearsal Ends – Load Equipment
- 5:30PM Depart for Dinner
- 5:45PM Dinner
- 6:45PM Depart Dinner for Lucas Oil Stadium (LOS)
Arrive and Unload Equipment into stadium dressing room
- 7:30PM Watch Grand Nationals Finals

9:30PM	Leave seating areas, go to dressing rooms & change into uniform
10:15PM	Warm-Up
11:15PM	Performance at the 2025 Bands of America Grand National Finals Awards
12:30AM	Change out of uniform, load equipment and return to hotel

Sunday, November 16

7:30AM	Breakfast begins
9:30AM	Depart for rehearsal Check-out of hotel and bring all belongings to rehearsal.
9:45AM	Unload Equipment for Rehearsal
10:00AM	Rehearsal
1:00PM	Rehearsal Ends – Pack equipment Lunch
2:00PM	Departures Begin <i>All students with MFA provided shuttles will be brought to the airport at this time.</i>